

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Closed Meeting and Work Session on Enrollment and Capacity Planning Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 5:34 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair
Mary Kadera, Member
Dr. Barbara Kanninen, Member
David Priddy, Member (Absent)

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 12 appointments, 5 changes in position/salary, 1 classification specification, 3 resignations, 4 resignations with prejudice, and 2 retirements as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1)*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Diaz-Torres, and it was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, and Dr. Kanninen voting affirmatively. Mr. Priddy was not present at the time of the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:27 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 Ms. Kadera and was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; and Dr. Kanninen – Aye. Mr. Priddy was not present at the time of the vote.

Mr. Goldstein called for a brief recess at 6:27 PM. The Board reconvened in an open session at 6:30 PM.

Also present were:

Stephen Linkous, Chief of Staff
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director of Planning & Evaluation
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

Introduction

Explaining that planning is essential to the whole system and a component of facility operations, Mr. Goldstein began the work session by noting that the discussion would revolve around enrollment and capacity. Dr. Durán thanked the Planning and Evaluation staff and reiterated that the work session intended to provide the Board and the community a better understanding of enrollment and capacity and share how the information is used for the budget, planning purposes, and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Enrollment and Capacity Presentation

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Mr. Linkous presented the objectives of the work session. He noted that APS enrollment and capacity planning drives the vision of the school division and the collaboration with the different departments. Managing APS enrollment and capacity planning processes for the past five school years, Ms. Stengle provided an overview of the process in place today, how it has evolved, and the work being conducted as Planning and Evaluation prepares for 2023-24 and the next CIP. She clarified that planning for capacity and enrollment is a collaboration with other departments and the County. She detailed the dramatic shifts in enrollment throughout the years in Arlington and reviewed today's planning process, which follows a two-year cycle. Ms. Stengle also discussed the 10-year enrollment projections and described annual estimates of future enrollment, increasing collaboration with the county, and the next steps. She addressed the reliability of the projections for the next school year and elaborated on how enrollment projections are prepared every year. She stated that APS projections are never 100% aligned but are within plus or minus two points of the projection. Ms. Stengle concluded the presentation by reviewing short-term and long-term enrollment and capacity planning strategies. In addition, she spoke about the Arlington Facilities & Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the information included in both plans, and how they work together.

School Board Discussion

The Board discussed the relocatables at different schools, program changes to option schools, building capacity, projections, and the missing middle and accessory dwelling units. They commented that current schools could have additions built to meet capacity needs for the future. They discussed how efficiently individual schools were being used. The Board conversed about the County's comprehensive plan and understood that in order for the schools to be incorporated into the plan, APS would need approval from the County. Lastly, they briefly discussed the AFSAP and noted that there would be a work session on this topic in June 2023.

The Board suggested that the Superintendent make the presentation an informative video for the website and the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

ATTEST:

Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board

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