

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Work Session on the Proposed Boundary Adjustments &  
Immersion Feeders for School Year 2022-2023 Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2021

The Arlington School Board convened on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:02 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  
David Priddy, Member (Participated via Microsoft Teams in Arlington, Virginia due to a medical condition)  
Claudia Mercado, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support  
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff  
Daryl Johnson, Director of Strategic Outreach, Office of the Superintendent  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Jonathan Turrisi, Director of Strategic Planning, Planning and Evaluation

Fall 2021 Boundary Processes

Dr. Durán began the work session by acknowledging that boundary changes are a complex process, and he was cognizant of the impacts they cause on families. He explained that the purpose of the work session was to present his recommendations on the limited boundary process and provide the Board the opportunity to discuss the recommendations. Mr. Johnson then provided an overview of the community engagement and outreach regarding the elementary, middle, and high school proposals. Ms. Stengle briefly shared the Fall 2021 boundary process that focused on refinements to a limited number of schools to address enrollment capacity. She carefully reviewed community concerns on the proposals and the staff's response to those concerns. Lastly, Dr. Durán recommended postponing the elementary boundary changes for Abingdon and Drew Elementary Schools due to current manageable enrollment levels at Abingdon and reassessing changes in the Fall 2022 Countywide Elementary Boundary Process.

The Board discussed implementing thoughtful options for Drew Elementary School, enrollment at Abingdon Elementary School, the impact of the Gunston Middle School proposal, and Boulevard Manor planning units. They also briefly discussed transportation and staffing needs.

Elementary Immersion Schools Feeder Realignment

Mr. Johnson presented information about the Dual-Language Immersion Elementary Feeder Committee and Mr. Turrisi shared the committee's various recommendations to changes to the existing feeder schools' structure and staff feedback. In conclusion, Mr. Johnson presented the upcoming timeline for the boundary process and encouraged the community to visit the Engage webpage for resources and other important information.

The Board discussed the different considerations of the proposed structure changes and the attendance zones.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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