

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting  
June 6, 2019

**Item C-1-b**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 7:05 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Prior to the meeting, some Board members joined the Student Advisory Board at their monthly meeting.

**Present were:**

Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
Monique O’Grady, 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  
Catherine Ashby, Acting Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teaching and Learning  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Brianna Cobbins, Director, Employee Relations

**A. CLOSED MEETING - NONE**

**B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:**

1. Call to Order and Presentation of the Colors

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and announced that Ms. Talento was on medical leave and that Ms. Van Doren was out of town so they were not able to attend the meeting.

2. Recognitions:

Chief Master Sergeant Kim Turner honored the JROTC Unit VA-821 cadets for their leadership, volunteer efforts, academic accomplishments and outstanding participation in various competitions.

Dr. Murphy, Ms. Cobbins and the Board recognized more than 25 employees retiring from APS and presented them with a token of appreciation.

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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.

The Student Advisory Board's Chair, Kyle-David Byrne, and Vice-Chair, Hamna Shafiq, presented their annual report. This school year, the Student Advisory Board worked on increasing representation from all schools and programs, streamlining meetings, improving communication systems, and focusing on issues that directly affect students. Therefore, to better represent a diverse student body, the Student Advisory Board implemented different subcommittees such as transportation, budget, and technology. Each committee met and received feedback from the general student community.

The Board thanked the Student Advisory Board leadership for their hard work and appreciated listening to the student feedback.

3. Announcements

*MEETINGS:*

- June 11, 2019 Work Session on PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways, 7 PM, Board Rm.
- June 12, 2019 Closed Meeting, 6:30 PM, School Board Conference Rm.
- June 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole, 8 AM, School Board Conference Rm.

Dr. Kanninen announced that June 7, 2019 was National Gun Violence Awareness Day and invited the community to a rally organized by Moms Demand Action to honor victims and survivors of guns violence. She spoke about the importance of gun safety programs and her commitment to help improve gun safety laws.

4. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy announced upcoming events and important dates such as Summer School registration, and end-of-year graduations and celebrations. He provided an update on staffing and employee placements.

Dr. Murphy also shared information about the progress made and next steps on items in the 2018-19 School Board Action Plan, specifically in the areas of new policies and policy revisions, operational planning, new schools and program moves, and capital initiatives.

C. **CONSENT AGENDA:** (8:04 PM)

*Dr. Kanninen moved for adoption of the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. O'Grady. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3– 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, and Ms. O'Grady voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:*

1. Minutes:
  - a. May 28, 2019 Closed Meeting
2. Personnel Actions:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 2 Resignations
- 2 Retirements

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Appointments
- 17 Resignations
- 3 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 6 Resignations
- 2 Retirements

- 3. Appointments to the Budget Advisory Council
- 4. Appointments to the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs
- 5. Appointments to the Advisory Council on Instruction
- 6. Arlington County School Board Retiree Welfare Benefit Trust (OPEB Trust) Transfer
- 7. MOVED TO ACTION ITEM 2
- 8. First Amendment to Deed of Lease for Westover Library
- 9. Construction MOU for Westover Library and New Elementary School at Reed
- 10. Revisions to Policy I-11.6.30 Graduation, Promotion, Retention
- 11. Revisions to School Board Policy E-7.1.1 Use of Copyrighted Resources
- 12. Solar Photovoltaic Rooftop Systems Power Purchase Agreements (PPA)  
Delegation of Authority for Superintendent to Approve Lease Assignment

Mr. Goldstein announced that as part of consent the School Board made the following appointments for the 2019-20 school year: Budget Advisory Council: Lisa Blackwell, Wei Chien, Katherine Christensen and Erik Sullivan; Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs: Charles Goyette, Sally Hoekstra, Scott Milam and Alex Seleznyov; Advisory Council on Instruction: Rebecca Hunter, Co-Chair; and Ryoko Reed, Laura LoGerfo, Nina Nichols, Natalie Goldring and Kevin Dezuflian as Vice Chairs.

Mr. Goldstein thanked Dr. Natrass for her contributions to APS during her tenure as Assistant Superintendent and wished her well on her future endeavors.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:22 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board, expressing support for the Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Student Policy Implementation Procedures:

*MeiLi Haan*, Wakefield High School student  
*Lee Matthews*, Wakefield High School student  
*Grace Lehman*, student  
*Robert Rigby, Jr.*, community member  
*Lorelei Brown*, parent  
*Brad Lehman*, parent  
*Deborah Waldron*, Yorktown High School teacher  
*Barbara Martinez*, Campbell Elementary School parent  
*Liz Matthews*, parent  
*Amber Beakler for Juliet Hiznay*, attorney and counselor at law

The following speakers addressed the Board, sharing concerns related to the Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Student Policy Implementation Procedures:

*David Henshaw*, parent  
*Christine Koach*, Swanson Middle School parent  
*Caroline Dana*, parent  
*Danny Crouch*, Claremont Elementary School parent  
*Maria Keffler*, parent  
*Anne Quinn*, parent  
*Randy Burkholder*, community member  
*César Antezana*, Kenmore Middle School parent  
*Norma Zarrate*, parent

The following speakers addressed the Board, sharing concerns regarding the renaming of Washington-Lee High School:

*Dean Fleming*, Vice-President, Washington-Lee Alumni Association  
*Mary Evans*, Washington-Lee High School alumni  
*Kathy Mirro*, Washington-Lee High School alumn

The following speakers addressed the Board, sharing concerns regarding Oakridge Elementary School administration:

*Tina Oxendine*, APS staff member  
*Ron Oxendine*, community member

**E. MONITORING: (9:07 PM)**

1. Stratford Program Renaming

Dr. Karen Gerry, Principal, reviewed the Policy Implementation Procedure (PIP) F-6.1 PIP-2 and the Stratford Program renaming process. She presented the

committee's recommendation that the Stratford Program be renamed the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Program.

The Board thanked the committee for their work and clarified that the name change would be effective July 1, 2019.

2. Annual Report of the Advisory Council on Instruction (ACI)

Co-Chairs Dana Milburn and Meredith Purple presented a brief overview of the work ACI accomplished during the school year. Some highlights include improving working relationships with advisory councils and CCPTA, the addition of Vice Chair to help coordinate ACI's work on the Budget, voting members evaluated recommendations with use of a rubric and separate ranking process, and improving school representatives and ACI communications. The ACI also provided the Board with recommending reports from five different committees and four reports from non-recommending committees. Dr. Natrass updated the Board on the status of ACI recommendations for the 2018-19 school year.

The Board thanked Ms. Milburn and Ms. Purple for their leadership.

3. Special Education Update

Mr. Paul Jamelske updated the Board on Special Education, alignment of services and staff work to the APS Strategic Plan specifically related to Performance Objectives #3 and #5, and demographics. Dr. Natrass spoke about areas of focus to improve communication, and professional development, and shared a timeline of the program evaluation.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Wendy Pizer*, Chair, Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC): expressed ASEAC's support and commitment to working with the Board, staff and community to improve Special Education at APS.

The Board discussed the process of interventions, professional training opportunities, and requested clarification on demographics identifying students that require services.

4. Internal Audit Annual Report

Mr. John Mickevics, Internal Audit Director, presented his annual report. It included highlights on recommendations for comparison of new construction costs, review of activity fees findings, financial controls in place at schools and in the Design & Construction Office, the payroll process and employee access, and Montessori billing and collection.

5. FY 2019 3rd Quarter Fiscal Monitoring Report

Ms. Peterson presented the FY 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Monitoring Report, stating that as of March 31, 2019, \$1.9 million was available from Operations, and she provided an overview of the Major Construction and Minor Construction/Major Maintenance funds.

The Board briefly discussed Major Construction projects.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (11:00 PM)**

1. Washington-Lee Renaming Costs

Ms. Peterson recommended the use of \$224,360 from Future Budget Years Reserve to cover the cost of the renaming of Washington-Lee High School.

The following speakers addressed the Board, sharing financial concerns regarding the renaming of Washington-Lee High School:

*Dean Fleming, Vice-President, Washington-Lee Alumni Association*  
*Charles Gerlach, community member*

The Board discussed allocation of funds to update signage, uniforms and other costs related to the renaming of the school.

*Ms. O’Grady moved that the Board approve the allocation of \$224,360 from the Future Budget Years Reserve for the Washington-Lee renaming, seconded by Dr. Kanninen, and the motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, and Ms. O’Grady voting affirmatively.*

2. Contract Award for Arlington Tech Summer 2019 Construction

Mr. Chadwick recommended that the Board authorize staff to award multiple tasks to 2 construction companies and approve the project budget as proposed in Table A.

Dr. Kanninen requested additional information on the two construction companies and their recent work.

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board authorize staff to award multiple tasks to two construction companies for the Arlington Tech Summer 2019 Construction, with an amount to each company not exceeding \$500,000, and a cumulative total not exceeding \$1,000,000; and further moved that the Board approve the project budget as proposed in Table A and authorize staff to encumber funds as necessary to meet the project schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Grady, and the motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, and Ms. O’Grady voting affirmatively.*

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (11:15 PM)**

1. Deed of Temporary Easement at Campbell Elementary School

Mr. Chadwick recommended to grant Arlington County a temporary easement for repair and reconstruction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks at Campbell Elementary School. He stated that the County plans to perform construction in July and August 2019.

The Board commended the collaboration between APS and Arlington County to improve pedestrian safety and discussed sidewalk locations affected.

2. Adoption of Charge for Career Center Expansion Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC)

Mr. Chadwick presented the Career Center Expansion BLPC proposed charge that will be used to provide feedback to Facilities & Operations and advise the School Board on the use of the Career Center site and instructional focus future. He presented the different stakeholder groups that will compose the committee, and process timeline. The BLPC will begin meeting in September 2019.

The Board discussed possible instructional options, BLPC membership, concerns about construction while students use the building, contracted services, and design options to best accommodate capacity.

3. Architecture/Engineering Team Fee for Career Center Expansion Concept Design Phase

Mr. Chadwick requested the approval for a new purchase order for \$582,864.80 to Stantec for concept phase design services and to use funding available for purchases related to project planning.

4. REMOVED FROM AGENDA

5. Verizon Premises Access License at Fleet Elementary School

Mr. Chadwick recommended that the School Board Chair sign the Premises Access License agreement with Verizon for Fleet Elementary School to give telecommunications access to Verizon, the service provider, to install, test, inspect and maintain the equipment.

**H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Deputy  
Arlington School Board

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Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Arlington School Board