

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Closed Meeting and Work Session
March 31, 2016

Item D-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 7:02 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair
Nancy Van Doren, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
Barbara Kanninen, Member
James Lander, Member (arr. 7:05 PM)
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Greg Gibson, Consultant

A. WORK SESSION

Mr. Gibson provided a brief overview of his experience with structure and organizational analysis. Board members confirmed they were supportive of exploring a process to help prepare for the anticipated growth in Arlington Public Schools in the next several years. This process will encompass several factors, including the growing enrollment, changes needed to respond to new laws, and expanding the types of programs offered to students. Mr. Gibson suggested that this process examine the topics such as span of control, alignment of functions, the organizational structure, and the use of the Superintendent's time, both internally and externally. Dr. Murphy noted the importance of this work aligning with the primary goal of APS which is instruction.

The group acknowledged that this planning process is at the concept stage, and shared some thoughts on information that would help guide the Board's consideration of how to proceed. Board members were interested in seeing how other high performing systems operate, including how Boards function, to help inform this discussion. The group also recognized that some aspects of the work ahead are more urgent and will need to be addressed first. Dr. Murphy summarized the discussion as an opportunity to begin this conversation, and it was agreed that Mr. Gibson will develop some options for next steps to be shared with the Board for consideration.

B. CONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Violand-Sánchez moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider recipients of the Honored Citizen awards, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(10), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively, and the Board convened in a closed meeting. Mr. Lander was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

C. CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Violand-Sánchez 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, seconded by Mr. Goldstein and adopted in a vote of 5–0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Mr. Lander – Aye; Ms. Van Doren – Aye; and Dr. Violand-Sánchez – Aye.

D. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair
Arlington School Board