

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Closed Meeting, School Board Meeting, and
Public Hearing on the School Board Proposed FY 2023 Budget Minutes
May 5, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 5:30 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member (Participated virtually via Microsoft Teams due to medical reasons)
Mary Kadera, Member
David Priddy, Member

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer
Dashan Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

A. CALL TO ORDER

Before convening in a closed meeting, the Board discussed the Classification Specification Requests, and Departmental Restructure for the Offices of Academics, Chief of Staff, and School Support

B. CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Kanninen called the meeting to order and *moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider as many as 6 appointments, 15 changes in position/salary, 3 classification specification requests, 33 resignations, 2 resignations with prejudice, 11 retirements, and 1 termination as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1)*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Priddy, and it was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Dr. Kanninen moved to certify that pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, to the best knowledge of each School Board member, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting just held, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening this closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion was seconded by Ms. Diaz-Torres and was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; and Mr. Priddy– Aye.

Dr. Kanninen called for a brief recess at 5:55 PM The Board reconvened in an open session at 7 PM.

Also present were:

Joanne Uyeda, Interim Chief Academic Officer
Claudia Mercado, Clerk

C. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order

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2. Presentation of Colors: Pledge of Allegiance

D. INFORMATION ITEMS (7:04 PM):

1. Revisions to School Board Policies I-7.2.2 Gifted Services, I-8.1 Grouping, I-7.2.7 Homebound Instruction, I-7.4.1.32 School Organizations and Special Activities

Ms. Terri Murphy, Director of English Learners, presented revisions to School Board Policies I-7.2.2 Gifted Services, I-8.1 Grouping, I-7.2.7 Homebound Instruction, I-7.4.1.32 School Organizations and Special Activities which included updated language to reflect the current organizational structure and provide explanations for services for students respectively. In addition, she noted that each policy was updated to provide references to the associated Virginia Code, and the related School Board policies and implementation procedures.

Ms. Kadera suggested it would behoove APS to create an annual report on demographic data on gifted services.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS (7:12 PM):

Dr. Kanninen briefly explained the guidelines for public comment for the Public Hearing on the School Board Proposed FY 2023 Budget held in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-2506.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

| Name: | School or Affiliation: | Topic: |
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| John Binkley | Education Sub-Group on Courageous Conversations on Race and Racism of the Calloway Methodist/Rock Spring Congregation | Endorsing the compensation study, increasing compensation for teachers, reducing class size, and supporting addressing learning loss |
| Jennifer Bartlett | President, Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium | Advocating for funding for the Planetarium |
| Kathi Overton | Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium | Advocating for funding for the Planetarium |
| Jim Edwards-Hewitt | Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium | Advocating for funding for the Planetarium director |
| Peter Roof | | Advocating for funding for the Planetarium |
| Ivis Castillo | Transportation Services | Requesting better compensation and benefits for Transportations Services staff |
| Thomas Wanat | Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium | Advocating for funding for the Planetarium |
| Charles Smith IV | Transportation Services | Advocating for a retention bonus |
| Kirstin Pickle | Advisory Committee on Student Services | Supporting the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) Framework analysis of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) |

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| Jennifer Wheelock | | Requesting additional tutoring support for students and creating a comprehensive plan to address learning loss |
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F. NEW BUSINESS:

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board

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