

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Budget Work Session #3

March 15, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:34 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Mary Kadera, Member
David Priddy, Member
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support
Bridget Loft, Chief Academic Officer
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance
Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner, Planning and Evaluation
Jonathan Turrisi, Director of Strategic Planning, Planning, and Evaluation
Kelly Krug, Director of Special Education, Elementary
Heather Rothenbuescher, Director of Special Education, Secondary
Dr. Laura Newton, Director, Student Services
Dr. Jeannette Allen, Director of Administrative Services
Wendy Carria, Supervisor of Administrative Services

Dr. Durán introduced the agenda for the work session and reviewed information related to enrollment projections and Priority #1 from his proposed budget.

Enrollment Projections

Mr. Ruiz presented an overview of enrollment from Fall 2000 to Fall 2031. In his presentation, he showed that there had been a 46% increase in enrollment since 2005. His future projections show enrollment will level off, with only slight growth in 2024. The Planning and Evaluation Office will continue to monitor enrollments in the coming years, hoping they will rebound from the pandemic. Mr. Ruiz compared the fall 2020 and fall 2021 enrollment projections and the actual enrollment from September 30, 2021, to projected enrollment for Fall 2022. He mentioned that Pre-K is not in the projections but represents a maximum number of budgeted Pre-K seats for budget and capacity planning purposes.

The Board asked Mr. Ruiz to explain to the community the history of how projections have evolved over the last five years. All the Board members appreciated Mr. Ruiz and his team's work on future predictions and the partnership built with the county to secure information on housing and birth rates.

Priority #1

Dr. Durán reviewed the highlights of Priority #1- Ensure student well-being and academic progress. Details of each investment included:

- Class Size Reductions and New MS Planning Factor
- Increased Staffing and Services for Students with Disabilities
- Additional Resources for English Learners

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- Student Social-Emotional and Mental Health Supports
- Instructional Resources and Supports

The Board discussed some of the stated investments, increased staffing, services for students with disabilities, student social-emotional and mental health support, and instructional resources and support. Staff noted that questions that could not be answered during the work session would have a follow-up answer in writing.

To conclude, Dr. Durán reviewed the agendas for future budget work sessions and the FY 2023 Budget Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

ATTEST:

Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
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