

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
April 23, 2019

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 7:03 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
Catherine Ashby, Acting Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Sarah Putnam, Director, Curriculum and Instruction

A. CLOSED MEETING - NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

1. Call to Order

Mr. Goldstein announced that Ms. Van Doren was unable to attend due to illness.

2. Recognitions:

Claremont Principal Jessica Panfil and teacher Carol Schaedel recognized students who participated in an ExploraVision science competition. Pam McClellan, supervisor of Counseling, congratulated Jefferson, Gunston, and Key School, for receiving Recognized ASCA Model Program Recognitions (RAMP). Counselors from each school described the work done to achieve the recognition, and thanked all who supported their work. Katy Wheelock, Wakefield’s Chair of World Languages was then congratulated for receiving the Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques from the French government.

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.

3. Announcements

MEETINGS:

- April 25, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting – School Board policies, 2 PM, School Board Conference Room
- April 26, 2019 School Board Closed Meeting/Committee of the Whole meeting, 8 AM, School Board Conference Room

School Board Budget Calendar

- May 2, 2019 Budget Work Session #7 if needed
- May 7, 2019 Public Hearing on School Board Proposed 2020 Budget
- May 9, 2019 Board Action Item - School Board's Adopted FY 2020 Budget

Ms. Talento announced that April is National Donate Life Month and confirmed that she will be donating a kidney to her sister. She shared information about organ donation, and encouraged others to consider becoming an organ donor.

4. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy announced upcoming events including Pre-K and elementary lotteries, Summer School Registration, and the status of the 2020 Budget. He also shared progress that has been made and next steps on items in 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. Ms. Putnam updated the Board on the status of the equity and transgender policies and on the development of the Instructional Program Pathways. Dr. Murphy then summarized the status of capital initiatives underway.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (8:03 PM)

Ms. Talento moved to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. O'Grady. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O'Grady, and Ms. Talento voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:

- a. February 21, 2019 School Board Meeting
- b. March 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- c. March 23, 2019 School Board Retreat

2. Personnel Actions:

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

10 Resignations
4 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Resignations
- 1 Retirement

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 1 Resignation
- 3 Retirements

- 3. Amendments to School Board Policy E-3.30 Building and Grounds Management

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:05 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board, thanking them for their efforts to ensure that APS is inclusive, safe and nonthreatening for all students, and encouraging the Board to continue this work by supporting transgender and gender nonconforming students. One speaker encouraged APS to collaborate with the Human Rights Campaign in this work:

Jaim Foster, community member
Susan DuBois, parent
Julie Alexandrin, AGLA member
Robert Rigby, Jr. AGLA member

The following speakers also addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, Teacher, parent and Chair, Arlington Education Association (AEA) compensation committee: Encouraging the Board to continue to work with AEA on compensation, and to ensure that every employee receives a raise.

E. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:18 PM)

1. World Languages Update

Elisabeth Harrington, Supervisor, World Languages, presented the update, summarizing how World Languages instruction aligns with Strategic Plan goals. She reviewed proficiency expectations for language learners in APS, and described how these expectations guide instruction. She also presented assessment data for FLES and immersion students. In addition, she shared information on world languages enrollment and performance for different world languages, and data on credits earned by students through the credit-by-exam option. In closing she presented progress made on recommendations from the last program evaluation.

Board members appreciated the update and discussed staffing challenges, enrollment in less popular languages, and how the blended learning model works. The group also discussed efforts to ensure that students have access to any language, and how world languages are offered in middle school. Also discussed was how American Sign Language instruction differs from other languages. Ms. Harrington also provided information about the status of the FLES program.

2. Safety and Security Update: (8:57 PM)

Zachary Pope, Emergency Manager, presented the update, highlighting connections and collaborations that APS shares with the County Government and with regional and national organizations. He explained that the department is pursuing the Emergency Management Accreditation Program certification. Additional information was shared on additional key performance indicators related to safety and security. After describing the strategy process used to develop project plans, he reviewed 2017-18 efforts as well as progress made in the current school year on safe and secure practices. In closing, he outlined plans for 2019-2020 in areas such as operational planning and procedures, hazard mitigation, specialized instructional space safety, physical security and risk management.

The group discussed how staff is working to address risks without compromising instruction, and how to be respectful of visitors to school facilities while ensuring safety. Also discussed briefly was the recently updated memorandum of understanding between APS and the Arlington County Police Department, and how it relates to ensuring safe and welcoming schools.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:21 PM)

1. Revision of School Board Policy K-2.1 Virginia Freedom of Information Act

Ms. Ashby presented the proposed minor revisions to this policy, which focuses on responding to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ((FOIA). Changes included updating the name of the policy and adding language that ensures compliance with the Code of Virginia. Ms. Ashby also explained that the two policy implementation procedures (PIPs) related to this policy were combined, and additional detail was added to the PIP concerning submitting a FOIA request.

Responding to questions, Ms. Ashby summarized the types and number of FOIA requests that have been received in recent years. Mr. Goldstein confirmed that this item will come back for Board action on May 7.

G. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board