

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
September 6, 2018

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 6:00 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Monique O’Grady, 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
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
David Blorstad, Budget Director
Tyrone Byrd, Supervisor, Secondary Education
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation

A. CLOSED MEETING - NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Recognitions:

Brian Bersh, Band Director, introduced the award-winning Yorktown Drum Line, who performed for the Board. The Board also recognized Kenmore Middle School for being selected as a Special Olympics Unified Champion Banner School for their efforts in social inclusion. Principal David McBride introduced members of the unified basketball team that includes students with disabilities and their non-disabled peers who were recognized with this award.

3. Announcements

- Sept. 11, 2018 Work session on the Strategic Plan, 7 PM, Board Rm.
- Sept. 14, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8:30 AM, Board Conference Rm.

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

- Sept. 15, 2018 School Board Retreat, 8:30 AM, Rm. 452

Mr. Goldstein announced that Heather Hurley, Personalized Learning Supervisor for APS, was appointed by Governor Northam to the Virginia Standards of Learning Innovation Committee. He also announced that Cheryl McCullough, Supervisor of Gifted Services, was elected to the Board of the National Association for Gifted Children. He then shared special activities at several of his liaison schools.

Ms. Talento announced that September is Suicide Awareness Month and provided information and encouragement to all to help those in need.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:22 PM)

Dr. Kanninen moved for adoption of the consent agenda, 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. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:
 - a. May 7, 2018 Work Session on the Capital Improvement Plan
 - b. July 17, 2018 School Board Meeting

2. Personnel Actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

1	Appointment
1	Retirement

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

2	Appointments
2	Changes In Position/Salary
2	Resignations
1	Resignation With Prejudice
1	Retirement

3. Appointments to School Naming Committees:
 - a. Montessori Program
 - b. The Wilson Building
 - c. Middle School at Stratford Building
 - d. Washington-Lee High School Renaming Committee

4. Appointments to the Advisory Council on Instruction and ASEAC

5. Waiver of School Board Policy M-2 Foreign Exchange Student Program

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:22 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Tauna Szymanski, parent: appreciating the progress that has been made in including students with disabilities in the classroom.

George Dutra, Long Branch Elementary School student: sharing concerns about the playground equipment at Long Branch and asking the Board to upgrade the equipment.

Josh Folb, parent: stating concern about student achievement and asking the Board to not isolate students with special needs, but to focus on providing the best education to all.

Major Mike Webb, citizen: opposing bullying in the schools and in the community, and encouraging the Board to enforce a no bullying policy.

The following speakers also addressed the Board, opposing the swap of Arlington Science Focus School and Key Immersion School without a thorough, inclusive process to consider this proposal and allow community input:

Dedra Curteman, Key PTA president

Susan Demske, Key parent

E. MONITORING ITEM: (7:40 PM)

1. First Day of School

Dr. Murphy shared highlights from the first day of school, recognizing all staff for their efforts to prepare for students. He shared first day enrollment numbers and described building upgrades and maintenance work that was done to ensure schools were ready for the students. Staff members from several schools then shared how they prepared for the first day of school, describing professional development, team building activities, curriculum writing, and community outreach. Presenters included Marleny Perdomo, Key Principal; Cameron Snyder, Henry Principal; Thea Aldrich, Barcroft teacher, curriculum writers Nell Purman Horalek and Cindy Chiu; and Nisha Sensharma Wakefield teacher. Dr. Murphy thanked the staff, and confirmed that all of APS looks forward to a successful school year.

Responding to the Board, staff members shared more information on professional development and curriculum work that took place in the summer. Also discussed were plans for work to address the new Strategic Plan goals, such as ensuring a focus on achievement gaps. Staff also described efforts to provide engaging instruction and multiple pathways to student success. Mr. Chadwick provided an update on HVAC issues in the schools. The Board appreciated the staff efforts to prepare for the first day, and looked forward to a positive and successful year.

F. ACTION ITEMS: (8:50 PM)

1. Revisions to School Board Policy A-4 Mission, Vision and Core Values, and A-5 Arlington Public Schools Priorities

Mr. Goldstein briefly reviewed the proposed revisions to School Board Policy A-4 Mission, Vision and Core Values, and A-5 Arlington Public Schools Priorities, confirming that the revisions reflect the new 2018-2024 Strategic Plan., which will guide the Board's work over the next six years.

Ms. Talento moved that the Board adopt School Board Policy A-4 Mission, Vision and Core Values, and A-5 Arlington Public Schools Priorities as revised, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0 with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

2. Revision to School Board Policy J-5.3.30 Admission and Placement: (8:52 PM)

Dr. Laura Newton, Supervisor of Student Services, briefly reviewed the proposed changes to the policy, highlighting the addition of two sections that address children of families in active military duty and children of families with special circumstances. Dr. Newton confirmed that the Advisory Committee on Student Services support these changes.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Jennifer Ozawa, Superintendent's Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Concerns member: thanking the Board for supporting immigrant students.

Ms. Talento moved that the Board adopt School Board Policy J-5.3.30 Admission and Placement as revised, seconded by Ms. O'Grady.

Ms. Van Doren suggested that the policy be revised to include an option for parents to appeal a decision of the Superintendent to the School Board, as well as suggesting a few additional changes to be considered when this policy comes back to the Board through the regular review process.

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

3. Contract Award for Pre-Construction Construction Management at-Risk Services for the Education Center Renovation: (8:59 PM)

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, confirmed that no changes have been made since this item was presented for information.

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board approve the contract award for Pre-Construction Construction Management at-Risk Services for the Education Center Renovation as presented, seconded by Dr. Kanninen, and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0 with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

4. Contract Award for Kenmore HVAC Controls: (9:01 PM)

James Meikle, Director of Maintenance, confirmed no changes have been made since this item was presented for information.

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board approve the proposed contract award for HVAC Controls at Kenmore as presented, seconded by Ms. O’Grady, and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0 with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

5. Change to the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the New School at Wilson: (9:02 PM)

Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, briefly reviewed the change order and confirmed that no changes have been made since this item was presented for information. He also confirmed that the change is funded with project contingency funds so there is no increased cost for this item.

Ms. O’Grady moved that the Board approve the change to the guaranteed maximum price for the new school at Wilson as presented, seconded by Ms. Talento, and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0 with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

6. License Agreement for Historic Markers at the Drew Property: (9:06 PM)

Mr. Chadwick reviewed the project and community engagement that took place in planning for the markers. He explained that these markers will form part of a planned History Heritage Walk in the County. He also shared a sample of the marker design and a map of the locations for the markers.

Noting that this is an exciting decision for the Nauck community, Ms. O’Grady invited all to attend the Nauck Pride Day. *Ms. O’Grady moved that the Board approve the license agreement for Historic Markers at the Drew Property and authorize the Chair to sign the License Agreement, seconded by Dr. Kanninen, and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0 with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.*

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:11 PM)

1. Revision of School Board Policy E-6 Food and Nutrition Services

Director of Food Services Amy Maclosky summarized the proposed revisions to School Board Policy E-6 Food and Nutrition Services, noting that this was the regular schedule update and the changes are minor and align policy with code. She confirmed that the Policy Implementation Procedure is being updated as well.

The Board discussed this policy and how it relates to the policy on unpaid meal charges. It was suggested that before this policy revision is approved, these two policies be cross-referenced.

2. 2018-24 Strategic Plan Performance Objectives: (9:14 PM)

Dr. Murphy briefly summarized the process to develop the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan and thanked the staff and community members who were part of this work.

Ms. Stengle then highlighted the proposed performance objectives, first reviewing next steps in this process. She summarized the performance objectives for each of the five goals, and shared samples of strategies that will be used. She also described how APS will monitor progress. In closing, she outlined the communications plan to share this information with the community.

Board members thanked staff for their work, and encouraged community feedback on the performance objectives. They also appreciated that each goal has a focus on the excellence gap. Mr. Goldstein spoke to the importance of having measurable objectives and having staff provide specific references to the objectives in their reports to the Board. The group looked forward to updates on the Strategic Plan, and Ms. Stengle confirmed that that this work will continue.

3. School Board 2018-2019 Action Plan: (9:46 PM)

Mr. Goldstein briefly reviewed the School Board's proposed 2018-19 Action Plan that focuses on five areas: New Policies and Policy Revisions, Operational Planning, New Schools and Program Moves, Capital Initiatives and Additional Focus in Support of the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan goals.

Noting that the Career Center is not listed in the Plan, Ms. Van Doren assured the community that it will continue to move forward. Ms. Stengle noted that the Career Center project is included in other items in the Action Plan, such as the Options and Transfers Follow-up, and it was noted that other ongoing projects are also not listed. Board members appreciated the Chair and staff work in developing this plan.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board