

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Budget Work Session #1  
February 27, 2020

**Item C-1-c**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 7:45 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

**Present were:**

Tannia Talento, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
Monique O’Grady, Vice Chair  
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  
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

After confirming that the Proposed FY 2021 Budget document will be available in the next few days, Ms. Peterson reviewed the process for submission and responded to Board budget questions. She also provided a summary of the proposed budget, outlining how revenues and expenditures are calculated. This included looking at baseline adjustments, use of reserves, and new investments for such items as enrollment growth, compensation, continuing and new initiatives, and additional requests. She then reviewed proposed reductions and efficiencies in the budget to help address the anticipated budget deficit.

Ms. Peterson then responded to questions on the costs of continuing initiatives and provided information on changes to the budget forecast. The Board discussed working with the County Board on how to address the budget deficit. Topics related to eliminating FLES were discussed, including if it will affect instructional time and how the staff will be reallocated. Ms. Peterson described how excess staffing is managed if enrollment does not grow as anticipated, and the group acknowledged that the proposed budget includes a small increase in Board salaries. In closing, Ms. Peterson reviewed the budget calendar and the Board thanked the staff for their work.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Tannia Talento, Chair  
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