

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
 Closed Meeting and School Board Meeting Minutes  
 June 9, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair (absent due to family emergency)  
 Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair (absent)  
 Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member  
 Mary Kadera, Member  
 David Priddy, Member  
 Claudia Mercado, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
 Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
 Kimberley Graves, Chief of Student Support  
 Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer  
 Dr. Jason Ottley, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer  
 Christine Smith, Legal Counsel  
 Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff  
 Joanne Uyeda, Interim Chief Academic Officer

**A. CLOSED MEETING: NONE**

**B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors: Arlington Career Center Space Force JROTC Cadets Corps
3. Recognitions: Arlington Career Center Space Force JROTC Cadets Corps, National Latin Exam Awards, Scholastics National Winners, 2021-22 Music Virginia State Honors Students, U.S. Presidential Scholar, Minority Achievement Student Network (MSAN) Participation, and Athletic Awards.

Colonel Scott Dierlam, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, recognized the exceptional VA-821 JROTC Cadets, who earned the top Headquarters Air Force JROTC Annual Award and the Distinguished Unit Award. He also applauded their leadership in providing over 850 hours of community service during the school year. Colonel Dierlam also recognized the senior cadets for raising the standard of excellence and also recognized those who would be continuing their educational journey at a variety of colleges. In addition, Colonel Dierlam recognized a 2019 graduate of Wakefield High School and VA-821 alumni, Specialist Andres Dimas, a Cavalry Scout in the US Army at Ft. Campbell Kentucky, who was on his way to his next assignment in Germany. Ms. Elisabeth Harrington, Supervisor of World Languages, recognized students who earned top honors in the National Latin Exam. Dr. Pam Farrell, Supervisor of Arts Education recognized the outstanding National Scholastics Art and Writing winners and the All-Virginia Music Honors students. Ms. Diaz-Torres was then honored to recognize Washington-Liberty High School senior Maya Koenig who was named the 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholar. Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary, and performing arts, and in the career and technical education fields. Ms. Koenig was one of 161 seniors recognized for her outstanding accomplishments academically and commitment to community service and leadership. Mr. James Sample, Washington-Liberty High School Equity & Excellence Coordinator, and Dr. KaMyka Glenn, Dorothy Hamm Middle School Equity & Excellence Coordinator, were joined by student Lyia Rike from Washington-Liberty High School who presented about the student's participation at the Minority Achievement Network (MSAN)

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Intersectional Social Justice Collaborative during the school year. Lastly, Ms. Debbie DeFranco, Supervisor, Health, Physical and Driver Education, and Athletics, recognized the accomplishments of student-athletes who excelled in the 2021-2022 Virginia League Athletic State competitions.

**C. CONSENT ITEMS (7:33 PM):**

Mr. David Priddy *moved for the adoption of the consent agenda*, seconded by Ms. Kadera. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Ms. Kadera, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively. Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Kanninen were not present at the time of the vote. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes: None

2. Personnel Actions

P/E-SCALE

- 4 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 14 Appointments
- 5 Changes In Position/Salary
- 24 Resignations
- 1 Retirement

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 14 Appointments
- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 6 Resignations
- 2 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 1 Retirement

3. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Transfer

4. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA) Program Applications

Ms. Diaz-Torres announced that under consent, the Board made the following appointments:

- Carl Seward, Supervisor, Secondary Mathematics, Office of Academics
- James Welch, Assistant Principal, Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School
- Iliana Gonzales, Director to Planning and Evaluation

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:37 PM):**

1. Board Announcements:

- June 13, 2022 – Public Hearing on the CIP, 7 PM (New Date)
- June 21, 2022 – Closed Meeting, 5:30 PM, Board Conference Room
- June 21, 2022 – CIP Work Session #4, 6:30 PM Board Room
- June 22, 2022 – Virtual Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 8:30 AM

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Ms. Diaz-Torres reminded the community that the School Board was accepting applications for the School Board advisory committees for the next school year. Ms. Kadera sent a shout-out to the Gunston Middle School staff and students who are part of Good Morning Gunston, a monthly news show. She congratulated Wakefield High School Students traveling to Richmond, Virginia for the State Championship at the Special Olympics. Lastly, Ms. Kadera was excited to share that Glebe Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team qualified for the World Championship and earned a third-place trophy.

## 2. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Durán began his announcements by sharing information on the Class of 2022 graduations, year-end celebration dates, and other important calendar dates. In preparation for Summer School, the Superintendent spoke about some of the preparations taking place to coordinate the program, transportation, Extended Day services, and the hiring of vacant summer school positions. Dr. Durán was glad to announce the launch of the new APS Equity Profile Dashboard which will be used to provide data and transparency related to student opportunity, access, and achievement. The Equity Profile supports the commitment to using real-time data to identify and close gaps and to ensure that resources are shared equitably based on student needs. He also announced that APS would hold three Community Conversations on the Equity Profile Dashboard in the fall to review the data, discuss key takeaways and also discuss how the data will be used to inform student support and academic resources. To conclude, Dr. Durán shared about the opportunity Wakefield High School students had to participate in a meaningful roundtable on school safety with Senator Kaine. Students called on leaders to enact stronger gun prevention measures and shared their ideas for future actions related to school safety with the Senator.

Ms. Kadera suggested considering including post-high school education data on the Equity Profile and offering interpretation on other languages for the Community Conversations on the Equity Profile Dashboard. Dr. Ottley affirmed that any questions or feedback on the Equity Profile should be directed to his office, and he shared that internal conversation on this important topic will begin to take place during the summer. Ms. Kadera also recognized June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month. She extended warm wishes to the LGBTQ students, families, and allies and assured them that they belong and are seen at APS.

## E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS (7:54 PM):

The following speakers addressed the Board:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>School or Affiliation:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>
Tara Ronzetti		Suggesting the Board pause the vote on the Resource Adoption (K-5 English Language Arts, K-12 Math, K-3 Social Studies, and Middle and High School French)
Maritza Orihuela	Parent, Kenmore Middle School and Washington-Liberty High School	Sharing concerns on behalf of Hispanic parents regarding the sale and use of drugs at the schools
Sheila Kelly		Opposing COVID-19 restrictions at APS
Alison Babb		Opposing COVID-19 restrictions at APS
Josh Babb		Opposing COVID-19 restrictions at APS

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Amy Rzepka	Arlington Parents for Education	Opposing COVID-19 restrictions at APS
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**F. MONITORING ITEMS (8:13 PM):**

1. Student Advisory Board Annual Report

Mr. Ty Byrd, Director of Secondary Education, presented the leadership of the Student Advisory Board, which meets monthly to discuss issues that are pertinent to the student body across APS. Ms. Morgan Andrews, Washington-Liberty High School student and Student Advisory Board Vice-Chair, presented the goals of the Student Advisory Board and the recommendations of the budget, mental health, and sexual assault and harassment student committees.

The Board thanked Ms. Andrews for her leadership and candor in sharing the Student Advisory Board's recommendations. Ms. Kadera expressed her appreciation that the Student Advisory Board proactively addressed sexual harassment conduct and modeled how to talk about this topic. Ms. Andrews acknowledged the complexity of the subject and shared that the Student Advisory Board believes there should be a section of the curriculum that focuses on sexual assault and harassment.

2. FY 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Monitoring Report

Ms. Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Management Services, presented an overview of the FY 2022 budget revenue and expenditures. It was explained that APS expected to have savings of \$23.1 as a result of the net change in expenditures. In order to use the funds to replenish the reserve funds, Ms. Peterson did not present any recommendations for the reallocation of funds. However, when the Final Fiscal Status Report for FY 2022 would be presented in December 2022, staff may then propose recommendations for the allocation of funds. Lastly, Ms. Peterson provided an update on the FY 2022 Capital Construction and the Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MC/MM) funds and explained the funding available in these accounts.

3. Internal Audit Final Report- Postponed to the July 19 meeting

**G. ACTION ITEMS (8:30 PM)**

1. Resource Adoption (K-5 English Language Arts, K-12 Math, K-3 Social Studies, and Middle and High School French)

The Board discussed the cultural competency of the resources and the cross-department collaboration to ensure appropriate resources were adopted. Ms. Putnam, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that her office studied the alignment of the proposed resources to curriculum, standards, and other core subjects.

*Ms. Kadera moved that the Board adopt the proposed resource textbooks for K-12 Mathematics, K-5 English Language Arts, K-3 and 6-7 Social Studies, Middle and High French as presented in the June 9, 2022 Resource Adoption presentation which will be made part of the official record, seconded by Mr. Priddy.*

Ms. Diaz-Torres called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; Mr. Priddy – Aye. Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Kanninen were not present at the time of the vote.

**H. INFORMATION/ACTIONS ITEMS (8:39 PM):**

1. Amended FY 2023 Budget

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Ms. Peterson explained that due to state revenue changes based on the General Assembly's Adopted 2022-2024 Biennium Budget and the impact on the APS budget, the School Board needed to act to amend the FY 2023 Budget. By law, APS was required to have an adopted and amended budget by June 30, 2022.

Ms. Kadera inquired about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the equitable distribution of the funds.

*Mr. Priddy moved that the Arlington School Board adopt its Fiscal Year 2023 School Board Budget totaling \$749,727,021. The School Board's FY 2023 budget requires an on-going County Transfer of \$563,897,292, a one-time County Transfer of \$20,484,857, a Beginning Balance or Carry Forward of \$3,500,000, and funding from Reserves of \$21,084,631, broken into the following:*

1. *The School Operating Fund at a total of \$632,844,529, requiring an ongoing County transfer of \$492,897,932, a one-time County transfer of \$20,484,857, a beginning balance or carry forward of \$3,500,000, and funding from reserves of \$20,140,121.*
2. *The Community Activities Fund at a total of \$17,399,263, requiring a County transfer of \$6,718,643.*
3. *The Debt Service Fund at a total of \$59,856,825, requiring a County transfer of \$59,112,315 and funding from reserves of \$744,510.*
4. *The Food and Nutrition Services Fund at a total of \$11,546,678, requiring a County transfer of \$0.*
5. *The Capital Projects Fund at a total of \$5,888,901, requiring a County transfer of \$2,656,652 and funding from reserves of \$200,000.*
6. *The Children's Services Act Fund at a total of \$4,975,000, requiring a County transfer of \$2,511,750.*
7. *The Grants and Restricted Programs Fund at a total of \$17,215,825, requiring a County transfer of \$0.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Kadera.

Dr. Diaz-Torres called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; Mr. Priddy – Aye. Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Kanninen were not present at the time of the vote.

#### **I. INFORMATION ITEMS (8:47 PM):**

##### **1. Resource Adoption (Grades 6-12 English Language Arts)**

Dr. Durán was thankful for the Board's consideration to use close-out funds to adopt resources. Ms. Putman presented an overview of the Grades 6-12 English Language Arts (ELA) resource adoption timeline and the adoption committee. Ms. Putman also spoke about the criteria to evaluate resources to ensure alignment with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) expectations for instruction and the ELA Office's mission to implement evidence-based instructional practices for adolescent literacy and English content. Ms. Putman presented the recommendation for core resources at the secondary level and provided a summary of the next steps including the professional learning timeline.

##### **2. First Amendment to License Agreement for the Quincy Site (formerly Buck Property)**

Ms. Cathy Lin, Director of Facilities & Operations, presented the proposed modifications to The First Amendment to the License Agreement for the Quincy Site with Arlington County Government with the provision for up to 48 spaces at the Quincy Site. The proposed amendment would relocate spaces to a different location on the County Parcel, as outlined per the terms.

##### **3. Amendment to Sun Tribe Solar's Comprehensive Agreement, 01FY18**

Ms. Lin presented the change order to Sun Tribe Solar's Comprehensive Agreement 01FY18 carefully explaining the amendments due to escalation rates, revised leases at Cardinal Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools, and the termination of current leases at Arlington Traditional Elementary School and Wakefield High School.

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The Board briefly discussed the negotiation rates and the termination of leases. They also discussed alternative solar infrastructure at other schools.

4. School Board Proposed FY 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Dr. Duran shared the goals of the 2023-32 CIP to prioritize investments in existing infrastructure, build a new facility for the Arlington Career Center, and support long-range planning. Ms. Peterson presented the project funding and the timeline of the projects. Ms. Renee Harber, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations, presented major infrastructure projects, and information on the renovations for kitchens and entrances/security vestibules. She also presented The Heights Building Phase Two project and the replacement of synthetic turf fields. Moreover, Ms. Harber and Ms. Lisa Stengle, Executive Director of Planning and Evaluation, provided a lengthy explanation of the plans to build a new facility for the Arlington Career Center to provide state-of-the-art learning spaces for a diverse student body. Lastly, Ms. Stengle presented the long-range plan to renovate existing facilities.

The Board appreciated the evident cross-departmental collaboration regarding the Proposed FY 2023-2032 CIP. The Board discussed the plans for the Career Center and concerns about funding for the project.

**J. NEW BUSINESS (9:32 PM):**

*Ms. Diaz-Torres moved that the Board deny the appeal in student matter SY22-01 Long-Term Suspension and Placement and affirm the disciplinary action, seconded by Ms. Kadera.*

Dr. Diaz-Torres called for a vote and the motion was adopted in a vote of 3 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; Mr. Priddy – Aye. Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Kanninen were not present at the time of the vote.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board

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