

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Closed Meeting and Capital Improvement Plan Work Session #1
May 10, 2016

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7 PM at 1426 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Nancy Van Doren, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
Dr. Barbara Kanninen, Member (arrived at 7:03 PM)
James Lander, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider personnel appointments of Assistant Principal, Barrett Elementary School; Assistant Principal, Williamsburg Middle School; and Director of Transportation, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Lander voting affirmatively, and the Board convened in a closed meeting. Dr. Violand-Sánchez was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting at 7:30 PM.

Ms. Van Doren 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 Mr. Lander and was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Mr. Lander – Aye and Ms. Van Doren.

B. BOARD MEETING OPENING

Also present were:

Deirdra McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Finance & Management Services
Connie Skelton, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Dr. Brenda Wilks, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Benjamin Burgin, Assistant Director, Design & Construction

Zachary Larnard, Planner, Facilities & Operations
James Meikle, Director, Maintenance Services
Leslie Peterson, Budget Director
Meg Tuccillo, Facilities & Operations
Lionel White, Director, Facilities Planning

Advisory Council of School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)

Ms. Kelly King, Chair and
Mr. Miles Mason, Vice Chair

C. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. The following items were approved as a part of consent:

1. Personnel Actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

3 Appointments

D. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORK SESSION #1

Overview

Mr. Chadwick introduced the Facilities & Operation staff, who attended to help present information to the School Board. Ms. Peterson explained funding information estimated to cover projects for the next ten years.

High School Review

Several topics related to high school capacity were discussed. The Board expressed their concerns regarding the Arlington Tech Program. The Board requested equal representation from middle schools and proposed to develop a policy. Responding to the Board, Mr. Chadwick commented on the capacity of the Career Center, explaining that it is difficult to compare the Career Center to other high schools as it is used in an unconventional manner and it lacks common spaces such as a library, cafeteria and assembly space. The Board also discussed capacity at Washington-Lee High School and increasing parking options. In addition, they discussed occupancy options for the Education Center and different implications in relocating central office staff to a different location.

Elementary School Review

Next, the Board discussed the possibility of an elementary school at Reed. They discussed implications in accelerating renovations and briefly considered programs options for this location. Mr. Lander noted this process would need further direction from the Board.

Middle Schools

The Board discussed proposed renovations at Williamsburg Middle School and capacity concerns at Gunston Middle School. Dr. Violand-Sánchez expressed that during her visit to the Gunston's PTA meeting, many parents shared their concern about capacity for the next school year and encouraged staff to work with Arlington County to use County facilities.

Future CIPs

Mr. Chadwick addressed the cost of modular units and exploring how other districts are implementing modular units and/or hybrid structures. The Board and staff also discussed collaborating with Arlington County and assessing land space. In addition, the Board briefly spoke about different scheduling and instructional models that may help alleviate crowding in the schools.

Advisory Council of School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)

Ms. King presented the FAC's recommendations to relief crowding at the schools, concentrating on the high school level. The FAC recommended the Board analyze student enrollment projection data to strategically help overcrowding at the schools by 2021. The FAC also recommended the Board engage the community in discussions about capacity and receive input from the various neighborhoods. Dr. Kanninen appreciated the capacity timeline provided by the FAC and suggested the Board take a look at the timeline in terms of financial impact. The Board discussed program options, program location changes and boundary changes. Ms. Van Doren thanked Ms. King for the FAC recommendations.

Financial Analysis

The Board discussed financial implications based on different scenarios including moving the Education Center staff to the Syphax Center, use of capital reserves and joint funding. They also discussed how renovations and relocations affect the overall budget.

The meeting adjourned 10:01 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Dr. Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair
Arlington School Board