

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Item C-1-a**

School Board Public Hearing on the School Board’s Proposed 2021 Budget  
May 5, 2020

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 7:16 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

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

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order and announced that meeting was being held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams. However, the School Board Room was open to the public with social distancing requirements and set-up with Ms. Talento chairing the meeting on site to allow for in-person public comment during the public hearing.

Ms. Talento reviewed the budget calendar and speaker guidelines. She also summarized the budget comments the School Board received via email and voicemail to be included in the public record. Each Board member took the opportunity to share their gratitude for the work staff completed to help the Board prepare their proposed budget and recognized a challenging economic season due to the pandemic.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

*Cynthia Hilton*, Chair, Aquatics Committee: funding of Arlington pools

*Brooke Jones*, Teacher, Glebe Elementary School: concerns to cuts to the Exemplary Project

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Tannia Talento, Chair  
Arlington School Board

<sup>1</sup> 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.