

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Organizational Meeting, School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
July 2, 2018

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Monday, July 2, 2018, at 11:30 AM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
Monique O’Grady, Member (arr. 11:36 AM)
Tannia Talento, Member (arr. 11:42 AM)
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of Supervisor, Social Studies and Assistant Principal, Montessori Program, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Ms. O’Grady and Ms. Talento were not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM, and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

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. Talento 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. Van Doren – Aye; and Ms. Talento – Aye.

Dr. Kanninen called for a recess, and the Board reconvened in open session at 12 PM.

Also present were:

Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations

¹ Video clips 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. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management

B. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Dr. Kanninen called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees, including County Board Chair Katie Cristol, Vice Chair Christian Dorsey, and members Libby Garvey, Erik Gutshall and John Vihstadt.

1. School Board Code of Conduct

Mr. Goldstein moved that the School Board adopt the Code of Conduct, seconded by Ms. Talento. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. All Board members then signed the document.

2. Election of the Chair of the Board:

Recognizing his experience and hard work on the Board, as well as his engagement, focus and passion for students, *Ms. Talento nominated Mr. Goldstein for Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Grady. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.*

3. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Board:

Commenting on Ms. Talento’s dedication, support, and wisdom, and her commitment to all students, *Ms. Van Doren nominated Ms. Talento for Vice Chair for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Ms. O’Grady. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.*

Ms. Van Doren moved for adoption of organizational items 4 through 14, seconded by Dr. Kanninen, and the motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

The following items were approved:

4. Appointment of the Clerk of the Board:

Melanie Elliott was re-appointed Clerk of the Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

5. Appointment of the Deputy Clerk of the Board:

Claudia Mercado was reappointed Deputy Clerk of the Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

6. Approval of Payment of Claims

7. Supervision of Construction
8. Adoption of Schedule of School Board Meetings, 2018-2019 School Year
9. Adoption of Proposed Schedule of Pay Dates, 2018-2019 School Year
10. Adoption of Existing Policies and Regulations
11. Adoption of Proposed Guidelines on Executive Session Confidentiality
12. School Board Member Liaison Assignments, 2018-2019
13. School Board Speaker Guidelines
14. Audit Committee Chair

Mr. Goldstein announced that, in compliance with the Code of Virginia, as part of the organizational items, the School Board re-adopted existing policies for the administration of Arlington Public Schools. A current copy of the policies is posted on the Arlington Public School's website at www.apsva.us/policies and is available to employees and to the public. For citizens who do not have online access, printed copies of the policies are available in the School Board Office and the Office of School and Community Relations in the Education Center, and the Center for Local History in the Arlington Central Library.

Mr. Goldstein also reviewed additional items that were adopted including Board liaison assignments and the Speaker Guidelines for public comment at Board meetings.

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C. ANNOUNCEMENTS: (12:10 PM)

As outgoing Chair, Dr. Kanninen congratulated the incoming leadership and thanked the staff, students and community for a successful year. She also thanked her colleagues for their trust and support as she served as Chair. She confirmed that in the coming year the Board will work to achieve the newly defined APS Mission, Vision and Core Values. Sharing her optimism for the coming year, she looked forward to working collaboratively to make APS the best that it can be.

Ms. Van Doren thanked Dr. Kanninen for her work as Chair, for guiding the rest of the Board through developing the new Strategic Plan, a new budget, and a new CIP in addition to the other work of the Board. She thanked Dr. Murphy, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), and the staff for their ongoing efforts. She looked forward to the upcoming year and confirmed she will focus on the new Strategic Plan goals and on ensuring success for all students.

Ms. Talento thanked County Board members for attending and for their ongoing collaboration. She also thanked Dr. Kanninen and Mr. Goldstein for their guidance and leadership, and recognizing that the Board accomplished many things in the last year, she

stated her belief that they will accomplish much more in the coming year. She confirmed her focus on a quality education for all students, on eliminating opportunity and equity gaps, and on addressing mental health concerns. She looked forward to serving as Vice Chair, and thanked Dr. Murphy and the ELT for their ongoing support.

Ms. O’Grady congratulated the incoming leadership, and thanked the past leadership and her board colleagues for their help as she came on board. She also thanked the County Board for their efforts to help make APS a strong school system. In the coming year she will focus on the new Strategic Plan, particularly in the areas of equity and eliminating opportunity gaps. She recognized the challenges APS faces and confirmed the Board’s focus on a K-12 instructional vision to meet student needs and prepare them for the future, and she looked forward to working together in the coming year.

Mr. Goldstein thanked his colleagues, Dr. Murphy and the staff for their support. He also thanked the audience for their interest in APS, and his County colleagues for their ongoing collaboration. He appreciated Dr. Kanninen for her guidance as she led the Board through many changes and initiatives. He recognized the biggest challenge APS faces is enrollment growth, and confirmed that the Board, staff, and County will work together to meet these needs. In addition, he confirmed that the chief activity of APS is creating successful outcomes for all students, and he acknowledged that APS has the leadership, staff, and support of the community to make the goal of student success a reality.

Dr. Murphy thanked Dr. Kanninen for her work, congratulated the new leadership and looked forward to working with the Board in the coming school year. He also thanked the ELT and staff for making this past year so successful. He appreciated the areas of focus for the coming year that have been outlined by the Board members, and confirmed that a focus on safety and well-being of children will be at the forefront. He spoke to the importance of serving the whole child throughout their school experience, and the importance of strong relationships for student success. Also acknowledged were organizational changes have been made that will strengthen the work of APS and collaboration with the County. Dr. Murphy appreciated the strong staff in APS and looked forward to a successful new year.

D. CONSENT ITEMS: (12:30 PM)

Ms. Van Doren moved for adoption of the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, 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. April 5, 2018, School Board Meeting
 - b. April 12, 2018, Work Session on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and the Elementary School Planning Initiative
 - c. May 15, 2018, Work Session #3 on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan
 - d. May 29, 2018, Joint School Board/County Board Work Session on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

- e. June 12, 2018 Work Session #5 on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan
- f. June 22, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Change in Position/Salary

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Resignations

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 6 Appointments
- 4 Changes In Position/Salary

- 3. Membership in the Virginia High School League
- 4. REMOVED FROM AGENDA
- 5. Purchasing Resolution
- 6. OPEB Transfer
- 7. Authorization of Signatures in the Absence of the Superintendent

Mr. Goldstein announced that as a part of consent, the following appointments were made: Kerri Hirsch, Supervisor, Social Studies and Yolanda Nashid, Assistant Principal, Montessori Program.

E. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (12:33 PM)

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Ronald Gary Lawhorne, alumnus: stating concerns about the cost of change the name of Washington-Lee High School, and suggesting the school be named after another member of the Lee family.

F. ACTION ITEMS: (12:37 PM)

1. Construction Change Order for Career Center Internal Modifications

Mr. Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, briefly reviewed the staff recommendation for the proposed construction change order for Career Center internal modifications.

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board approve the construction change order for Career Center internal modifications, seconded by Dr. Kanninen.

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: REMOVED FROM AGENDA

H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board