

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
August 2, 2018

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 6:00 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair
Monique O’Grady, 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

Mr. Goldstein moved that the Board immediately convene in meeting to consider the following appointments: Principal, Nottingham Elementary, Principal, Randolph Elementary and Assistant Principal, Williamsburg Middle School as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Talento. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O’Grady, and Ms. Talento voting affirmatively.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM, and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Mr. Goldstein moved to certify that to the best of his 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 3 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Ms. O’Grady – Aye; and Ms. Talento – Aye.

Mr. Goldstein called for a recess, and the Board reconvened in open session at 7:00 PM.

Also present were:

John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation

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.

B. REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Announcements:

Mr. Goldstein announced that Dr. Kanninen and Ms. Van Doren were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. He also made the following announcements:

August 13, 2018 Closed Meeting, 8 AM, School Board Conference Room
August 28, 2018, 2018-19 Action Planning Work Session, 7 PM, Rooms 254-256
August 30, 2018, Work Session on the Strategic Plan, immediately following Board Meeting, Rooms 254-256

- 3. Superintendent’s Updates and Announcements

Dr. Murphy announced that Arlington Public Schools placed highly in the Niche Rankings. He reviewed preparations for the start of school, announced the “Fill the Cruiser” School Supply Drive, and shared highlights of summer reading programs. He reminded parents that middle school students must have the Tdap vaccination to attend school, and he reviewed upcoming events and activities.

C. CONSENT ITEMS: 7:08 PM

Ms. Talento moved for adoption of the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. O’Grady. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O’Grady, and Ms. Talento voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

- 1. Minutes:
 - a. April 17, 2018 Joint School Board/County Board Work Session
 - b. April 19, 2018 School Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the Superintendent’s Proposed FY 2019 Budget
 - c. June 29, 2018 School Board Retreat

- 2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Administrative Transfer
- 4 Appointments
- 6 Changes In Position/Salary

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 28 Resignations
- 4 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 5 Appointments

- 4 Changes In Position/Salary
3. FY 2020 Budget Development Calendar
4. Appointment of Vice Chair to the Budget Advisory Council

Mr. Goldstein announced that the following appointments were approved under consent: Dr. Eileen Gardner, Principal, Nottingham Elementary; Carlos Ramirez, Principal, Randolph Elementary; and Jody Osler, Assistant Principal, Williamsburg Middle School. He also announced that Bob Ramsey was appointed Vice Chair of the Budget Advisory Council.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS: (7:14 PM)

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Matt Rissolo, parent: asking the Board to consider granting administrative transfers to Arlington Science Focus School for families in nearby neighborhoods.

E. ACTION ITEMS: (7:18 PM)

1. Schematic Design for the New Elementary School at Reed

Ben Burgin, Assistant Director, Design and Construction, briefly reviewed the proposed schematic design and the estimated cost and funding for this project.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Audrey Clement, resident: stating concerns about aspects of the schematic design including the impact on green space, and suggesting cost saving measures.

Chips Johnson, resident: appreciating the community involvement as this building was planned, and noting collaboration with the County on the joint use space.

Ms. O'Grady moved the School Board approve the schematic design for the new elementary school at Reed as generally described in Exhibits A through F in the presentation made at the August 2, 2018 School Board meeting. By approving Exhibits A through F the School Board approves the following aspects of the schematic design:

Reaffirm basic project criteria to create a new neighborhood elementary school with an attendance zone for a minimum capacity of 725 seats, to be completed in time for start of school September 2021, contingent on the availability of full project funding, as detailed in the last bullet below;

- *General location, height, and massing of the building;*
- *General extent of reuse/renovation of the existing building;*
- *General layout of program spaces within the building;*

- *Schematic site plan showing general location and quantity of parking, with the understanding that further refinement of the site plan is expected during the Use Permit review/approval process; and*
- *Maximum total project funding of \$55 million, with strong direction to find opportunities to reduce costs. It should be noted that the FY 2019-2028 CIP funding for the Reed Project included \$44.25 million funded by bonds scheduled to be approved by the voters in the November 2018 bond referendum. Reed Project bond funding is contingent on voter approval.*

With this approval, the School Board also provides the following direction to staff:

- *Proceed to the design development phase, including preparation of the Use Permit application;*
- *Begin discussions with Arlington County Government (ACG) staff on quantifying APS/ACG jointly funded items;*
- *Pursue various strategies to reduce cost as the project advances to the next phase including, but not limited to, the measures shared with the School Board in the July 17, 2018 information presentation: and*
- *Provide a monitoring report to the School Board at the conclusion of the design development phase cost estimate reconciliation process.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Talento and was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O’Grady, and Ms. Talento voting affirmatively.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS: (7:28 PM)

1. Charge and Membership Appointments for the Education Center Renovation Building Level Planning Committee

Mr. Chadwick briefly described the Education Center Renovation project and reviewed the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) proposed membership and role. He also reviewed the charge to the Education Center BLPC and explained how the BLPC will be involved in the project design phases. In closing, he reviewed milestone dates in the BLPC process.

The group briefly discussed the plan to close the Planetarium during construction, and Mr. Chadwick confirmed staff is working with the Friends of the Planetarium to minimize the disruption to their programs.

1. Revisions to Select Human Resources School Board Policies: (7:34)

- a. Policy G-3.2.4 Leave**
- b. Policy G-3.2.3.31 Other Benefits**

Dr. Kristi Murphy explained that these two policies are being revised as a result of budget reductions. The change to Policy G-3.2.4 is to delete the reference to Paid Parental Leave, and Policy G-3.2.3.31 is being adjusted to eliminate the reference

to the “Live and Work in Arlington Grant,” as funding is no longer available for these items.

G. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board