

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item C-1-g

School Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the School Board's Proposed FY 2020 Budget
May 7, 2019

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 6:02 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Monique O'Grady, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Catherine Ashby, Acting Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

A. CLOSED MEETING - NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

1. Call to Order and Presentation of the Colors
2. Recognitions:

The School Board recognized Washington-Lee High School Principal, Gregg Robertson, for receiving the Virginia High School League Award of Merit as the Northern Region Administrator of the Year.

3. Announcements

MEETINGS:

- May 8, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting – School Board Policies, 12 PM, School Board Conference Room

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<https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/view-school-board-meetings/>
DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

Ms. Talento shared that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. She encouraged the community to learn more about mental health and the resources available, and to be mindful about taking care of one's self.

C. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD'S PROPOSED FY 2020 BUDGET: (6:11 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ruth Haileselassie, Mehak Shah, Jenny Zavakpage, and Feben Lemma Wakefield High School, students, and *Alan Beitler*, Wakefield High School teacher: supporting Equity and Excellence Coordinators.

Adrienne Wright, Yorktown High School, teacher: stating concerns about class size.

William Gillen, parent, support for crew funding.

Ingrid Gant, Arlington Education Association, president, and *Leslie Stockton*, Arlington Education Association, vice president, and *Judith Knight*, Arlington Education Association, retired teacher: supporting a step and cost of living increase.

Kristi Sawert, Aquatics Committee member: commenting on pool fees.

Nikia Arnold, Arlington Career Center assistant: stating concerns about surplus.

D. CONSENT AGENDA: (6:35 PM)

Ms. Talento moved for adoption of the consent agenda seconded by *Ms. O'Grady*. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with *Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren* voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:
 - a. February 26, 2019 Work Session on Equity and Inclusion Policy Development and Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Policy Implementation Procedure Development
 - b. March 12, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee – General Policies
 - c. March 18, 2019 School Board Policy Subcommittee – School Board Policies
 - d. March 26, 2019 School Board Budget Work Session #4
 - e. April 5, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting
2. Revision of School Board Policy K-2.1 Virginia Freedom of Information Act
3. Amendment to School Board Policy B-8.4 Compensation and Benefits for School Board Members

E. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (6:40 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Anne Quinn, representing a parent: stating concerns about mental health.

Susan Cox, citizen: sharing concerns about facilities name changes.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS: (6:45 PM)

1. Proposed VSBA 2019 Legislative Positions:

Lilla Wise, Legislative Liaison for APS, presented the proposed Legislative Positions to be submitted to the VSBA for 2019, as noted below:

Topic 1: Performance Based Assessments

Proposed amendment to current VSBA Position – 1.7: The School Board proposed that the following language be added to the current position: “All End-of-Course Standards of Learning Assessments may be performance-based.”

Topic 2: State School Health Advisory Committee

Proposed New Position – Require the Board of Education to establish the State School Health Advisory Committee, consisting of no more than 20 non-legislative citizen members, to advise the Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly on (i) the role of employees in public elementary or secondary schools in providing health care services and (ii) the need for training associated with delivery of health care services.

Topic 3: Coordinate Between Local School Divisions and the Virginia Community College System

Proposed New Position – Provide increased articulation between local school divisions and the Virginia Community College System in curriculum alignment, mathematics intervention services, and credit and transfer pathways.

Ms. Van Doren expressed interest in adding a position related to the school to prison pipeline to have more flexibility with police intervening in disorderly conduct or discipline in school settings.

2. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy B-6 School Board Policy Process:

Ms. Talento presented the proposed revisions to School Board Policy B-6 School Board Policy Process which include rename of Policy B-6 to Policy Process, incorporate relevant content from current Policy B-6.3 and Policy C-8, and retire Policy B-6.3 and Policy C-8 Policy Procedures.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Dean Fleming, Washington-Lee High School Alumni Association: noting concerns about changes to policy.

Ms. Van Doren and Ms. Talento suggested some wording edits to the proposed revisions.

I. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board