

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Joint School Board/County Board Capital Improvement Plan Work Session

June 23, 2020

The Arlington School Board convened in a joint work session on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:06 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications means due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

School Board

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

County Board

Libby Garvey, Chair
Katie Cristol, Member
Matt de Ferranti, Member
Christian Dorsey, Member
Mark Schwartz, County Manager
Kendra Jacobs, Clerk

Also present were:

Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
Catherine Ashby 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
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Arron Gregory, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

Michelle Cowan, Deputy County Manager
Demetra McBride, Chief, Office of Sustainability & Environmental Management
Maria Meredith, Director, Management & Finance

Arlington County Proposed FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Mr. Schwartz presented the County’s proposed FY 2021 CIP. He began by prefacing that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County is foreseeing financial implications that are yet to be fully determined, therefore he is proposing a one-year CIP. He explained the guiding principles used to help him prioritize the proposal. Ms. Cowan detailed the key areas of focus of the CIP and recommended funding for each area. She explained the funding sources for the \$277.5 million CIP and the proposed 2020 bond referenda (which did not include the schools requested amount as it was not approved by the School Board at the time of the work session). Ms. Meredith presented government expenditures and debt policies.

The County and School Board discussed the stormwater, infrastructure, and transportation investments. They also conversed about the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) engaged in the CIP process.

School Board’s FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Ms. Stengle provided a brief overview of the FY 2021 CIP process and presented information on student enrollment and capacity. Ms. Peterson presented the School Board Proposed FY 2021 CIP which included an overview of capital projects and funding. She spoke about proposed changes to the CIP based on Board direction that focused on enrollment capacity, improvements of existing facilities, and planning. Mr. Chadwick highlighted projects that are currently underway such as the new elementary school at the Reed Site, reuse of the Education Center, and the reconfiguring of the Career Center/Arlington Tech. Furthermore, he highlighted the projects proposed in the FY 2021 CIP. Mr. Chadwick explained the use of planning and design funds for additional seats. Lastly, Dr. Durán described work that is underway to prepare for the next CIP which includes instruction-driven staff analysis to inform the FY 2022 CIP and considerations based on School Board direction.

The County and School Board discussed the Career Center project and ensuring maximum use of money allocated to the project, as well as planning and design funding needs for other projects.

The work session concluded by the County Board and School Board expressing their gratitude for the ongoing collaboration and their appreciation for staff.

The meeting adjourned 6:41 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board