

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Work Session on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan  
May 7, 2018

**Item C-1-a**

The Arlington School Board convened on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:36 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Monique O’Grady, Member  
Tannia Talento, Member  
Nancy Van Doren, Member  
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent  
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner

Dr. Kanninen welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) development process. Dr. Murphy summarized the work session agenda, confirming that options will be presented to help inform decisions on projects to include in the CIP.

Dr. Natrass described the instructional concept for the division that staff has created to help guide planning for CIP projects. Ms. Peterson then summarized the Superintendent’s Proposed CIP, outlining the seats that are slated be added and the proposed timeline. Mr. Ruiz then provided a recap of elementary, middle and high school enrollment projections through 2028. He highlighted when planned seats become available and when enrollment will exceed available seats at each level.

For discussion purposes, Ms. Peterson then shared some alternate options for projects in the proposed CIP. She explained the costs, funding requirements and impact on debt capacity for these options as well as the impact they would have on other projects. The group discussed how these examples would affect the CIP, and which options might be considered. Dr. Murphy noted that after receiving feedback on possible scenarios, staff will provide additional information and analysis on any projects the Board would like to explore further. Board members appreciated looking creatively at options to meet the growing enrollment, and the group discussed how to ensure that all high school students have opportunities to attend a school that meets their interests and needs. The importance of considering the impact of the options on capacity at the current high schools was noted. For some of the scenarios, Board members requested more detailed information about where relocatables would be needed to make the scenarios work.

The group discussed several options for the Career Center site, including building a phased project at the site, and considering alternate uses for the Henry portion of the property. Board members stressed the importance of ensuring community engagement throughout the CIP process, and suggested communicating with the County about topics including sharing debt capacity and joint funding for amenities used by the full community. Mr. Chadwick then updated the Board on the status of several County owned sites that APS has had the opportunity to consider for capacity.

**Next Steps:**

Board members provided feedback for staff to consider going forward, including hearing the pros and cons of the options being brought forward, ensuring community engagement, and looking at how relocatables will be used to help address capacity needs. Mr. Goldstein also asked for more information on how the instructional concept presented relates to the CIP. Topics for further exploration included information on the need for relocatables, the impact of moving the field and parking at the Career Center, and how using the Education Center for elementary capacity would affect the Career Center space. Ms. Talento suggested providing the County Board with a proposed CIP that meets seat needs at all levels regardless of cost, so they understand what those needs are. Board members also asked for a scenario that includes a full buildout of a high school at the Career Center, and how the Education Center might be used for flex space. Ms. Van Doren ask that staff respond to the suggestion of allowing students to attend any school in the County. Dr. Murphy asked for further discussion of projections and how enrollment varies across the County, and the group acknowledged that reconsidering boundaries could provide more flexibility. The Board also asked for analysis of the effect that changes, such as delaying the new elementary school at Reed, would have on such issues as boundaries and relocatables. Finally, Mr. Goldstein asked for staff to consider how alternative hours at the high schools might affect crowding.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
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