

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting and Budget Work Session #1
February 25, 2021

Item C-1-f

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:02 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications means due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, using Microsoft Teams.¹

Present were:

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member
David Priddy, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
Jeannette Allen, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Cathy Lin, Director, Facilities and Operations
Bridget Loft, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Dan Redding, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Arron Gregory, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Tameka Lovett-Miller, Director, Finance and Management
Zack Pope, Director, Administrative Services

A. CLOSED MEETING: NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Announcements:
School Board Budget Calendar (Work sessions begin at 6 PM unless otherwise noted):
 - March 9, 2021 Budget Work Session #2 - 5 PM
 - March 16, 2021 Budget Work Session #3
 - March 23, 2021 Budget Work Session #4
 - March 23, 2021 Public Hearing on Superintendent’s Proposed Budget - 8 PM

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.

- April 6, 2021 Budget Work Session #5
- April 8, 2021 Board Action Item – School Board’s Proposed FY 2022 Budget
- April 9, 2021 Joint School Board/County Board Budget Work Session (to be confirmed)
- April 29, 2021 Public Hearing on School Board Proposed 2022 Budget – 7PM
- May 4, 2021 Budget Work Session #6
- May 6, 2021 Board Action Item - School Board's Adopted FY 2022 Budget
Important County Budget Dates:
- April 6, 2021 - Public Hearing on the County Budget
- April 8, 2021 - Public Hearing on tax rate
- April 17, 2021 - County Board adoption of FY 2022 County Budget

C. SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET:

Dr. Durán presented his proposed FY 2022 Budget, confirming that it is a needs-based budget and carefully considers the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. He thanked the executive leadership team and staff for their work in producing the budget. He also thanked County Board members for their collaboration and partnership during a most difficult and unprecedented time. He explained that the proposed budget aligned with the APS Strategic Plan, Core Values, Mission and School Board Budget Direction focusing on student success.

Dr. Durán then explained that the proposed FY 2022 Budget totals \$704.4 million in expenditures, with a deficit of \$42.5 million. The proposed budget focuses on compensation, supporting education and equity, enrollment, funding for services for students with disabilities, resources for English learners, instructional and mental health support, financing for infrastructure and technology, and continued investments to support student growth. Dr. Durán also presented proposed tiered reductions that may need to be considered should APS not receive full funding to close the budget gap.

Ms. O’Grady thanked Dr. Durán and his staff for their work in preparing the proposed budget.

D. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

E. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The Board took a brief recess then reconvened in Budget work Session #1.

**Budget Work Session #1
February 25, 2021**

The Arlington School Board convened in Budget Work Session #1 on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:50 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications means due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

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Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member
David Priddy, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
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Tameka Lovett-Miller, Director, Finance and Management
Alvera Wilson, Budget Analyst, Finance and Management
Jorge Velazquez, Budget Analyst, Finance and Management

Ms. Peterson thanked the Finance and Management staff for their work in developing the proposed budget. She provided a summary of the budget development process, including the procedure for the School Board to submit budget questions to staff. She thoroughly reviewed the proposed budget's revenue, expenditures, and the tiered reductions. Ms. Peterson also shared the budget process timeline, important dates, and the suggested topics for upcoming work sessions.

The School Board discussed budget reserves, staff compensation, tiered reductions, and proposed reductions from previous years. The Board expressed that more in-depth budget discussions will take place once Board members take the time to analyze the proposed budget.

The work session adjourned at 9:06 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O'Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board