

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting  
February 1, 2018

**Item C-1-c**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:01 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Prior to the meeting, Board members attended a reception for teachers who received National Board Certification/Recertification.

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Monique O’Grady, Member  
Tannia Talento, Member (arr. 6:13 PM)  
Nancy Van Doren  
Melanie Elliott, 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, Teaching and Learning  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation

**A. NO CLOSED MEETING**

**B. MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors by the Arlington Career Center JROTC
3. Recognitions

Kerri Hirsch, Teacher Evaluation Specialist and Dr. Sue Sarber, Supervisor, Professional Learning, presented 43 teachers who received National Board Certification and 14 teachers who were recertified. CCPTA President Jennifer Bauer then recognized the School Board members for their commitment and efforts during School Board Appreciation Month.

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<sup>1</sup> Videos of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link:  
<https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/view-school-board-meetings/>  
DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

4. Announcements

Dr. Kanninen made the following announcements:

- Feb. 6, 2018, Work Session on The Strategic Plan, 7 PM, Rooms 101 a/b
- Feb. 8, 2018, Closed Meeting, 6:30 PM, School Board Conference Rm.
- Feb. 9, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8:30 AM, Board Conference Room

Dr. Murphy announced important dates and recognitions including Black History Month, National School Counseling Week and Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. Ms. Van Doren announced the upcoming Love the Bus Week and encouraged everyone to visit the Arlington Transportation Partners web site. Dr. Murphy also announced the Summer Activities Fair, Montessori Information night, Kindergarten registration and Summer School registration, and shared weather reminders.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA: (6:42 PM)**

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Talento. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:*

1. Minutes:

- a. November 28, 2017, Work Session on The Facilities Student Accommodation Plan, the Fall Update and the Capital Improvement Plan Framework
- b. November 30, 2017, School Board Meeting
- c. January 19, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments  
2 Resignations  
5 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 7 Appointments  
1 Change In Position/Salary  
1 Resignation  
1 Resignation (With Prejudice)  
1 Retirement

3. Receive Briefing Reports:

- a. Academic Support, Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 Update

4. Building Level Planning Committee Appointments for New Elementary School at Reed

Dr. Kanninen announced that as a part of consent, the Board received the Academic Support, Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 Update, and she encouraged all to review the report to learn more about programs in APS. Ms. Talento shared information from the Student Advisory Board meeting.

Dr. Kanninen then announced that the Board has agreed to hear the Security Update prior to taking Citizen Comment.

**Monitoring Item: (6:47 PM)**

2. Security Update

Kevin Reardon, Security Coordinator, presented the update, noting the strong relationship between the Schools and the Arlington Police Department. Outlining emergency management initiatives and practices, Mr. Reardon highlighted safety drills and other efforts including the work of School Resource Officers (SROs). He also shared information about school radio communications, highlighting efforts to ensure that first responders can communicate in all school facilities. The use of cameras was also described, and Mr. Reardon confirmed that a memorandum of understanding allows the Police, Fire Department, and Office of Emergency Management to access school cameras in emergencies. He also described the Visitor Management System being implemented and the use of cameras on buses, including stop-arm cameras. In closing, Mr. Reardon shared key takeaways and next steps.

Responding to questions, Mr. Reardon provided additional information about lockdown drills, and shared the timeline for bringing all schools online with full radio accessibility. He also described how issues with radio communications are addressed and confirmed there are strict controls on the use of images from school cameras. The group discussed the importance of ongoing training for the school community on safety procedures, and Ms. Johnson reviewed processes in place. Mr. Reardon also provided more information on the role of SROs.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:26 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board concerning accessibility and universal design at the new location for the Stratford Program, sharing their belief that Stratford students will be isolated, especially due to the separate entrance for the program, and asking for stronger support for inclusion throughout the schools. One speaker suggested alternative plans that would strengthen inclusion for the Stratford Program:

*Jim Reo, Stratford program*  
*Katherine Harris, parent*  
*Brandi Horton, parent*  
*Tauna Szymanski, parent*  
*Jean Shim, parent*

The following speakers also addressed the Board highlighting the program at Campbell and how it is supported by the current location, and asking that the program not be moved as part of the elementary boundary process:

*Nathan Zee*, Campbell Elementary School PTA president  
*Katherine Novello*, Campbell parent

The following speakers also addressed the Board:

*Max Tankersley*, Washington-Lee student: encouraging stronger efforts to educate students about mental health issues, and suggesting that a curriculum be developed and delivered by certified counseling personnel.

*Kurt Schuler*, parent: in support of the current design of the new Wilson facility for providing needed support and an appropriate design for housing the Stratford program.

*Gary Steele*, Nottingham parent: stating concerns about students with special needs at his school.

**E. MONITORING ITEMS: (7:49 PM)**

1. Superintendent's 2017-18 Action Plan Update:

Dr. Murphy introduced the update on the status of ongoing initiatives. First, Ms. Erdos shared information on the School/Facility Naming Policy initiative. She reviewed completed work which included receipt of the report from the GMU School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution that provided feedback from focus groups. She also outlined next steps, noting the timeline has been adjusted to respond to the community feedback that was received. These steps are to identify names for the new schools under construction/renovation first, and then to determine whether the community should consider changing any current school names.

Dr. Murphy shared additional information on the other action plan initiatives including additional policy revisions; preparations for new schools and program moves; operational planning for the CIP, Strategic Plan, the FY 2019 budget; and capital initiatives. Mr. Chadwick reviewed the status of the Education Center project, sharing next steps and noting challenges with the building that need to be addressed before it can be used for instruction. In closing, Dr. Murphy encouraged community members to visit the APS Engage webpage for ongoing updates and engagement opportunities.

Responding to questions, Dr. Murphy confirmed that the Montessori program at the Henry building will include the primary and elementary program, and agreed to add a tab to the Engage Web page so the community can view policies being reviewed.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (8:13 PM)**

1. Approval of Revisions to School Board Policy Process

Julia Burgos, Chief of Staff, summarized the key decision points that the Board will be acting on for the policy revision process. She confirmed that policies being considered for adoption or revision will be posted on the web site for review.

Responding to a question, Ms. Burgos provided more information on the recommendation to subscribe to the VSBA policy service.

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the School Board approve the proposed changes to the School Board policy review process and formatting guidelines, effective February 1, 2018. These changes include the following adjustments:*

- *Adopt new numbering system for School Board policies*
- *Adopt new formatting template for School Board policies*
- *Subscribe annually to the VSBA policy service*
- *Charge the Superintendent to develop a schedule for policy revisions by spring 2018.*
- *The School Board Annual Meeting calendar would include a bi-annual update to the School Board on the process and schedule.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Talento. Dr. Kanninen called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

2. School Calendar: (8:19 PM)

Dr. K. Murphy summarized the calendars being brought forward for approval. She noted the one change to the proposed calendar presented at the last meeting was a change in the date of High School and Middle School promotions. Responding to questions, Dr. Murphy provided clarifying information on the calendar.

*Ms. O'Grady moved that the Board approve the 2018-19 School Calendar as presented, seconded by Ms. Van Doren. Dr. Kanninen called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.*

3. Revision of School Board Policy 45-2 Acceptable Use of Electronic Networked Resources and Internet Safety: (8:28 PM)

Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, summarized the proposed revision which separates current policy into two policies, one focused on internet use, which will be presented for Board approval later, and the policy being brought for action at this meeting, which is limited to items required by the Code of Virginia.

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the proposed revision of School Board Policy 45-2 Acceptable Use of Electronic Networked Resources and Internet Safety, seconded by Ms. O'Grady. Dr. Kanninen called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.*

4. Summer School Updates: (8:30 PM)

Dr. Natrass summarized the revised summer school items that require Board action. These are a reduction to some fees and an adjustment to the schedule.

*Ms. O'Grady moved that the Board approve the changes to the Summer School fees and schedule as presented, seconded by Ms. Van Doren. Dr. Kanninen called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.*

Mr. Goldstein recognized that changing the schedule may impact family plans, and encouraged strong communications to ensure that families are aware of the new schedule. Dr. Natrass agreed and described efforts to make families aware of the changes and to better coordinate with County sponsored summer programs.

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (8:35 PM)**

1. Construction Contract Award for Randolph Modernization

Mr. Chadwick provided an overview of the project and the bid process, noting that the only bid received came in under the estimated construction cost. He confirmed that due to the low bid, APS was also able to accept eight bid alternates for the project. Ms. Peterson then reviewed the proposed budget and the proposed funding which will come from bond funding already available. Mr. Chadwick then confirmed the recommendation is to award the project and approve the use of available bond funds to fund this project. Responding to questions, Mr. Chadwick shared more information about the project timeline and bid alternates.

2. Construction Manager at-Risk Contract (CMR) Award for the New Elementary at Reed: (8:44 PM)

Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, presented the project overview and status, explaining why the CMR is being brought forward for action during the design phase. He explained the CMR team selection process and presented the staff recommendation.

**H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board