

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Special School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting  
July 30, 2019

**Item C-1-b**

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 6:07 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

**Present were:**

Tannia Talento, Chair  
Monique O’Grady, Vice Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
Nancy Van Doren, Member

**Also present was:**

John Cafferky, Attorney (by phone)

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING**

*Ms. Talento moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of the interim Superintendent, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. 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 closed meeting adjourned at 6:23 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. Van Doren 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 brief recess. The Board reconvened in an open meeting at 6:33 PM.

**B. CALL TO ORDER**

**Also present were:**

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent  
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services  
Catherine Ashby, Interim 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  
Tyrone Byrd, Supervisor, Secondary Education

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order.

**C. ACTION ITEM:**

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board approve the appointment of Cintia Johnson as Interim Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools, effective September 1, 2019 and that the Board enter into a contract which will allow Ms. Johnson to prepare for transition to that role, effective August 1, 2019. She further moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute a contract on behalf of the Board, in an approved form, seconded by Ms. Van Doren. 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.*

Dr. Kanninen congratulated Ms. Johnson, recognizing her wealth of experience in APS and expressing confidence in her abilities. Ms. Van Doren stated that Ms. Johnson was the right person in the right place and at the right time, and appreciated her willingness to take on this challenge. She also acknowledged the sense of family that Ms. Johnson embodies. Mr. Goldstein and Ms. O'Grady both shared stories of first meeting Ms. Johnson, and spoke to her experience in education and her strong leadership skills. Recognizing her strengths and talents, Ms. O'Grady also noted that Ms. Johnson is the first woman, the first person of color, and the first native Spanish speaker to lead APS. All Board members looked forward to working with her in the coming year.

With honor and pleasure, Ms. Talento confirmed that the Board was proud to appoint Ms. Johnson as Interim Superintendent. She recognized Ms. Johnson's experience, strong work ethic, and her dedication to Arlington Public Schools and our students and their success.. She noted that Ms. Johnson is familiar with APS priorities, and has the trust and respect of her colleagues and our staff. She thanked Ms. Johnson for accepting this position and reaffirmed that she is the right person for this position and the right person to lead APS in the coming year. Dr. Murphy also congratulated Ms. Johnson, confirmed he will be available to assist her in any way, and stated his confidence that she will do a great job as Interim Superintendent.

Ms. Johnson thanked the Board for placing their trust in her, and appreciated her colleagues and her family's support. She recognized that APS is a great school division because of the outstanding community who work together to provide the best possible education for all students. She looked forward to taking on this new role and continuing the work of APS as Interim Superintendent. She again thanked her family, friends and the community for their support. She also thanked Dr. Murphy for his leadership and all he contributed to APS, and acknowledged the Executive Leadership Team and all staff for their commitment. Looking forward to the coming year, she reaffirmed the most important work done in APS is for the benefit of all students.

Ms. Talento thanked the audience, the Executive Leadership Team, and all present for their support and for being present at this special meeting.

**D. CLOSED MEETING: (6:51 PM)**

**Also present was:**

Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

*Ms. Talento moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to discuss the assignment of a specific public employee, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. 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 closed meeting adjourned at 8:30 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. Van Doren 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.*

**D. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Tannia Talento, Chair  
Arlington School Board