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ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FY 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Work Session #1 Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:32 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia. ¹

Present were:

Dr. 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
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services
Reneé Harber, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Cathy Lin, Director, Facilities and Operation
Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction
Zac Pope, Director, Safety, Security, Risk, and Emergency Management

Dr. Kanninen began the evening by acknowledging that the FY 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was the first CIP completed in four years and highlighted that for the first time in about ten years the discussion was not dominated by the fact that there were not enough seats for students but instead by other needs of the school system.

FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan

Ms. Stengle presented the agenda and shared where the CIP information and schedule could be found on the website. She stated that any questions that could not be answered at the Work Session would have a follow-up response. Dr. Durán stated the goals he wanted to achieve with the CIP and how the proposed CIP was based on student success and well-being. He added that most of the projects were defined by the School Board, he recognized the changing enrollment due to the pandemic, and he spoke about the essential collaboration with Arlington County.

Ms. Peterson presented the project funding in the proposed CIP. She reviewed some line items and explained the context of funding a 10-year CIP. She talked about the cost of each project, the influence of market conditions, and some of the contingencies in place. She also spoke about the history of the bond referenda. She then presented the new projects in the CIP, such as the modernization of the enterprise resource planning system, and the safety and security systems replacement. She also talked about realigning certain CIP funds from the FY 22-24 CIP.

Ms. Harber presented the funding for major infrastructure projects and discussed how projects from the FY 2022-24 CIP would continue to be funded, such as the renovation of kitchens and entrances/security vestibules. Mr. Chambers spoke about phase two of the Heights Building, the plans for the temporary relocation of the Arlington Community High School, and the Arlington Career Center project. Ms. Lin and Ms. Peterson spoke about replacing Synthetic Turf Fields and funding. Ms. Lin also talked about the long-range plan to renovate existing school facilities.

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School Board Discussion

The Board discussed the costs of projects in the CIP, the safety of push-button locks, and the renovation needs for specific schools. They addressed the debt service ratio, bonds, and realigned funds. There was a discussion about the FY 2023-32 CIP Project Funding chart and some Board members expressed their desire to see the cost and funding of all projects on the chart. Dr. Kanninen thanked everyone for the evening's discussion and adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT	
The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.	
ATTEST:	
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk	Barbara Kanninen, Chair
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