

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting  
June 21, 2018

**Item C-1-f**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 5:34 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Monique O’Grady, Member (arr. 5:44 PM)  
Tannia Talento, 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  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Tameka Lovett-Miller, Budget Director

**A. CLOSED MEETING**

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of Interim Principal, Patrick Henry Elementary School; Supervisor, Minority Achievement; Supervisor, Library Services; Director of Counseling, Arlington Career Center; and Assistant Principals at Arlington Traditional School, Hoffman-Boston Elementary School, Barrett Elementary School, Barcroft Elementary School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2- 3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Ms. O’Grady was not present at the vote.*

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

*Dr. Kanninen moved to certify that to the best of her knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting, and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Doren and was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. O’Grady – Aye; Ms. Talento – Aye; Ms. Van Doren – Aye.*

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DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

The Board recessed briefly and reconvened in an open meeting at 6:30 PM.

## **B. MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order
2. Recognitions

Board members congratulated students for achievements in Athletics, Scholastic Arts, and National Latin exams. Students were also recognized for awards in the Virginia Robotics competition, the Future Business Leaders of America National Competition, and the Mid-Atlantic IB Middle Years Program.

3. Announcements

Dr. Kanninen announced the following meetings:

- June 22, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8:30 AM Board Conference Room
- June 29, 2018 School Board/Executive Leadership Retreat, 1-5 PM, Syphax Education Center, Rm. 452

Mr. Goldstein announced several events and accomplishments at his liaison schools.

4. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy shared highlights of progress on the 2017-18 Action Plan initiatives, including new policies and policy revisions, operational planning, preparations for new schools and program moves, and capital initiatives. Dr. Murphy celebrated staff and student accomplishments at the end of the school year, and highlighted several upcoming events and meetings. He also provided an update on registration and transportation plans for Summer School.

## **C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:15 PM)**

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Mike Webb*, citizen: encouraging the Board to focus on the mission of APS and not spend time considering changing the names of facilities.

*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. March 15, 2018 Budget Work Session #4
  - b. March 22, 2018, School Board Meeting
  - c. April 6, 2018 Joint School Board and County Board Work Session

- d. April 24, 2018 School Board Work Session on the CIP and Budget
- e. June 19, 2018 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 10 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Revised 1-Year Extensions of Probationary Period
- 2 Reductions In Force/Layoffs

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Reductions In Force/Layoffs

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 4 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Retirement
- 2 Suspensions
- 4 Terminations

3. Grants and Restricted Programs:

- a. Special Project #12 – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grant

4. Planetarium Letter of Agreement

5. Appointment to the Budget Advisory Council

6. ~~License Agreement for Historic Markers at Drew~~ REMOVED FROM AGENDA

7. ~~Contract Amendment for Architecture and Engineering Services for the Yorktown High School Internal Modifications~~ MOVED TO ACTION

8. Verizon Easement for Barrett Elementary School

Dr. Kanninen announced that as part of consent, the Board made the following appointments:

- Cameron Snyder, Interim Principal, Patrick Henry Elementary School
- Carolyn Clark, Supervisor, Office of Minority Achievement
- Jeff Nicklaus Luttrell, Supervisor, Library Services:
- Claudia Vasquez, Director of Counseling, Arlington Career Center
- Jennifer Gildea, Arlington Traditional School Assistant Principal
- Catherine Hwang, Assistant Principal, Hoffman-Boston Elementary School
- Ragan Sohr, Assistant Principal, Barrett Elementary School
- Gabriela Rivas, Assistant Principal, Barcroft Elementary School
- Diana Jordan, Assistant Principal, Thomas Jefferson Middle School

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:29 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board, opposing changing the name of Washington-Lee High School, stating concerns about the process followed and sharing reasons why the name should not be changed. Some speakers expressed concern about the cost of a change:

*William LeHardy*, alumnus  
*Dean Fleming*, alumnus  
*Jake Perez*, student  
*Mike Webb*, citizen:  
*Julia Crull*, citizen:  
*Lorraine Manwell Horton*, alumna:

The following speakers also addressed the Board, expressing about budget cuts that might impact Latin instruction at Yorktown High School:

*Michelle Gonzalez*, student:  
*Daniel Tyler*, student:  
*Augustus Grohmann*, student

The following speakers also addressed the Board:

*Alesandr Belinskiy*, resident: asking the Board to restore planning unit 14601 to the Reed Elementary School walk zone.

*Ingrid Gant*, AEA: thanking the Board and staff for completing a challenging but successful school year.

**E. MONITORING ITEMS: (7:53 PM)**

1. Annual Report: Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC) and Staff Response

Chair Stacy Snyder presented the report, appreciating the work of the Board, staff and committee members. She reviewed FAC's focus and involvement in planning processes, including assisting with the CCWG draft charge, plans for the Education Center and the new elementary school at Reed, the elementary planning initiative, and development of the CIP. The FAC also prepared a future facilities needs report, reviewed Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MCMM), and established a policy subcommittee. Ms. Snyder then shared the FAC's recommendations, which include focusing on planning and decision-making that considers pressures of enrollment growth and land constraints, strengthening collaboration with the County, identifying sites for new schools, and collaboration opportunities for the Board advisory committees. In closing, Ms. Snyder reviewed FAC priorities for the coming year.

Mr. Chadwick presented the staff response, thanking the FAC for a productive year and for their thoughtful recommendations. He recognized individual members for their

work and thanked members leaving the committee. He confirmed staff agrees with the recommendations and plans to support the FAC in the 2018-19 school year.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Mike Webb*, resident: speaking about the importance of processes in addressing needs.

Mr. Goldstein, Board liaison to the FAC, appreciated the hard work and dedication of the group, and recognized their knowledge and expertise. Dr. Kanninen thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for participating in advisory leader meetings, and appreciated the depth and breadth of the group's work.

2. Annual Report: Budget Advisory Council (BAC) and Staff Response: (8:12 PM)

BAC Chair Matt de Ferranti presented the end of year report, thanking the Finance staff and committee members for their efforts, and sharing highlights of the BAC work over the year. He appreciated efforts to engage the BAC in the budget development process earlier than in past years, and recognized challenges ahead. He shared the BAC's support for collaborating with the FAC and community to look at reducing construction costs.

Tameka Lovett-Miller, Budget Director, presented the staff response, appreciating the BAC's work and agreeing to collaborate on implementing their recommendations. These include looking at per pupil costs and their effect on the budget, and examining construction costs. Ms. Lovett-Miller also shared staff's willingness to work with the BAC on their additional recommendations.

BAC liaison Ms. Talento appreciated Mr. de Ferranti and the committee members, particularly for their efforts to support the Board throughout the budget development process. Board members also appreciated the collaboration between all the advisory groups and the interest in continuing this collaboration. The Board confirmed their commitment to work together to address concerns and challenges.

3. Report from the Friends of the Planetarium: (8:22 PM)

Carolyn Lange presented the report from the Friends of the Planetarium, acknowledging staff support and appreciating ongoing collaboration with APS. She described the Planetarium's three-pronged mission, which includes providing David M. Brown Memorial Scholarships to APS graduates, providing teacher professional grants, and presenting special programs and events for the community. After describing these activities, Ms. Lange highlighted upcoming events and thanked the Board for their ongoing support.

4. Internal Audit Annual Report: (8:34 PM)

Director of Internal Audit John Mickevics presented an update on his work over the 2017-18 school year. This included reviews of Medicaid reimbursement for school based services, sale of APS assets, facility rentals, APS devices assigned to students,

and the construction cost study for APS. He then shared the scope, findings and recommendations from each of these reviews. In closing, Mr. Mickevics confirmed that next steps are to work to develop the Audit Plan for 2018-19.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Adam Roosevelt*, resident: asking the Board to track costs of name changes and review funding for any changes that cost more than \$500,000. He also suggested that these funds would be better used if focused on student needs.

Mr. Goldstein, member of the Audit Committee, thanked Mr. Mickevics for his work and the helpful information he provides to the Board. Dr. Kanninen also appreciated the work that has been done to better manage expenses.

## **F. ACTION ITEMS: (8:53 PM)**

### **1. School Board's Adopted 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and Bond Resolutions:**

Dr. Kanninen reviewed the CIP process to date and how the Board will move forward. Dr. Murphy thanked the staff and the County for their efforts and collaboration on this effort. Ms. Stengle then briefly reviewed the process followed to develop the proposed CIP. She shared highlights of the scenario being brought forward, confirming that it was developed in response to feedback received from the Board. After outlining the projects in this CIP, including school facilities as well as infrastructure projects, Ms. Stengle summarized the seats to be added over the duration of the CIP. Ms. Lovett-Miller then reviewed the costs, debt service information and seats provided in the proposed CIP. Ms. Stengle highlighted next steps in the process, such as implementing planning processes for the additional seats, and she highlighted the timelines and activities for the projects that relate to high school planning.

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking that the new high school in the CIP have the same amenities that are found at the other comprehensive high schools:

*Ellen Gabel*, resident

*Dr. Christine Brittle*, parent

The following speaker also addressed the School Board:

*Aleksander Belinskiy*, resident: supporting efforts to provide schools for all, but encouraging the Board to look more carefully at the boundaries for Reed school.

*Mr. Goldstein made the following motion:*

*Every two years, the School Board adopts a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addressing capital needs over the next ten years. This approach to capital planning anticipates needs for the next decade, while providing flexibility to adjust to changing circumstances.*

*During the development of the FY 2019-FY 2028 CIP, the School Board focused on providing seats for students in the areas of most critical need in light of the continued, sustained growth in student enrollment. The development process that began in the fall of 2017 culminates in this CIP and will be detailed in a report to be completed by the end of July 2018.*

*The School Board concluded that, to meet its Strategic Plan goal of operational excellence, and focusing on the areas of greatest need, capital improvements for this CIP would focus on elementary seats, high school seats and continued investment in maintenance of our facilities.*

*The School Board recognizes that its first priority in this CIP is identifying the funding needed for the 2018 bond, in order to begin work on the areas of most critical need. The School Board further recognizes that additional community input and further collaboration with the Arlington County Board and staff will be necessary moving forward.*

*Consistent with these goals, I move that the School Board adopt the FY 2019-FY 2028 Capital Improvement Plan.*

*I also move that the Board approve the following resolution:*

***Resolution of the School Board of Arlington County Requesting a Special Election on the Question of Issuing a Maximum of \$103,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds of Arlington County for School Purposes – June 21, 2018***

*WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2640 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Code”), requires that the School Board of Arlington County (“School Board”) request, by resolution, that the County Board of Arlington County (“County Board”) adopt a resolution regarding the contracting of a debt and the issuance of general obligation bonds of Arlington County for school purposes;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board, as required by Section 15.2- 2640 of the Code, does hereby request that the County Board adopt a resolution setting forth the maximum amount of its general obligation bonds to be issued for capital projects for school purposes and requesting that the Circuit Court of Arlington County order an election on the question of contracting a debt and issuing the general obligation bonds of Arlington County in an amount not to exceed \$103,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of capital projects for school purposes. This resolution shall take effect immediately.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Talento.

Mr. Goldstein thanked the FAC and staff for their work on this CIP. He reviewed the CIP development process, components of the plan, and how it will evolve as needs change. Recognizing the complexity of the CIP, Ms. Van Doren also thanked the staff and the community, and confirmed that the Board is focused on doing what is best for the community. She acknowledged the ongoing growth and the challenges that it presents, and encouraged all to stay engaged. Ms. O’Grady also commented on

changes throughout the county, reiterating the importance of ongoing communication as plans continue to evolve, and encouraged collaboration with the community. Dr. Kanninen commented that capital improvement is an ongoing process and the Board and staff will continue planning how to move forward. She confirmed the commitment to high standards and quality schools, and thanked the staff, the County Board, the community and her colleagues for their work on this effort.

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.

Dr. Kanninen called for a 5 minute break, and the Board reconvened at 9:33 PM.

2. FY 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Monitoring Report: REMOVED FROM AGENDA

3. Proposed School Board Policy 40-3.1 Unpaid Meal Charges: (9:33 PM)

Amy Maclosky, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, summarized the purpose of this policy, and confirmed it is a new policy required by law.

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the proposed School Board Policy 40-3.1 Unpaid Meal Charges, 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.*

4. Revision of School Board Policy 25-1.12 School Hours/Compulsory Attendance: (9:35 PM)

Dr. Laura Newton, Director of Student Services, confirmed that the proposed policy has been adjusted to address concerns about the language on religious exemption.

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the proposed revisions to School Board Policy 25-1.12 School Hours/Compulsory Attendance, 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.*

5. Proposed School Board Policy 25-3.6 Use of Service Animals in Schools: (9:36 PM)

Dr. Natrass provided an update on a few minor changes that have been made to clarify this policy and to respond to questions and concerns from the Board and the Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC).

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the proposed School Board Policy 25-3.6 Use of Service Animals in Schools, 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.*

Ms. Van Doren thanked staff for responding to the ASEAC concerns.



6. Contract Amendment for Architecture and Engineering Services for the Yorktown High School Internal Modifications: (9:39 PM)

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, summarized the recommended contract amendment for services related to the internal modifications at Yorktown High School. He confirmed that no increase in costs results from this change.

*Ms. O'Grady moved that the Board approve the proposed contract amendment for architecture and engineering services for the Yorktown High School internal modifications, seconded by Ms. Van Doren. 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.*

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:42 PM)**

1. Construction Change Order for the Career Center Internal Modifications

Mr. Chambers presented a change order for funding to provide signage and graphic improvements at the Career Center. This work will be done over the summer to improve collaborative learning space in the facility. Mr. Chambers then reviewed the proposed budget and the staff recommendation to the Board.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chambers confirmed this work will not impact summer programs and he confirmed that there will be no additional costs for this work.

2. Amended Adopted FY 2019 Budget: (9:50 PM)

Dr. Murphy explained that this proposed amendment to the adopted budget will allocate additional funds that were approved in the state budget which was adopted after the Board adopted the FY 2019 budget. Ms. Lovett-Miller then explained how staff is proposing to allocate these funds which total \$383,019.

Responding to a question, Ms. Lovett-Miller explained that the Grants & Restricted Program funds being provided are additional funds for the VPI program.

Dr. Kanninen confirmed that this item is an amendment to the previously adopted budget, and the Board is asked to act on this item so this change is in place for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

*Ms. Talento made the following motion:*

*I move to amend the School Board's Adopted FY 2019 budget by allocating \$383,019 of additional ongoing State revenue as follows:*

- *Allocate \$331,362 to the School Operating Fund*
- *Reduce reserve funding used in the budget by \$331,362 and return these funds to the Future Budget Years reserve*

- *Allocate \$51,657 to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund for a total of \$14,622,504*
- *This amendment brings the FY 2019 budget to a total of \$640,131,422*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Doren. 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. Transfer of Bond Premium to Capital Reserve: (9:54 PM)

Mr. David Blorstad, Director of Finance, explained that this proposed transfer is to transfer the Bond premium to the capital reserves. He confirmed that these funds resulted from the routine sale of bonds, and can only be used on capital projects. Dr. Kanninen confirmed that by acting on this transfer at this meeting, the funds can be put in place for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

*Ms. Talento moved that the School Board authorize the transfer of \$15,204,776 to the Capital Reserve for use in funding of various capital project needs of Arlington Public Schools, seconded by Ms. O’Grady. 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.*

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the School Board authorize the transfer of \$2,000,000 in the Undesignated Reserve to the Capital Reserve for use in funding of various capital project needs of Arlington Public Schools, seconded by Ms. O’Grady.*

Dr. Kanninen explained that this reserve has been untouched for several years, and she believed the funds will be better used in the capital reserve. The Board discussed whether the line item for this reserve can be maintained without funds, and agreed to ask finance staff for advice. Ms. Van Doren noted that as these are not bond funds, they may be moved out of the capital reserve and used for other expenses if needed.

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.

**H. NEW BUSINESS: (10:02 PM)**

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board