

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Work Session on the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan
June 16, 2020

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 5:39 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
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
Catherine Ashby, Interim Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Cintia Johnson, 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
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
Carolyn Jackson, Supervisor, Office of Equity and Excellence
Judy Apostolico-Buck, Principal, Barcroft Elementary School
Margaret Chung, Principal, Career Center
Chris Wilmore, Principal, Wakefield High School
John Giambalvo, Chair, Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Gregg Greely, Chair, Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC)

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ACTION ITEM: (5:40 PM)

1. Approval of the Wakefield High School Geothermal System Purging and Flushing Project

Mr. Chadwick requested that the Board approve the Wakefield High School Geothermal System Purging and Flushing Project, with an estimated total cost of approximately \$850,000 to recommission all the HVAC systems so that they perform in full accordance with the original design. The full scope of the purging and flushing process includes pressure testing and balancing of all the geothermal wells, vaults and connecting lines outside the building, plus pressure testing and balancing of all related equipment and lines inside the building.

Dr. Kannien moved that the Board approve the Wakefield High School Geothermal System Purging and Flushing Project with an estimated total cost of approximately \$850,000, seconded by Ms. O’Grady. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. O’Grady – Aye; Ms. Talento – Aye; and Ms. Van Doren – Aye.

C. WORK SESSION

Dr. Durán started the work session with a brief overview of the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and reminded the community that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Board would consider a one-year CIP and further discussion will take place to provide direction for a three-to-Five Year FY 2022 CIP.

Mr. Giambalvo shared eight recommendations on behalf of the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC) that focused on finding innovative and efficient uses of space and money looking at both operational and capital solutions. Mr. Greely shared four recommendations on behalf of the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) endorsing the proposed CIP and work to meet capacity needs.

Ms. Peterson presented detailed funding information and considerations that are needed to address the aligning of CIP to the Board’s direction. Mr. Chadwick presented recommendations for a design study for The Heights Building and major infrastructure projects. Ms. Stengle spoke about the School Board’s direction for the Three-to-Five Year FY 2022 CIP. She provided a summary of seats needed by grade level, enrollment, and capacity utilization.

Dr. Durán spoke about how instructional planning will inform the FY 2022 CIP and Ms. Loft shared information about the work focused around the PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways (IPP). To provide examples that align with the IPP, Ms. Apostolico-Buck spoke about the Barcroft Elementary School modified calendar and explained possible benefits of moving to a traditional school year calendar, Mr. Wilmore shared about the benefits and costs of the immersion program, and Ms. Chung spoke about Arlington Tech and why the project-based learning high school program is important.

Board members discussed options for The Heights, funding and refining the Board's CIP direction. The Board also discussed the impact of the IPP on instruction and future planning. In addition, each Board member shared their direction to address accessibility at The Heights and support for an after-action review of the Career Center site.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board