

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Closed Meeting and Work Session #1 with the
Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning (ACTL) Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 5:33 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
 Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair (arrived at 5:50 PM)
 Mary Kadera, Member
 Dr. Barbara Kanninen, Member
 David Priddy, Member

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
 Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer
 Michel Hodge, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and *moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider as many as 22 appointments, 9 changes in position/salary, 8 resignations, and 6 resignations with prejudice 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 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively. Ms. Diaz-Torres was not present at the time of the vote.*

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Mr. Goldstein 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 Mr. Priddy 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.

Mr. Goldstein called for a brief recess at 6:20 p.m. The Board reconvened in an open session at 6:34 p.m.

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
 Dr. Gerald Mann, Chief Academic Officer
 Sarah Putman, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair of the Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning (Participated via Microsoft Teams due to medical reasons)
 Dr. Dat Le, Science Supervisor
 Melody Starya Mobley, Chair, Science Advisory Committee
 Shannan Ellis, Elementary Mathematics Supervisor
 Carl Seward, Secondary Mathematics Supervisor
 Rachel Whirley, Chair, Math Advisory Committee
 Katherine Partington, Gifted Specialist
 Amanda Dempsey, Gifted Young Scholars Specialist

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Carlisle Levine, Co-Chair Gifted Advisory Committee
 Greg Eastman, Co-Chair Gifted Advisory Committee
 Elisabeth Harrington, World Languages Supervisor
 Chloé Duchaj, World Languages Specialist
 Rachel Berkey, World Languages Co-Chair Advisory Committee
 Paula Cordero Salas, World Languages Co-Chair Advisory Committee
 Kelly Krug, Director of Special Education - Elementary
 Heather Rothenbuescher, Director of Special Education - Secondary
 Kathy Pericak, Chair of Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee
 David Rosenblatt, Past Chair of Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee
 Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

Introduction

Mr. Goldstein began by noting that the work session is one of two work sessions for the Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning (ACTL). The next one will be on January 10, 2023. He thanked the chairs for their volunteerism and the time they took to lead the committees.

ACTL Presentation

Ms. Zecher Sutton made opening remarks by thanking the committees who were present. Subsequently, the five committees that presented were Science, Math, Gifted, World Languages, and Special Education. Each committee had an allotted time to present its recommendations. During their time, they shared what resources their departments needed and summarized the information in each report.

School Board Discussion

The Board reviewed each committee's recommendations which included updated materials, curriculum updates, integration between subject matters, integrating more specialists and staff within different departments, and identifying specific roles. They also discussed the cost related to the recommendations.

Conclusion

Mr. Goldstein thanked the committee chairs and staff liaison for presenting their reports. Ms. Zecher Sutton expressed how critical the relationships between the committee chairs and the staff liaisons are to make effective reports, recommendations, and engagements. She mentioned the importance of needing more community engagement and recruiting members to the different committees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

ATTEST:

Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
 Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
 Arlington School Board

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