

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Closed Meeting and Budget Work Session #5 Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2023**

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 5:32 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair  
Mary Kadera, Member (arrived at 6:40 PM)  
David Priddy, Member  
Bethany Zecher Sutton, Member

**Also present were:**

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

**CLOSED MEETING ON PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and *moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider as many as 6 appointments, 10 changes in position/salary, 13 resignations, 1 resignation with prejudice, 1 nonrenewal-probationary contract, and 2 retirements, 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 Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Priddy, and Ms. Zecher Sutton voting affirmatively. Ms. Kadera was not present at the time of the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:08 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; Mr. Priddy – Aye and Ms. Zecher Sutton – Aye.

Mr. Goldstein called for a recess at 6:08 PM and the Board reconvened at 6:33 PM.

**Also present were:**

Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Management Services  
Erik Sullivan, Chair, Budget Advisory Council (BAC)  
Michael Lyons, Vice Chair, Budget Advisory Council (BAC)

Introduction & Presentation

Mr. Sullivan began by explaining the role of the Budget Advisory Council (BAC) which is to advise APS on fiscal integrity, public confidence, and stewardship of taxpayer resources. He discussed the fiscal sustainability of the budget and reviewed the revenue growth risks, revenue and county shares. Mr. Sullivan presented the BAC recommendations for the FY 2024 Budget which included evaluating the cost per pupil to rationalize costs. He then expressed some observations and comments on specific budget-level requests to align with School Board priorities. In conclusion, Mr. Sullivan noted that in the BAC end-of-year report, they would provide recommendations to help a more straightforward management process next year.

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Ms. Peterson provided a revenue update showing an increase in the FY 2024 Proposed Budget. She reviewed the status of the reserves and discussed the use of one-time funding from FY 2015 – FY 2024. To follow up, Dr. Durán added that reserve funds were used for compensation in the past few years; however, although there was an increase in revenue for county-funded positions, the schools would fund those positions moving forward.

#### School Board Discussion

The Board discussed the use of reserve and financial sustainability. In addition, the Board discussed the BAC recommendations and metrics. They also spoke about the planning factor study to help achieve equity and student success. The Board concluded the discussion by sharing the topics they were interested in continuing to discuss such as compensation, family medical leave, specialists for economically disadvantaged students, alternative programs for middle school students, high school students struggling with reading, additional staff positions, and paper report cards. Lastly, Mr. Goldstein thanked the BAC for sharing their thoughts and recommendations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

#### **ATTEST:**

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Arlington School Board

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