

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item C-1-b

School Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2019 Budget
April 19, 2018

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹ Prior to the meeting, former School Board members and Superintendents joined the Board for a reception and celebration of the Education Center.

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Monique O'Grady, Member
Tannia Talento, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
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. CLOSED MEETING: NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

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

Dr. Kanninen announced that Mr. Goldstein was not able to attend the meeting due to another commitment. She announced upcoming meetings and invited nominations for the Honored Citizen Award and applications to School Board advisory committees, and congratulated a Glebe Odyssey of the Mind Team.

¹ 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.

Dr. Murphy recognized nominees and recipients of Employee of the Year awards, announced several upcoming events and shared Extended Day and Summer School registration dates. He also provided information about the Administrative Offices move to 2110 Washington Blvd.

C. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED FY 2019 BUDGET: (6:44 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board in support of World Language and the FLES program, encouraging the Board to keep FLES intact:

Hans Fenstermacher, member, World Languages Advisory Committee (WLAC)
Sara Ugarte Aramendia, WLAC Chair
Yun Kang, parent
Katherine McGwier, parent

The following speakers also addressed the Board:

Cynthia Hilton, Aquatics Committee: opposing the proposed increase in swim fees and suggesting that APS ask the Department of Parks and Recreation to transfer funds to address the shortfall in funding.

Audrey Clement, resident: appreciating efforts to reduce the budget, and sharing some concerns about aspects of the proposed budget.

Jennifer Bauer, parent, CCPTA president: opposing increasing class size and asking that current levels be maintained. She also confirmed that the CCPTA is asking the County Board to provide sufficient funding to avoid this type of cut.

Eric Harold, Montessori parent: opposing proposed changes to Montessori staffing.

Shannon Fischer, parent: expressing concern about reductions in staffing for students with special needs, and asking for full funding for the Arts program in the schools.

The following speakers also addressed the Board asking the Board to include funding for the Challenging Racism program:

Nizar Farsakh, parent
Alicia Cackley, resident
Latonya Francis, parent

Dr. Kanninen thanked the speakers and reviewed the next steps in the budget process.

D. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:15 PM)

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Talento. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, 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. February 6, 2018 Work Session on the Strategic Plan
 - b. February 15, 2018 School Board Meeting
 - c. February 22, 2018 School Board Meeting
 - d. February 22, 2018 Budget Work Session #1
 - e. April 11, 2018 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel Actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 3 Resignations

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Nonrenewals
- 12 Resignations
- 2 Resignations (With Prejudice)
- 6 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 7 Appointments
- 3 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation
- 6 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 4 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation
- 2 Retirements

3. Construction Contract Award for Gunston HVAC Modernization
4. Barcroft Parking Garage License Agreement with Arlington County
5. The Children's School Letter of Intent

E. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:17 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking that all students currently attending Henry Elementary School be moved together to Alice Fleet Elementary. One speaker also remembered Henry principal Annie Turner:

Melissa Logsdon, Henry PTA president
Mariam Kherbouch, parent
Christine Brittle, parent

The following speakers addressed the Board opposing using Nottingham as an option school rather than a neighborhood school:

Daniele Herndon, Nottingham parent
Stacy Rosenthal, Nottingham PTA president:

The following speakers addressed the Board opposing moving the Key immersion program to another location, noting many other changes already taking place with the program:

Erin Freas-Smith, Key parent
Erin Carnahan, parent
Allison Jiminez, parent
Maria Elena Greene, Key PTA President
Lisa Dropkin, parent
Ryann Davitian, parent

The following speakers addressed the Board opposing moving Arlington Science Focus School (ASFS) to a new location or converting it to an option school:

Stephanie Lin, ASFS teacher
Jenn Hall, ASFS teacher
Austin Horbaly, parent

The following speaker also addressed the Board:

Brendan Martin, parent: encouraging the Board to implement a formal program for student voter registration.

Dr. Kanninen thanked the speakers and called for a five minute break.

F. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:01 PM)

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

Dr. Murphy presented an update on current initiatives in the areas of new policies and policy revisions, preparations for new schools and program moves, projects related to operational planning initiatives, and capital initiatives. He reviewed the timelines for projects in each area, acknowledged community involvement, and encouraged continued engagement as these projects move forward.

Responding to a question, Dr. Murphy confirmed that an update on the status of staffing for the FLES program will be presented at an upcoming work session.

2. Visual and Performing Arts Update and Program Evaluation: (8:07 PM)

Ms. Regina Van Horne, Assistant Director, Program Evaluation, and Ms. Pam Farrell, Supervisor, Arts Education, presented the program evaluation and update. Ms. Van Horne described the program and evaluation process, and reviewed key findings on quality of instruction, arts access, and participation. She shared student outcomes in terms of artistic process, artistic products, and opportunities to pursue arts careers. Ms. Farrell presented recommendations and next steps related to exploring opportunities to increase awareness of and participation in the arts, establishing a theater equipment replacement schedule, exploring course offerings based on workforce trends, and strengthening identification of students who are gifted in the arts at all schools.

Responding to questions, Ms. Van Horne shared data on enrollment in arts classes, and Ms. Farrell described plans to explore courses that mesh with workforce trends. Board members appreciated efforts to provide opportunities and engage all students in the arts. Additional topics discussed included arts and school culture, staffing and scheduling, and the availability of funds to help students access arts programs.

3. Memorandum of Understanding and Students Rights: (8:44 PM)

Dr. Jeannette Allen, Director, Administrative Services, updated the Board on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between APS and the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD), and the “Know Your Rights” student document. She acknowledged collaboration between APS and ACPD as well as support from the CCPTA, and introduced Deputy Chief Penn and Captain Vincent, who spoke to the School Resource Officer program and collaboration on the MOU. Dr. Allen then described development of the MOU and shared the key elements such as guidance on the SRO and APS on roles and responsibilities. She then described the “Know Your Rights” document, reviewing the development process and feedback received, and highlighted key elements of the document. In closing, she summarized next steps.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Jen Bauer, CCPTA President: appreciating the opportunity the CCPTA had to collaborate in developing these documents to ensure that they provide students, families and staff with appropriate guidance and support.

Board members appreciated all involved in this effort. Responding to questions, staff provided information on how the documents will be shared with students and parents. Dr. Allen also spoke to plans to provide opportunities for discussion to ensure that students understand the information being provided.

4. Capital Improvement Plan Framework: (9:08 PM)

Mr. Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner, presented an update on the development of the next CIP and the CIP framework. After outlining the CIP development process, he provided a brief summary of enrollment growth projections. He then described projects in the Superintendent’s proposed CIP framework at the elementary, middle

and high school levels to address enrollment growth. In closing, Mr. Ruiz reviewed the CIP timeline, including upcoming work sessions and Board action.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Jen Bauer, parent: stating concerns about crowding at the high school level and asking that seats at the Education Center be used for high school capacity.

Responding to questions, Ms. Stengle provided additional information about some proposals presented. Board members were concerned about potential changes in plans for the Education Center, and looked forward to the next work session to explore options. Dr. Kanninen reviewed plans for the work session and discussed trends in enrollment changes by grades. She encouraged staff and the Board to think about flexibility and encouraged the community to stay engaged.

F. ACTION ITEM: (9:43 PM)

1. Special Education Annual Plan:

Mr. Paul Jamelske, Director, Special Education, presented a brief update on special education funding and how the grant funding will be used.

Ms. O'Grady moved that the School Board approve the Annual Application for Special Education Programs and for Part B Funds under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, seconded by Ms. Talento, and the motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:51 PM)

1. Construction Contract Award for Yorktown High School Internal Modifications

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director of Design and Construction, presented the proposed construction contract award for internal modifications at Yorktown. He confirmed that the bid received was below the estimated construction cost, and staff will be able to use some project funds for needed security improvements. After reviewing the project funding and budget, he presented the staff recommendation to award the contract.

2. School Board Policy 20-2.210 Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use: (9:56 PM)

Dr. Nattress provided an overview the process underway to review and revise School Board policies related to technology use in APS, highlighting staff involvement and community engagement. She explained how technology guidance is found in policy, in policy implementation procedures and in curriculum documents and the instructional framework, She then described key components of the policy being brought forward.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Jen Bauer, parent: stating concerns about excessive use of technology and encouraged the Board to consider a low-tech approach to instruction.

The group discussed how to educate students about using technology appropriately, and Dr. Natrass confirmed that the digital citizenship curriculum, which is updated regularly, does teach students about the legal issues with technology use. She also described plans to communicate with parents, students and staff about aspects of technology use. Also discussed were opportunities for families to opt out of technology use, providing alternative options, and guidance that will be provided in the policy implementation procedure (PIP). Dr. Natrass agreed to share the draft PIP with the Board.

I. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

J. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board