

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Closed Meeting, Superintendent's FY 2024 Budget Presentation,
and Budget Work Session #1 Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:37 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair (participated virtually from South Carolina using Microsoft Teams due to personal reasons)
 Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair (participated in the Closed Meeting virtually from San Antonio, Texas using Microsoft Teams due to personal reasons)
 Mary Kadera, Member
 David Priddy, Member
 Bethany Zecher Sutton, Member
 Claudia Mercado, Clerk

Also present were:

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

A. CLOSED MEETING ON PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Priddy called the meeting to order and *moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider as many as 20 appointments, 3 changes in position/salary, 8 resignations, 3 resignations with prejudice, and 2 retirements as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1).* The motion was seconded by Ms. Kadera, and it was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Mr. Priddy, and Ms. Zecher Sutton voting affirmatively.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Mr. Priddy 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 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; Mr. Priddy – Aye; and Ms. Zecher Sutton – Aye.

The Board took a recess and reconvened at 7 PM.

Also present were:

Kimberley Graves, Chief of School Support
 Stephen Linkous, Chief of Staff
 Dr. Gerald Mann, Chief Academic Officer
 Christine Smith, Division Legal Counsel
 Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING (7 PM):

1. Call to Order

¹ The recording of School Board meetings is posted on the APS Web site following the meetings. Regular meetings are also broadcasted on Comcast Cable Channel 70 and Verizon FIOS Channel 41.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognitions: School Board Appreciation Month

Ms. Claire Noakes, President of the County Council of PTAs, recognized the School Board members on Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) School Board Appreciation Month for serving APS and advocating for public education on behalf of all students.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:02 PM):

Mr. Priddy provided information on the budget process for the 2023-2024 school year, which included opportunities for the community to provide feedback on the Proposed FY 2024 Budget.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED FY 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION (7:05 PM):

Dr. Durán presented the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2024 Budget totaling \$803.3 million, which aligned with the School Board's direction and reflected a needs-based budget to meet the critical needs of the school district, staff, and students. Dr. Durán detailed the investments of the proposed budget that emphasized the following priorities:

PRIORITY #1: Ensure student well-being and academic progress with a focus on innovation, equity, and evidence-based practices.

PRIORITY #2: Recruit, hire, retain, and invest in a high-quality workforce to ensure APS is the place where talented individuals choose to work.

PRIORITY #3: Improve operational efficiency.

Mr. Priddy called for a recess at 7:40 and the Board reconvened at 7:50 PM.

E. BUDGET WORK SESSION #1 (7:50 PM):

Ms. Peterson provided an overview of the School Board budget question process. She presented an overview of the FY 2024 budget that included information on the revenue and expenditures resulting in a balanced baseline budget. Lastly, Ms. Peterson presented the budget work session schedule.

The Board expressed their desire to discuss rigorously assessing the impact and effectiveness of investments. In addition, they were interested in learning more about the rationale for the proposed investments related to compensation, the direct needs of the schools, and the adjustment of planning factors.

F. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

¹The recording of School Board meetings is posted on the APS Web site following the meetings. Regular meetings are also broadcasted on Comcast Cable Channel 70 and Verizon FIOS Channel 41.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board

¹ The recording of School Board meetings is posted on the APS Web site following the meetings. Regular meetings are also broadcasted on Comcast Cable Channel 70 and Verizon FIOS Channel 41.