

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Public Hearing on Proposed Elementary Boundaries
December 1, 2020

Item C-1-e

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 7:30 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.¹

Present were:

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

Ms. O’Grady called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams. She also explained that she and Dr. Kanninen were present in the School Board Room to accommodate in-person speakers while implementing social distancing requirements. She noted that the Board will act upon the proposed elementary school boundary recommendation at the December 3 School Board meeting.

Ms. Stengle provided a brief presentation on the Superintendent’s elementary school boundary recommendation with School Board adjustments, summarizing the updates to planning units made since the November 5 School Board meeting. She also spoke about the proposed grandfathering recommendations.

Ms. O’Grady then summarized the speaker guidelines.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Amanda Sutton, parent, planning unit 23210: supports Superintendent’s elementary school boundary recommendation

Ryan Armstrong, parent, planning unit 16061: recommends planning unit to be zoned to the Reed site

Hanan Cohen, parent, McKinley Elementary: supports assignment to Reed site

Claire Kelly, parent, planning unit 23200: supports Superintendent’s elementary school boundary recommendation

¹ Video clips of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link: <https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/view-school-board-meetings/>
DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

Carla Brewer, parent: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Lynn Kataria, parent, planning unit 24030: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Sharon Purdy, parent, McKinley Elementary: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Anjy Cramer, parent, Key Elementary: concerns about lack of critical data and capacity at Key Elementary

Ryan Brizek, parent, planning unit 24034: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Evan Armstrong, parent, planning unit 16061: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Michael O'Malley, Highland Parks Overlee Knolls Civic Association: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Brad Ervin, McKinley parent, planning unit 14080: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Francisca Winston, parent, planning unit 14030: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Dana Aldis, parent, planning unit 14100: recommends full grandfathering for planning unit

Deidra Fair James, parent, Arlington Science Focus Elementary: suggests stopping boundary changes until next school year

Michael LeVine, parent, Arlington Science Focus Elementary: concerns about last minute changes to certain planning units

Dima Hakura, parent, planning unit 24100: supports option B elementary school boundary recommendation

Liz Mixer, parent, planning unit 23210: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Patrizia Maness, parent, planning unit 24033: concerns about last minute changes to certain planning units

David Markle, parent, planning unit 16090: concerned that planning unit is not zoned for the Reed site

Bora Durdu, parent, Arlington Science Focus School: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Gillian Burgess, parent: suggests APS has not led an equitable process

Deanna Caputo, parent: recommends a comprehensive boundary process in 2022 and suggests the Board vote against proposal

Sara Boissonneau, parent, planning unit 14080: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Michael Swisher, parent: recommends stopping current boundary process

Christy Anthony, parent, Key Elementary: recommends a comprehensive boundary process in 2022

Amanda Batchelet, parent, planning unit 14030: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Lisa Himes, parent, planning unit 24030: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Zach Radford, parent, planning unit 16061: recommends planning unit to be zoned to the Reed site

Alicia Rich, parent, Key Elementary: concerns about community engagement

Neal Desai, parent, planning unit 24050: supports Superintendent's elementary school boundary recommendation

Allison Collins, parent, planning unit 16090: recommends planning unit to be zoned to the Reed site

Rebecca Simon, parent, Key Elementary: concerns about capacity at Arlington Traditional Elementary

Maureen McDonough, parent, planning unit 16090: recommends planning unit to be zoned to the Reed site

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O'Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board