

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Item C-1-**

Work Session #1 on the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan and  
Public Hearing on the Interim Superintendent's Proposed FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan  
May 27, 2020

The Arlington School Board convened on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 5:03 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

**Present were:**

Tannia Talento, Chair  
Monique O'Grady, Vice Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
Nancy Van Doren, Member  
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Cintia Johnson, Interim Superintendent  
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services  
Dr. Jeannette Allen, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Catherine Ashby, Interim Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Bridget Loft, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Dan Redding, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Arron Gregory, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Robert Ruiz, Planner, Planning and Evaluation  
Kris Martini, Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education  
James Meikle, Director, Maintenance  
Jeffrey Chambers, Director, Design and Construction  
Michael DePalma, Planner, Facilities and Operations

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency. Ms. Talento and Ms. Johnson welcomed participants and led introductions.

After reviewing the meeting agenda, Ms. Johnson introduced Ms. Peterson who provided an overview of the uncertain budget situation that has impacted the normal 10-year capital planning process. She confirmed that APS will approve a short-term CIP for FY 2021 and next spring will do a mid-term CIP for 3-6 years. She acknowledged how the pandemic has affected revenue and will also impact construction costs, which complicate the development of the CIP.

Ms. Stengle then shared background information that staff has used to prepare for the CIP recommendations being presented. Mr. Chadwick outlined projects included in the current CIP,

including completing the new elementary school at the Reed site, completion of high school projects underway, the Career Center Expansion project. He shared adjustments planned to ensure the completion of the Reed project and a delay in completion of the Education Center project. He shared an update on the status of the Reed project. He also explained how plans have been adjusted for the Education Center project. He noted that reconfiguration of the Career Center/Arlington Tech project and the revised schedule for planning and design for middle school and high school seats will be presented at the May 28 CIP work session.

Mr. Chadwick then outlined the refresh projects at Arlington Traditional, Key and McKinley facilities. Ms. Peterson spoke to the kitchen renovation and expansion projects that are planned for these three facilities. Mr. Chadwick then spoke to the work needed to complete The Heights Building related to accessible parking and a synthetic turf field, and to the transportation staff facility project. He also described maintenance funding included in the CIP to maintain current buildings. The next tier of CIP priorities that are being carefully considered include construction of middle school and high school seats, security entrances at several schools, additional kitchen renovations, and other possible projects including bus parking, turf fields and possibly moving Facilities and operations shops. Major infrastructure funds for these projects.

Ms. Stengle then summarized work that will be done to develop the medium-term CIP for 3-6 years. Ms. Peterson reviewed bond and other funding for each of the projects in the Interim Superintendent's proposed FY 2021 CIP. She also explained the debt service ratio of 9.8% and why that figure has been chosen to limit debt capacity. She also explained how the proposed projects would fit in a 10-year CIP funding model. In closing, Ms. Stengle reviewed next steps in the CIP process.

Ms. Talento summarized work that has been done to date to prepare for this CIP then turned to Board members for questions. Staff provided information about the work needed at The Heights, the bigger picture of projections, unknown factors, and the value of creating fall-back plans. Also discussed impact of changes on high school enrollment and the funding for the refresh projects. Also discussed whether funds can be used for projects other than the ones included in a CIP. Ms. Van Doren spoke to the need to vote on changes to the projects, should that occur. Some bd members noted to concerns about using too much of reserves on smaller projects then running out of funds for adding seats. Board members encouraged looking creatively, focusing on instruction/providing seats. Other topics briefly touched was what would happen if no bond sales occur,

In closing, Ms. Stengle reviewed the CIP question process for the Board and how the responses will be shared with the Board and community. The Board recognized the short time frame for the three CIP work sessions, and appreciated staff for their work.

The work session adjourned at 7:19 PM. Ms. Talento called for a brief recess, and the Board reconvened in the Public Hearing on the Interim Superintendent's Proposed FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan at 7:25 PM.

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Nancy Van Doren, Member

Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency. Ms. Talento then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) development process and speaker guidelines, Ms. Talento announced that there were no speakers at the meeting.

Ms. Talento then reviewed public comment received in writing concerning the CIP. She then reviewed the next steps in the CIP process and thanked the community members for their feedback and thanked staff for their work.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Tannia Talento, Chair  
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