

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting  
February 21, 2019

**Item C-1-a**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 7:05 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair  
Barbara Kanninen, 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  
Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Catherine Ashby, Director, Communications

**A. CLOSED MEETING - NONE**

**B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:**

1. Call to Order
2. Recognitions:

The Wakefield High School Chorus performed the Black National Anthem in commemoration of Black History Month. Rosa Briceño, Family and Community Engagement Specialist, and Carlin Springs staff gave an Academic Parent-Teacher Team Presentation. In recognition of Board Member Appreciation Month, Maura McMahan, CCPTA President, thanked the Board for their work and presented them with books to be donated to their liaison high schools. Mr. Goldstein acknowledged Ms. Elliott and Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk, for Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

3. Announcements

**MEETINGS:**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- February 22, 2019 Closed Meeting, 8 AM, School Board Conference Room
- February 26, 2019 Work Session on Equity, Inclusion, and Transgender Policy Development, 7 PM, Rms. 254-256
- February 27, 2019 Closed Meeting, 7 PM, School Board Conference Room
- March 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8 AM, School Board Conference Room
- March 12, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 2 PM, School Board Conference Room

Board members described the books being donated to the high schools in their names for School Board Appreciation Week. Board members shared information about events at their liaison schools. Dr. Kanninen encouraged all to participate in the APS wellness challenge.

#### 4. Superintendent’s Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy announced upcoming events and congratulated counseling staff at Jefferson and Gunston Middle Schools for receiving the Recognized ASCA Model Program designation. He gave a winter athletics update and, in recognition of Black History Month, shared a video celebrating student excellence. He also reviewed the budget process and important dates in March.

Dr. Murphy then shared progress and next steps on the 2018-19 School Board Action Plan in the areas of new policies and policy revisions, operational planning, new schools and program moves, and capital initiatives. He reviewed the status of options and transfers and the Drew naming process. Dr. Natrass reported on the preK-12 Instructional Program Pathways initiative. Dr. Murphy confirmed that Strategic Plan goal updates will be presented regularly, and a Career Center update will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda.

The Board briefly discussed how transfer wait lists will be handled and how transportation for transfers has evolved with growing enrollment challenges.

### C. CONSENT AGENDA: (8:30 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 4, 2018 Work Session on Elementary Boundaries
  - b. January 10, 2019 School Board Meeting
  - c. January 16, 2019 Work Session on Special Education
  - d. January 22, 2019 Work Session on Transportation
2. Personnel Actions:

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 5 Resignations

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 1 Retirement

- 3. Out of School Time Council Charter
- 4. ~~Revision of School Board Policy D-10.1 Purchasing~~ REMOVED FROM AGENDA
- 5. ~~Revision of School Board Policy D-10.30 Purchasing—Construction Contracts~~ REMOVED FROM AGENDA
- 6. ~~Extended Day Licensing~~ MOVED TO ACTION
- 7. Transfer of Funds from Capital Reserve for Fleet ES Joint Funding Items
- 8. Change Order for Construction Contract for Fleet Elementary School
- 9. Access Easement for Dominion Energy at the Heights Building

Mr. Goldstein announced that as part of consent, the Board approved the revised Out of School Time Council Charter. He also confirmed the Board approved two items related to Fleet Elementary School.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:32 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

*Stacy Snyder*, Chair, Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC): presenting FAC recommendations to revise the Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan to be a more comprehensive planning document that better addresses growth and coordinates with County planning processes.

*Kathleen McSweeney*, Chair, Career Center Working Group (CCWG): asking for an additional meeting of the CCWG to discuss progress on plans for the Career Center and to receive updates on the status of the CCWG's recommendations.

**E. MONITORING ITEM: (8:44 PM)**

1. Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Supports

Dr. Natrass introduced the presentation, noting areas of focus that respond to strategic plan goals and performance objectives. Dr. Laura Newton, Director, Student Services, outlined efforts to help students develop workplace skills through learning experiences. She also described college and career counseling provided by staff. Ms. Pam McClellan, Supervisor, Counseling Services, described work to ensure healthy, safe and supported students and shared key action steps in areas such as social emotional learning, suicide prevention, and substance abuse. Wendy Carria, Supervisor, School Psychology and Social Work, outlined staff training and reviewed areas of focus to strengthen supports for students.

Responding to the Board, Dr. Natrass described ongoing work to organize and expand partnerships and internship opportunities. The Board appreciated efforts to ensure students feel they can approach a staff member for help, and the group discussed risk behaviors, assessing the effectiveness of interventions, and collaboration with community support groups. The group also discussed expanding professional learning opportunities and building mentoring efforts.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (9:35 PM)**

1. Education Center Reuse Schematic Design

Mr. Jeffrey Chambers, Director of Design and Construction, briefly reviewed the information presented at the Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and highlighted a few updates that clarified the funding for the project.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*James Schroll*, Chair, Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC): sharing feedback on the proposed design from the PFRC, and confirming their general support for the project.

Mr. Chambers responded to questions about funding for transportation services during the renovation and agreed to provide the Board with more detailed information.

*Ms. O'Grady made the following motion:*

*The Arlington School Board's adopted FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addressed, in part, the continued increase in enrollment throughout Arlington County by including a project to renovate the Education Center building at 1426 N. Quincy St. to create 500 to 600 additional high school seats. There have been five (5) meetings with the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), Public*

*Facilities Review Committee (PFRC), members of adjacent civic associations, and other project stakeholders. The School Board previously approved the project's Educational Specifications on December 20, 2018. The proposed schematic design was presented to the School Board by APS staff on February 7, 2019.*

*Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, civic association leaders and other stakeholders, and the Superintendent's recommendation, I move that the School Board approve the schematic design as generally described in Exhibits A through F in the presentation made at the February 21, 2019 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 500 to 600 new high school seats, to be completed in time for start of school September 2021;*
- *Schematic site plan showing general location of features, with the understanding that further refinement of the site plan, including additional exploration of proposed off-site improvements, is expected during the Use Permit review/approval process;*
- *General layout of program spaces within the building;*
- *General approach to existing window replacement; and*
- *Maximum total project funding of \$37 million, with strong direction to find opportunities to reduce costs. It should be noted that the FY 2019-2028 CIP funding for the project included \$36.05 million funded by bonds, all of which has received 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 identifying APS/ACG jointly funded items;*
- *Continue its investigation of replacement of 4th floor windows, as described on Exhibit F; and*
- *Pursue various cost savings measures using every effort to complete the project for less than the maximum available funding.*

The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanninen.

Ms. Van Doren proposed the following amendment to the final paragraph, with the addition of a fourth bullet point and additional wording to the last bullet as follows:

*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 identifying APS/ACG jointly funded items;*

- *Continue its investigation of replacement of 4th floor windows, as described on Exhibit F;*
- *Continue to consider alternate site improvements for a sport court, canopy and/or bridge connection, if additional funding can be found from savings; and*
- *Pursue various cost savings measures using every effort to complete the project for less than the maximum available funding and/or reallocate funds to complete alternates, if feasible.*

The motion to amend was seconded by Ms. Talento.

Ms. Van Doren explained that the additional site improvements referenced in the amendment were recommended by the PFRC and the Building Level Planning Committee, and she spoke to the need for these amenities.

Mr. Goldstein called for a short break at 10:17 PM and the Board reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

Mr. Goldstein called for a vote on the amendment and the motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Dr. Kanninen opposing. Mr. Goldstein then called for a vote on the main motion as amended and it was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

2. Extended Day Licensing: (10:28 PM)

Ms. Peterson confirmed that a bullet was added to the recommendation for the Extended Day program to provide the Board with an annual report of its activities.

*Ms. Talento made the following motion:*

*With respect to the APS Extended Day program, I move that the School Board elect, as permitted by Va. Code 63.2-1715(A)(15), not to continue with the Virginia Department of Social Services licensing regime, and instead to establish its own safety and supervisory standards for its extended day programs, which standards will meet, or exceed, VDSS licensing standards other than any instance where those standards conflict with regulations, policies, and other provisions of law applicable to schools, and with inspection and oversight provided by APS staff*

The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Grady, and 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: (10:30 PM)**

Mr. Goldstein suggested the three Instructional policies be presented together.

1. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy I-11.6.30 Graduation

2. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy I-11.6.31 Promotion
3. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy I-11.6.32 Retention

Tyrone Byrd, Supervisor, Secondary Education, presented proposed revisions to the Graduation policy, to update the language related to department structure, and move other language to the policy implementation procedure. He confirmed that after review, no changes are recommended for the Promotion or Retention policies.

The group discussed combining these policies. Ms. Talento noted that the Promotion policy states that passing World Geography is required for promotion of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and she was concerned about how this might affect some students. Dr. Natrass agreed to consider if the policy could be amended to address this concern. The group agreed to have the School Board Policy Subcommittee review these policies before they are brought to the Board for action.

3. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policies: (10:44 PM)

Ms. Talento reviewed the creation and purpose of the School Board Policy Subcommittee and presented the results of the subcommittee's review of Policies B-2 School Board, B-2.31 Members, and B-2.32 Conduct, as well as of Policy Implementation Procedure B-2 School Board. The subcommittee is suggesting revisions to these policies, addition of an additional policy, B-4 School Board Meetings, and elimination of Policy Implementation Procedure B-2.

Mr. Goldstein confirmed these policy revisions will come back for action under Consent on March 14, 2019.

5. Education Center Reuse Contract Award for Interior Demolition: (10:47 PM)

Mr. Chambers presented this item, explaining the work to be done and confirming that staff recommends awarding the contract to MCN Build, Inc. He also confirmed the funding for this contract award is within the current funding for the project.

Mr. Goldstein confirmed this item will come back as a Consent item on March 14.

**H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Arlington School Board