

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Item C-1-c**

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 emergency. Ms. Talento 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 adopt a short-term Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2021 in June, and in the spring of 2021, will develop a mid-term CIP for 3-6 years, coordinating with the County's CIP schedule. She acknowledged how the pandemic has affected revenue and confirmed it will likely impact construction costs, which will complicate development of the future CIPs.

Ms. Stengle shared background information staff used to prepare the CIP recommendations being presented. Mr. Chadwick outlined projects in the proposed 2021 CIP, including completion of the new elementary school at the Reed site, completion of high school projects underway, work at the Career Center, refresh of elementary buildings, completion of The Heights building, and additional

work. After reviewing 2019-28 CIP funding, he shared proposed adjustments to ensure the completion of the Reed project and a recommended delay of the Education Center project. He also described other projects underway, and noted that reconfiguration of the Career Center/Arlington Tech project and a revised schedule for planning for secondary seats will be presented at the May 28 CIP work session.

Mr. Chadwick then outlined projects in the proposed 2021 CIP, including the refresh projects at Arlington Traditional, Key and McKinley. Ms. Peterson explained the kitchen renovations planned for these three facilities. Mr. Chadwick then described work needed at The Heights Building for parking and a playing field, and for the transportation staff facility project. He also described funding included in the CIP for infrastructure maintenance. The next tier of CIP priorities being considered includes construction of secondary seats, security entrances at schools, additional kitchen renovations, bus parking, turf fields, and moving the Facilities and Operations shops.

After Ms. Stengle summarized work underway to prepare the 3-6 year CIP, 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%, why that figure has been chosen as the limit for debt capacity, and she outlined how the proposed projects would fit in a 10-year CIP funding model. She also shared a chart demonstrating the impact of COVID-19 on the 10-year CIP. In closing, Ms. Stengle reviewed next steps in the CIP process.

Staff then responded to questions, providing additional information about parking at The Heights, information from the County on long-term projections, and how to create back-up plans if funding or costs change. The group discussed the impact of changes to capital plans for high school seats and how APS will look at adapting plans if projects are postponed. Ms. Peterson provided clarity on funding for the refresh projects, and how bond funding breaks down over the next ten years. Staff also confirmed that bond funds can be used for projects other than those listed in the CIP and the group briefly discussed possible alternative uses for bond funding. There was some concern about the proposed use of reserves, and the Board encouraged looking at projects creatively and making decisions based on instructional priorities. Staff also responded to questions on possible adjustments to the projects in the CIP, the major infrastructure projects, and the kitchen refresh projects.

In closing, Ms. Stengle reviewed the CIP question process and how responses will be shared with the Board and community. The Board recognized the short time frame for the CIP work sessions, and appreciated staff for their work. The work session adjourned at 7:19 PM, and Ms. Talento called for a brief recess.

#### Public Hearing on the Interim Superintendent's Proposed FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan

**Present were:**

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

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and announced that the meeting was being held electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency. However, the School Board room was open to the public with social distancing requirements and set-up with Ms. Talento chairing the meeting from the Board room to allow for in-person public comment for the public hearing.

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 by the Board concerning the CIP. She then reviewed the next steps in the CIP process, and thanked the community members for their feedback and 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  
Arlington School Board