

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item C-1-a

School Board Public Hearing on the School Board Proposed FY 2022 Budget
April 29, 2021

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:03 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member
David Priddy, Member
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Also present was:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent

Ms. O’Grady called the meeting to order and reviewed the public hearing procedures and speaker guidelines.

The following speakers addressed the Board opposing cuts to funding to the arts in schools, and supporting continued funding for Focus, the arts and technology program at Kenmore:

Isaiah Grice, student
Laurie Moret, Kenmore parent
Howard Smith, Kenmore parent
Andrew Paparella, Kenmore teacher
Douglas Fagen, parent
Shauna Dyer, Kenmore Focus Coordinator
Susan Scott, parent: ACTL arts committee chair
Anika Kwinana, parent

The following speakers addressed the Board in support of compensation option 2, speaking about the challenges teachers face and noting the additional tasks and challenges teachers have had to face during the pandemic. Speakers also noted the limited compensation increases provided in recent years and the high cost of living in the area that impacts choices:

Andrea Dell’Accio, teacher
Sophie Daniels, teacher
Joshua Folb, Arlington Education Association
Ingrid Gant, President, Arlington Education Association
Dan Carroll, teacher

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/>
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Danielle Anctil, teacher
Christine Lively, Wakefield staff
Christine Bolon, teacher
Wendy Duncan, teacher
Elaine Kennedy, teacher

The following speaker also addressed the Board:

Phuong Pham, staff: asking for increased spending on safety supplies

The following individuals sent their public comment in writing to the Board on the following topics:

Ellen Cathopoulos - compensation
Amy Cohen - compensation
Diane Holland – compensation
Danielle Jones – compensation
Aaron Schuetz – compensation
Jackie Pippins - compensation
Wendy Pizer – compensation, germicidal UV fixtures for cafeterias and outdoor tents
Monica Darnell – asking the Board to use funds to open school 5 days a week
Keith Reeves – return funding for ITCs in the schools
Kathleen Kelly – restoring funding for Kenmore arts and tech program, Focus

Ms. O’Grady thanked the speakers for sharing their comments. She also summarized messages related to the budget that have been received by the Board throughout the budget process.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board