

2018 – 2019 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:05 PM.

1. Welcome

- a. Thirteen members were present: Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin (Chair), Bob Ramsey (co-Chair), Juan Gordon, Sr., Chuck Rush, Dan Rosman, Heather Jones, Melanie Bowen, Lida Anestidou, David Rosenblatt, Sheila Leonard, Matt Hochstein, Cristina Diaz-Torres, Jennifer Wagener; APS staff members Leslie Peterson and Tameka Lovett-Miller and School Board representative Tannia Talento.

2. Staff Comments

- a. Planning Factors – Dr. Tara Natrass
 - i. APS Strategic Plan document referenced which helps guide how APS prioritizes where dollars should be spent
 - ii. Discussion around detailed Planning Factor document – we can use the 2018 document to help with 2019 budget planning (because it is very similar)
 - 1. Starting page 25 is an overview of the various categories
 - 2. Starting page 27 is the spending by school type
 - 3. Use state SOQ (standards of quality) to see how APS compares to the minimum requirements
 - iii. Budget discussions involve collaboration at the department level to foster ideas; principal group discussion also occurs
 - 1. There is a master list of potential ideas and a ranking mechanism is used to order them
 - a. Currently with our projected budget shortfall we would need to implement all of the potential ideas
 - iv. There is some potential that the state of Virginia could have some surplus funds – state Revenue represents only 11% of APS funding
 - v. Last year some of the budget shortfalls were funded by one-time funds from Arlington County – this is not ideal, but we have to be flexible to consider all options given the size of the need
 - vi. We believe Arlington County is considering a tax increase
 - 1. A one cent increase generates around \$7 million in Revenue
- b. Enrollment Methodology and Projections – Robert Ruiz
 - i. School by school projections will be available January 24th
 - 1. And a February update based on actual January enrollment
 - ii. Change to option school/transfer policy and boundary updates will change how future enrollment plays out
 - iii. Methodology improvements around county births, kindergarten allocations, county housing affordability and cumulative new housing impacts
 - iv. Typically do projections at a school by school level (top down); and compare this with a county wide projection (bottom up)
 - v. 2019-2028 projections take enrollment from 26,389 (2018) to 32,858 (+25%)
 - 1. Equivalent to 4 Elementary Schools (725 students), 1 Middle

School and 1 High School

- a. Current CIP accounts for 1 full ES (Reed) and a partial ES (adding 300 seats at existing site)

vi. Amazon impact:

- 1. Estimated 15-20% of employees will live in Arlington
 - a. 3,600 new jobs by 2030 = just under 200 new students
- 2. APS believes this is covered in the expected growth rate data from Arlington County (housing units and birth forecasts)
 - a. Job growth was considered, just not named as Amazon

c. Close out – Leslie Peterson

- i. \$9.3 million in available closeout funds – one-time funds
 - 1. \$1.8 million into Compensation Reserve
 - 2. \$6.9 million into Future Budget Years Reserve
 - 3. \$0.6 million for 2019 expenditures

3. Other Business

- a. BAC members should look at the distributed WABE report
- b. February meeting will be in conjunction with the ACI Chairs

Meeting concluded at 9:10PM.