

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting and Budget Work Session #1  
February 23, 2017

**Item D-1-B**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 7:30 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Nancy Van Doren, Chair  
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
James Lander, Member  
Tannia Talento, Member  
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent  
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services  
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services  
Dr. Brenda Wilks, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and Special Education

**A. CLOSED MEETING: NONE**

**B. BOARD MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements: (7:30 PM)

*School Board Budget Calendar* (Meetings in Rm. 101 A/B at 7:00 PM unless otherwise indicated):

- February 28, 2017 Budget Work Session #2, Employee Budget and Non-Budget Concerns, 5 PM
- March 14, 2017 Budget Work Session #3
- March 21, 2017 Budget Work Session #4
- March 23, 2017 Public Hearing on Superintendent's Proposed Budget
- April 6, 2017 Board Action Item – School Board's Proposed FY 2018 Budget

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<sup>1</sup> Video clips of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link:  
<http://www.apsva.us/15401081151356423/site/default.asp>  
DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

- April 7, 2017 Joint School Board/County Board Budget Work Session, County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., 9 AM
- April 18, 2017 Budget Work Session #5 if needed
- April 20, 2017 Public Hearing on School Board Proposed 2018 Budget
- May 5, 2017 Board Action Item - School Board's Adopted FY 2018 Budget

*Important County Budget Dates:*

- March 28, 2017 Public Hearing on tax rate
- March 30, 2017 Public Hearing on the County Budget
- April 22, 2017 County Board adoption of FY 2018 County Budget

**C. PRESENTATION: (7:32 PM)**

Dr. Murphy introduced the Superintendent's FY 2018 Proposed Budget by reviewing the Arlington Public Schools 2015-16 Academic Highlights infographic which provides a glance of the success of APS and the collaboration that takes place across the school system. In addition, Dr. Murphy presented a video to showcase the five pillars that make up the whole child initiative. This initiative provides the foundation for the Superintendent's FY 2018 Proposed Budget, along with alignment to the APS Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision and the School Board's Budget Direction.

The total proposed budget for FY 2018 is \$617.0 million. Dr. Murphy presented information on the revenue, expenditures and distribution of funds of the school system. Additional expenditures in the FY 2018 Budget include Arlington Tech, staff compensation, increasing enrollment costs. New initiatives include instructional support, infrastructure support, and safety and security, resulting in a shortfall of \$14 million. Explaining this is a "needs-based" budget, Dr. Murphy then presented three tiers of reductions as options to balance the FY 2018 Proposed Budget.

To conclude, Dr. Murphy thanked the County Manager and County Board for their support of APS. He confirmed that the County Manager presented his Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget to the County Board on February 23. As part of that proposed budget, the County Manager included consideration of a one cent tax rate increase to support the growing population of the school system.

Ms. Van Doren thanked Dr. Murphy, staff and the community for their support and feedback as the budget process moves forward. Ms. Van Doren called for a recess at 7:58 p.m. The Board reconvened in rooms 101 A/B at 8:11 PM.

**Budget Work Session #1**

**Also present were:**

Tameka Lovett-Miller, Budget Director  
 Jorge Velasquez, Budget Analyst

Budget Work Session #1 began by Ms. Peterson introducing staff and thanking them for their work in producing the Superintendent's FY 2018 Proposed Budget. She also stated that all material presented at the work session can be found online.

Ms. Peterson provided a summary of the revenue, expenditures and new investments presented in the Superintendent's FY 2018 Proposed Budget. She also reviewed the proposed reduction tiers, and agendas for upcoming work sessions. Ms. Peterson and Ms. Van Doren requested the Board to provide questions and suggested topics for future work sessions for more in-depth discussions.

Ms. Van Doren thanked the County Board for providing one-time funds and for their direction to the County Manger to include additional funding to benefit the schools. Ms. Van Doren reminded staff and the School Board that the County Manager's recommendation is under County Board consideration, and it is important to note that reductions in the APS budget will be necessary if the County does not fund the tax increase.

Ms. Peterson briefly reviewed the process for submitting and responding to School Board budget questions, adding that public feedback is accepted via the Engage at APS email address or online form.

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Nancy Van Doren, Chair  
Arlington School Board