

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
February 7, 2019

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 7 2019, at 7:02 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹ Prior to the meeting, Board members attended a reception for National Board Certified Teachers.

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Monique O’Grady, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy 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
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

A. CLOSED MEETING - none

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

1. Call to Order
2. Recognitions:

National Board Certified Teachers

The School Board recognized 20 teachers who earned or renewed National Board Certification.

3. Announcements:

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.

MEETINGS:

- February 12, 2019 Work Session on Pre-K to Grade 12 Instructional Program Pathways, 7 PM, Rms. 254-256
- February 14, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 2 PM, School Board Conference Room
- February 15, 2019 Closed Meeting, 8 AM
- February 19, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 2 PM, School Board Conference Room
- February 19, 2019 Work Session on Discipline Policies and the Student Code of Conduct, 7 PM, Rms. 254-256

Ms. Talento encouraged the community to participate in the Randolph Elementary School online auction to support funding of student activities. She congratulated Jefferson Middle School counselors on earning distinction from the ASCF National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs, recognized by the American School Counselor Association. This model is a comprehensive, proactive counseling program that focuses on student achievement by developing a foundation based on delivery, management and accountability. Ms. Talento also congratulated students from Arlington Community High School and Washington-Lee High School for their participation in the regional Poetry Out Loud competition.

Mr. Goldstein congratulated Oakridge Elementary School on their recognition by the Arlington Transportation Partners as Platinum School Champions. He applauded Kenmore Middle School for inducting 54 students to their Junior Honor Society chapter and for their participation in the Special Olympics basketball game.

4. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy spoke about events happening in honor of Black History Month and other events such as the Summer Activities Fair. In addition, he shared a timeline of upcoming meetings and work sessions related to the FY 2020 Budget process. He announced that Jamestown Elementary School crossing guard Kathy Patterson was recognized by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (VA SRTS) program as one of Virginia's Most Outstanding Crossing Guards for 2018-19.

Dr. Murphy then shared progress and next steps on the 2018-19 School Board Action Plan. He spoke about new policies and policy revisions, operational planning, new schools and program moves, and capital initiatives.

The Board requested additional information on the Career Center site and accommodating the growth of Arlington Tech.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:40 PM)

Ms. Van Doren 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. December 20, 2018 School Board Meeting
 - b. January 18, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
 - c. February 1, 2019 School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel Actions:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 2 Resignations
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 3 Resignations

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Appointments
- 1 Change In Position/Salary

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 2 Retirements
- 1 Termination

3. Briefing Report: Social Studies
4. Contract Award for Construction Manager Advisor Services for the New Elementary School at Reed
5. Contract Award for Construction Manager Advisor Services for the Education Center Reuse Project
6. Appointments to the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission

Ms. Talento suggested the community review the Social Studies report to learn more about the curriculum happening at APS.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:49 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

June Anderson, Sophie Bourgeois, Savannah Cook and Gabriella, Gunston Middle School students, spoke about reducing the amount of plastic used in the cafeterias.

Joshua Folb, member, Arlington Education Association, shared concerns regarding inclement weather decision on February 1, 2019.

Anne Marie Douglass, chair, Screens in School Subcommittee of the School Health Advisory Board, provided information on the low screen education track.

E. MONITORING ITEMS: (8 PM)

1. Professional Learning on Equity

Dr. Natrass began the presentation by framing how the work of the Equity and Excellence Office aligns with the 2018-24 Strategic Plan objectives. Ms. Carolyn Jackson, Supervisor, Equity and Excellence, presented the update on professional learning opportunities provided to staff on equity. She described a 4-day training for staff on inclusion, equity and excellence, and leading school reform facilitated by Gary Howard, author and consultant. Ms. Jackson described the implementation of a professional learning framework to include a train-the-trainer model and the development of a policy on equity.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Celeste Clark, student, Washington-Lee High School, encouraged the Board to keep students in mind while working on the policy on equity and professional development.

The Board requested information on the allocation of funding for future opportunities for students to participate in training related to race, equity and cultural responsiveness. Board members discussed professional learning and its impact on school communities, defining equity and other terms in the context of including all students. They looked forward to the Work Session on February 26, 2019 to further discuss this topic.

2. Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 Instructional Program Pathways Preview

Dr. Natrass presented the initial plans and timeline for developing the PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways (IPP). The intent of the IPP is to define instructional programs, align with the Strategic Plan and Profile of a Graduate, and articulate multiple pathways for student success.

Board members discussed community engagement, allocation of resources and continued communication with the Board as the IPP draft is being created. The

Board requested that staff provide a definition guide of terms used related to instructional programs at APS for the Work Session on February 12, 2019.

F. ACTION ITEM:

1. School Calendar (9:30 PM)

Ms. Wales-Smith presented the revised 2019-20 school year Calendar Option 1 and Calendar Option 2 noting that they reflect updated considerations for Winter and Spring Break, the Election Day Bill and professional learning days.

Dr. Kanninen requested that next school year, depending on legislation, a consideration be made to include a calendar option that proposes beginning the school year before Labor Day.

Ms. O’Grady moved that the Board adopt Division Calendar 1 for the 2019-2020 School Year as recommended by the Calendar Committee and Superintendent, 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.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:36 PM)

1. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy D-10.1 Purchasing

Ms. Peterson presented proposed revisions to School Board Policy D-10.1 Purchasing. The proposed revised policy includes compliance with the Code of Virginia (Virginia Public Procurement Act) and the APS Purchasing Resolution, updated references section, and changes to the Policy Implementation Procedures to reflect policy revisions.

Board members had no comments, therefore Mr. Goldstein suggested including this item under consent for the next School Board meeting.

2. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy D-10.30 Purchasing – School Board Approval Required on Construction and Non-Construction Contracts

Ms. Peterson presented proposed revisions to School Board Policy D-10.30 Purchasing – Approval Required on Construction and Non-Construction Contracts. The proposed revisions include renumbering and renaming the policy to comply with Code of Virginia, requiring School Board approval for an individual change order greater than \$100,000 on a capital related construction project, the addition of School Board approval of Construction Manager Advisor services, and changes to the Policy Implementation Procedures to reflect policy revisions.

The Board discussed change orders and impact to approved project budgets.

3. Extended Day Licensing:

Ms. Peterson recommended that APS Extended Day opt out of the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) child care licensing to avoid conflicts and confusion between school policies and regulations, DSS licensing standards, and costly duplication of processes. The Code of Virginia requires that districts that opt out of the DSS licensing establish procedures to self-monitor its programs which Ms. Peterson outlined for APS.

The Board discussed DSS licensing requirements and Extended Day oversight. The Board requested that Extended Day provide a yearly monitoring report or briefing as part of the self-monitoring guideline to ensure compliance and meeting of standards.

4. Transfer of Funds from Capital Reserve for Fleet Elementary School Joint Funding Items:

APS and Arlington County entered into a Joint Use Agreement to share the cost of certain improvements for the Fleet Elementary School project. In order to meet current cash flow requirements for construction, Ms. Peterson requested the transfer of \$8,950,000 from the Capital Reserve to the Fleet project. The requested transfer is within the approved funding.

5. Change Order to Construction Contract Sum for Fleet Elementary School:

Mr. Chambers requested a change order of \$175,400 to increase the Fleet Elementary School construction contract sum due to schedule recovery efforts through the project contingency funds. The requested transfer is within the approved funding.

6. Education Center Reuse Schematic Design:

Mr. Chambers presented the site and building schematic design for the Education Center Reuse. The presentation highlighted floor plans, learning spaces, window and glass treatment, parking lot and green space. The \$37 million renovation of the Education Center will provide 500-600 high school seats by the 2021 school year. He shared a timeline of the project, its alignment to the APS Strategic Plan, and project funding.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Paul Holland, Education Center Building Level Planning Committee Chair, shared his feedback on the proposed schematic design.

Board members discussed student transition from Washington-Lee High School to Education Center, field use, and proposed bike lanes and transportation needs. The Board requested clarification on expenses related to ongoing transportation services operations.

7. Access Easement for Dominion Energy at the Heights Building:

Mr. Chambers recommended that the Board sign a Right of Way Agreement to permit Dominion Energy to access, install, test, inspect and maintain the electrical equipment located in the underground vault along Wilson Boulevard to provide electrical service for The Heights Building.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board