

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Work Session on The Heights Building and CIP Planning  
August 18, 2020

**Item C-1-g**

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 6:03 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

**Present were:**

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

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services  
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
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  
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction  
Ben Burgin, Assistant Director, Design and Construction  
Dr. Casey Robinson, Principal, H-B Woodlawn  
Shana Curtis, Principal, Shriver Program  
Kristin Haldeman, Facilities  
Heather Rothenbeuscher, Director, Special Education - Secondary  
Wendy Pizer, SEPTA  
Tauna Szymanski, ASEAC  
Kurt Schuler, ASEAC  
John Giambalvo, Chair, Advisory Council on School Facilities and Operations  
Kathleen McSweeney, Joint Facilities Advisory Commission  
Josh Folb, Chair, Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices  
Melisa McCracken, Chair, The Heights Building Level Planning Committee  
Jim Lantelme, Chair, Public Facilities Review Committee  
Robert Gibson, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services

Ms. O’Grady called the work session to order and announced that the meeting was being held electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency.

Mr. Chambers presented the Board with a timeline of the project history, a summary of the existing site conditions, the alignment of the project to the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and parking options during the different development phases, including the staff recommendation. Mr. Chambers then presented possible points of discussion for the Board to consider when providing staff direction and he shared the draft 2020-2021 schedule to prepare for the next CIP.

The Board extended the opportunity to Advisory Committee representatives to share their feedback on the proposed development phases. Dr. Robinson and Ms. Curtis spoke about the need for improved accessibility and parking at The Heights.

The Board discussed Penzance parking options, the need for staff parking, parent engagement from the affected schools, accessibility, and financial considerations. In addition, the Board engaged in a discussion of clarifying questions regarding the concept phases, and each Board member shared their feedback on the proposed recommendation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

### **ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Monique O’Grady, Chair  
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