

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
December 5, 2019

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 7:07 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

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

Also present were:

A. CLOSED MEETING: NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

Also present were:

Cintia Johnson, Interim Superintendent
Dan Redding, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Catherine Ashby, Interim Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Tyrone Byrd, Director, Secondary Education
Wendy Pilch, Director, Early Childhood and Elementary Education
Zac Pope, Emergency Manager, Administrative Services

1. Call to Order and Presentation of the Colors
2. Recognition

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Paul Ferguson, swore in Reid Goldstein to his second term as a School Board member.

Ms. Carolyn Jackson, Supervisor, Office of Equity and Excellence, introduced the APS student representatives that attended the Minority Student Achievement Network Conference who eloquently shared their experience with the Board. The students were Stephanie Achugamonu, Wakefield High School, Janaita Brown,

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.

Washington-Liberty High School, Jaquelin Duran Batres, Yorktown High School, Jose Galvan Galvez, Arlington Career Center, Abel Geleta, Washington-Liberty High School, Jacob Harrison, Arlington Career Center, Darius Khani, Yorktown High School, and Fatima Saleem, H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program.

3. Announcements

- *December 9, 2019 Legislative Breakfast, 8 AM, Rooms 254-256-258*
- *December 10, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 1 PM, Board Conference Room*
- *December 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 5 PM, and Closed Meeting, 7 PM, Board Conference Room*
- *December 17, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 2 PM, Board Conference Room*
- *December 17, 2019 Closed Meeting, 5 PM, Board Conference Room*

Mr. Goldstein shared that Kenmore Middle School donated food items in partnership with the Arlington County Police Department to Arlington community members for the 10th year in a row. Ms. O’Grady announced that Dr. Kanninen was elected the Virginia School Boards Association Northeast Regional Chair for a two-year term.

Ms. Talento provided an update on the superintendent search process announcing that BWP & Associates was selected to assist in the national search for a permanent superintendent. She shared that BWP & Associates would conduct community engagement and gather stakeholder input to help develop a profile for the position.

4. Interim Superintendent’s Announcements and Updates

Ms. Johnson encouraged student participation in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2020 Literary & Visual Arts Contest and she spoke about important upcoming dates.

Ms. Johnson spoke about the 2019-2020 School Board Action Plan and shared the status of the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer vacancy, community engagement on the elementary school planning for 2021, and the timeline for the FY 2021 Budget and FY 2021-30 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:57 PM)

Ms. Van Doren moved to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. 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 following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:

- a. November 6, 2019 Employee Work Session
- b. ~~November 6, 2019 Work Session on CIP Planning~~ REMOVED FROM AGENDA
- c. November 7, 2019 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
- d. November 13, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
- e. November 14, 2019 School Board Closed Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel Actions:

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Appointments
- 4 Resignations

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 1 Resignation

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 5 Appointments
- 3 Changes In Position/Salary
- 2 Resignations
- 1 Retirement

3. Extended Day Brief

Ms. O’Grady announced that as part of consent, the Board received the Extended Day Brief that includes information about the lottery process and potential ways to expand program.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:59 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Chloe Leitman-Morales, Arlington Traditional Elementary School, student: opposing moving ATS to another location

James Graham, Arlington Traditional Elementary School, student: opposing moving ATS to another location

Sherrice Kerns, NAACP Education Committee: sharing concerns related with the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer hiring process

Jason Ramboz, Arlington Traditional Elementary School, parent: opposing moving ATS to another location

Symone Walker, NAACP Education Committee: stating concerns related with the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer hiring process

Allison Jiminez, Key Elementary School parent: opposing moving Key to another location

Rebecca Hunter, Arlington Tech parent: sharing concerns about program services

E. MONITORING ITEM: (8:16 PM)

1. School and Community Relations Update

Ms. Ashby presented an overview of the School and Community Relations Department that included an organizational chart, department goals, summary of core services, and some areas of focus moving forward. She also shared how the department aligns with the APS Strategic Plan and performance objectives.

The Board discussed the new Partnership Coordinator position and its collaboration with School & Community Relations, better connecting partnership opportunities to schools, the volunteer application process, community engagement surveys, the PR liaisons and ambassadors program, and the FACE Program. The Board expressed their appreciation for the School and Community Relations staff and their commendable communications efforts on behalf of APS.

F. ACTION ITEMS: (9:02 PM)

1. Retirement of Select School Board Policies

Zachary Pope, Emergency Manager, proposed that the Board retire School Board Policies E-2 Emergency and Disaster Planning, E-2.1 School Safety Audits and Security, E-2.2 Threat Assessment Team, and I-10.31 Counseling Crisis Management, as the content from these policies was moved to School Board Policy E-3.31 and associated Policy Implementation Procedures (PIPs).

Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board retire School Board Policies E-2 Emergency and Disaster Planning, E-2.1 School Safety Audits and Security, E-2.2 Threat Assessment Team, and I-10.31 Counseling Crisis Management seconded by Ms. O’Grady.

Ms. Van Doren moved to table the motion seconded by Mr. Goldstein.

Ms. Talento shared her concerns on retiring School Board Policies E-2.2 Threat Assessment Team and I-10.31 Counseling Crisis Management as E-2.2 is required by state code as per the General Assembly and I-10.31 does not include counseling support. Ms. Van Doren echoed Ms. Talento’s concerns and requested additional time to discuss these policies. Dr. Kanninen requested assistance from legal counsel to address concerns.

Ms. Talento called for a vote to table the motion, and it was adopted by a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

2. Middle and High School Program of Studies: (9:10 PM)

Ms. Talento announced that in compliance with policy, this item was being considered for action again as the vote at the November 19, 2019 School Board meeting resulted in a tie due to the absence of one Board member.

As requested by the Board, Mr. Byrd reviewed demographic information for students enrolled in the Storytelling course, clarified details about the Algebra One/Geometry Combined Block course offered at Arlington Tech, reviewed new language added to the introduction of the curricular area and alternative course section of the Program of Studies, and shared budgetary considerations.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Rebecca Hunter, Arlington Tech parent: stating concerns about the Algebra course requirement and other course options.

Alisa Cowen, Arlington Career Center, Parent Advisory Committee: requesting additional resources and guidance for Arlington Tech.

The Board conversed about online options and associated costs, demographics of students enrolled in Storytelling, and alternative course options. Board members requested an in-depth discussion on the Arlington Tech multiple pathway program.

Ms. O'Grady moved that the Board approve the changes to the Middle and High School Program of Studies as presented at this meeting and as listed in the documents accompanying the presentation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanninen.

Ms. Van Doren and Mr. Goldstein suggested conducting a work session on the Program of Studies. In addition, the Board discussed staffing and budgetary concerns.

Ms. Talento then called for a vote on the motion and it was adopted in a vote of 4 – 1, with Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively and Mr. Goldstein opposing.

3. FY 2021-2030 Capital Improvement Plan Direction: (9:56 PM)

Mr. Chadwick summarized the Direction for FY 2021-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and shared that citing specific dates was removed from the elementary school's direction and two additional design studies were added.

The Board discussed information related to the design studies.

Mr. Goldstein moved that the Board approve the FY 2021-2030 Capital Improvement Plan Direction, 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.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:59 PM)

1. Dorothy Hamm Middle School Change to Construction Manager Advisor Contract

Mr. Chadwick recommended a change value of \$162,733 to the Construction Manager Advisor (CMA) services contract. The change order is required due to the schedule extension. The change is incorporated within the current funding approved by the School Board so no increase in funding is necessary.

2. Annual Summer School Report and Fees:

Mr. Byrd and Ms. Pilch summarized information on the 2019 summer school programs including course offerings, student performance, and related expenditures. They also presented the proposed changes to the 2020 elementary programs and fees.

The Board discussed exploring savings, collaborating with Arlington County Parks and Recreation, improving communication, and central office summer school staffing.

The following Information Items were removed from the agenda:

3. Revisions to School Board Policy I-1.35 Resources
4. Revisions to School Board Policy I-9.1 Selection of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials
5. Revisions to School Board Policy M-10 Planetarium
6. Revisions to School Board Policy J-8.3.1 School Health Services

F. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board