

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Meeting with Advisory Council Leadership and Budget Work Session #4
March 21, 2017

Item C-1-d

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 6:39 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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
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
James Meikle, Director, Maintenance Services

Advisory Council Leadership

Jordan Armstrong, Co-chair, Student Advisory Board
Sophia Anderson, Co-chair, Student Advisory Board
Matt de Ferranti, Vice Chair, Budget Advisory Council
Tina Kuklenski-Miller, ACI Co-Chair, BAC member
Louisa Marrinaccio, Co-Chairs, Advisory Council on Instruction
Michael Shea, Chair, Budget Advisory Council
Graham Weinschenk, Vice chair, Student Advisory Board

Meeting with Advisory Council Leadership

Ms. Van Doren welcomed advisory members to a discussion about the FY 2018 Budget and the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2018 Budget tiered reductions. Committee members expressed their concern about class size increases, the effect of the President's proposed budget on the school system, and implementation of the personalized learning initiative. They also expressed their support of maintaining psychologists.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Budget Work Session #4

Also present were:

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

Dr. Murphy outlined the agenda and topics for discussion such as spring enrollment changes, County revenue update, and School Board proposed changes to Superintendent's Proposed Budget.

Spring Enrollment Changes

Two changes in the spring enrollment projections are a decrease in student identification for special education due to the implementation of the Arlington Tiered System of Support (ATSS) and updates to the WIDA assessment for English language learner students.

County Update

Ms. Peterson informed the Board that there were no recent changes to the County revenue as the County Board continues the process of adopting their budget. Ms. Peterson reviewed three scenarios that would help close the APS budget gap based on the County's one-time funding and/or proposed tax rate increase.

Ms. Van Doren encouraged parents and community members to attend the County's public hearings to advocate the County Board to fund the APS budget.

School Board Proposed Change to Superintendent's Proposed Budget

The Board discussed putting forth a needs-based budget and did not propose changes at the work session. They spoke about prioritizing services that directly support students, creating efficiencies, and advocating to the County Board to fully fund the APS budget. The Board also discussed proposing tiered reductions based on the different budget gap scenarios.

Ms. Talento requested a follow-up from Dr. Murphy on the ratio of psychologists and social workers for this school year.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Arlington School Board