

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Legislative Breakfast
December 5, 2018

Item C-1-e

The Arlington School Board sponsored a legislative breakfast on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at the Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia, with public remarks beginning at 8:35AM.

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Monique O’Grady, Member
Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

The breakfast was also attended by local legislators and legislative aides, as well as School Board members and staff from the Alexandria and Falls Church school systems. Ms. Van Doren was unable to attend as she was out of town. Mr. Goldstein convened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. He thanked Chef Renee Randolph and students from the Arlington Career Center Culinary Arts Program who provided breakfast.

Dr. Kanninen, APS Legislative Liaison, provided a brief overview of the meeting and introduced Ms. Lilla Wise, Legislative Liaison for Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church. Ms. Wise summarized legislative issues of interest to the participating school divisions and shared highlights from the Arlington School Board Legislative Package. Package items that also affect Alexandria and Falls Church include the Labor Day Bill, the At-Risk add on, funding for support staff including school counselors, and support for better articulation between high school and community college.

The group then discussed additional issues of interest. Dr. Noonan, Superintendent of Falls Church City Public Schools, described an issue they are bringing forward which addresses the enrollment factor for properties where the dwelling is within two jurisdictions. Delegate Alfonso Lopez spoke to efforts related to in-state tuition for students who are not yet permanent residents, and the group also discussed possible legislation related to school construction costs. Christopher Leyen, Aide to Senator Adam Ebbin, spoke to efforts to expand funding for pre-kindergarten in the state. Another topic of discussion was how the move of Amazon to the area will challenge but also provide opportunities to the school divisions.

In closing, Ms. Wise thanked all of the participants and invited continued dialog and collaboration. The educators and legislators thanked Ms. Wise and Dr. Kanninen for facilitating the discussion and supporting efforts on behalf of students. The meeting concluded at 9:25 AM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board