

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting  
July 15, 2021

**Item C-1-c**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 5:30 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member  
Monique O’Grady, Member (participated virtually)  
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Dan Redding, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING**

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider up to 39 appointments, 109 changes in position/salary, 24 resignations, 3 retirements and 1 termination, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), and to consider student appeal SY22-02 as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(2), seconded by Ms. Diaz-Torres. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, and Ms. O’Grady voting affirmatively.*

The Board took a brief recess at 6:10 and reconvened in the closed meeting at 6:30 PM. The closed meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM, and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

*Dr. Kanninen moved to certify that to the best of her knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion was seconded by Ms. Diaz-Torres and was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; and Ms. O’Grady – Aye.*

Dr. Kanninen called for brief a recess, and the Board reconvened in open session at 7:07 PM.

**Also present were:**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support  
Arron Gregory, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer  
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff  
Marcus Gregory, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations

**B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order

Dr. Kanninen called the meeting to order and announced that Mr. Priddy was not able to participate as he was out of town. She also announced that Ms. O’Grady was not present as she was not feeling well.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Announcements

Mr. Goldstein announced that two students from the Arlington Tech program were selected for a summer internship and he described the project they had developed for this opportunity.

4. Superintendent’s Announcements and Updates

Dr. Durán welcomed the members of his Cabinet, provided a brief summer school update, and shared plans for the return to school in the fall. He spoke about the return to school schedule, fall holidays, Back to School nights, and other events, and he presented an update on the proportion of students returning in person and virtually. In closing, he shared highlights of recent accomplishments by students at Arlington Tech.

**C. CONSENT ITEMS: (7:28 PM)**

*Ms. Diaz-Torres moved for adoption of the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Goldstein. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, and Dr. Kanninen, voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:*

1. Minutes:

- a. May 20, 2021, School Board Meeting
- b. May 25, 2021 Work Session #2 on the FY 2022-24 Capital Improvement Plan
- c. June 26, 2021 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE

- 9 Changes In Position/Salary

- 1 Retirement
- 2 Classification Specifications
  - Assistant Director of Budget
  - Safe Routes to School Coordinator

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 32 Appointments
- 78 Changes In Position/Salary
- 21 Resignations
- 1 Retirement

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 11 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 4 Appointments
- 11 Changes In Position/Salary
- 2 Resignations
- 1 Retirement
- 1 Termination

- 3. Appointment to the Budget Advisory Council
- 4. Appointments to the Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning
- 5. Authorization of Signatures in the Absence of the Superintendent
- 6. School Board Member Civic Association Liaison Assignments

Dr. Kanninen announced that as a part of consent, the Board made appointments to the Budget Advisory Council and to the Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning, and approved the School Board Civic Association Liaison Assignments. She also announced that the Board appointed Brannon Burnett and Khethiwe Hudson as assistant principals at Gunston Middle School and Denise Santiago as assistant principal at Claremont Immersion School.

**D. MONITORING ITEMS: NONE**

**E. ACTION ITEMS: NONE**

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS: (7:36 PM)**

- 1. Langston School and Community Center Deed of Easement with Arlington County for Firestation 8:

Ms. Cathy Lin, Director, Facilities and Operations, presented two proposed Deeds of Easement that the County has requested for both a permanent easement and a temporary easement to allow utility work related to the renovation of Fire Station 8. These easements will accommodate the County's work on repositioning the traffic light adjacent to the fire station.

Responding to Board questions, Ms. Lin provided additional information on the work that needs to be done and she confirmed APS and County staff will work together to ensure there is minimal impact on student access to Langston.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Dr. Kanninen moved that in the case of Student appeal SY22-02, the Board deny the appeal, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Torres. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, and Dr. Kanninen, voting affirmatively.*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board