

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
July 25, 2019

Item C-1-h

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 5:35 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Tannia Talento, Chair
Monique O’Grady, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member (participated via telephone call from Arlington, VA)
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order and announced that Mr. Goldstein was not able to attend due to illness. He participated in the Closed Meeting from his home via telephone.

Ms. Talento moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of Assistant Principal, Alice West Fleet Elementary School, Assistant Principal, Randolph Elementary School, Director of Finance, and Director, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and to discuss the interim superintendent position as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Dr. Kanninen was not present during vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM, and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Ms. Talento moved to certify that to the best of her knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Grady and was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. O’Grady – Aye; Ms. Talento – Aye; and Ms. Van Doren – Aye.

Ms. Talento called for a recess and the Board reconvened at 7:02 PM.

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.

Also present were:

Catherine Ashby, Interim Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Tyronne Byrd, Director of Secondary Education, Teaching and Learning
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order and announced that Mr. Goldstein was not able to attend due to illness.

2. Announcements

MEETINGS:

- July 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8:30 AM, School Board Conference Room

Ms. Talento provided an update on the superintendent search timeline. She reiterated the School Board's focus on hiring an interim superintendent by September 1 for the 2019-20 school year, while working with an outside firm to conduct a national search for a permanent superintendent. Once the firm is in place, the process will take several months and will include input from staff, families and the community. APS will share a timeline and updates on the search process on the Engage with APS! webpage by the first of August.

Ms. Talento informed families that APS is partnering with Arlington County on the 2020 Census and that Dr. Kanninen will serve as the School Board liaison. She assured families that their information is confidential, individuals will not be required to answer questions about their immigration status, and she encouraged participation from the community.

3. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy announced upcoming events such as the Traveling Trolley, the engagement timeline for the Census 2020, and key back-to-school dates, and invited the community to the Arlington County Fair from August 14 to 18. He briefly spoke about Summer School.

Dr. Murphy also shared progress made and next steps on items in the 2018-19 School Board Action Plan, specifically in the areas of operational planning, new schools and program moves, and capital initiatives. In addition, Mr. Chadwick provided a brief overview on the progress of new schools and renovations.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:20 PM)

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

1. Minutes:
 - a. April 23, 2019 School Board Meeting
 - b. April 26, 2019 Closed Meeting and Committee of the Whole
 - c. May 9, 2019 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
 - d. May 14, 2019 Policy Subcommittee Meeting
 - e. May 29, 2019 Work Session on 1:1 Digital Device Model
 - f. June 23, 2019 Closed Meeting
 - g. June 25, 2019 Closed Meeting
 - h. June 26, 2019 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel Actions:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

2 Appointments
7 Changes In Position/Salary
1 Resignation
1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

34 Appointments
1 Change In Position/Salary
10 Resignations
1 Rescind Resignation

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

3 Appointments
10 Resignations

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

8 Appointments
4 Changes In Position/Salary
2 Resignations

3. First Amendment to Westover Open Market License Agreement

Ms. Talento announced that as part of consent, the Board approved the First Amendment to the Westover Open Market License Agreement which allows for the farmers market to operate at Reed on Sundays.

In addition, Ms. Talento announced the following appointments:

Alyson Weissberg, Assistant Principal at Alice West Fleet Elementary School, Jennifer Denino, Assistant Principal at Randolph Elementary School, Terri Carson, Director of Finance, and Wendy Pilch, Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:27 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Muddasar Abbas, Ezmerina Bali, and Yoselyn Vasquez, students, Langston High School Continuation Program: request for foreign language courses at Langston

E. INFORMATION ITEMS: (7:37 PM)

1. Arlington Community High School Alternative Accreditation Application

Principal Dr. Barbara Thompson reviewed the alternative accreditation application for the Arlington Community High School which addresses all Virginia State Standards of Accreditation and alternative accreditation expectations in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Education.

2. Revisions to School Board Policy J-6.8.1 Student Safety – Bullying/Harassment Prevention

Dr. Jeannette Allen, Director, Administrative Services, presented the proposed changes and adjustments to Policy J-6.8.1 that was last updated in September 2017. The updates include changing words to provide clarity, defining appeals and disciplinary actions, data collection, and sharing changes with various stakeholder groups to receive input.

The Board discussed disciplinary actions, maintaining consistency of providing the Board with monitoring updates, an appeal process for families to the Board, and additional community engagement.

3. Randolph Modernization Project Change to Construction Contract

Mr. Chadwick recommended an individual change order with the maximum increase of \$195,000 to the Randolph construction contract for the Randolph HVAC, electrical, and lighting modernization required to comply with current safety standards. The change in funding has no impact on the approved funding as it will be funded through project contingency.

F. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board