

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting  
September 9, 2021

**Item C-1-a**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:30 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member (left at 8:02 PM)  
Monique O’Grady, Member  
David Priddy, Member

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Dan Redding, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING**

Dr. Kanninen called the meeting to order.

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider 40 appointments, 20 changes in position/salary, 16 resignations, 7 resignations with prejudice, 5 retirements, 1 classification request, 1 reclassification request, and discuss the performance of an additional 2 employees as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Mr. Priddy. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.*

*Dr. Kanninen moved to certify that to the best of her knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the 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; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. O’Grady – Aye; and Mr. Priddy – Aye.*

Dr. Kanninen called for brief a recess, and the Board reconvened in open session at 7:01 PM.

**Also present were:**

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layered prevention strategies to keep schools open and safe including COVID-19 response measures and vaccination requirements. Furthermore, Dr. Durán applauded staff, parents, and volunteers for their work to facilitate safe outdoor lunch options at the schools and he provided a brief update on Transportation Services. In addition, Dr. Durán highlighted the new family information line and the 2021-22 back-to-school night dates.

The Board expressed their joy about in-person back to school activities. They discussed the monitoring of student enrollment, and COVID-19 testing and notifications. The Board acknowledged the negative impact for those students who experienced issues with the virtual program, they thanked parents for sharing their concerns, and Ms. Loft shared information about the steps being taken to improve communications; she also provided an update on staffing. Dr. Kanninen announced that at the October 14, 2021 School Board meeting, staff will present an update on the Virtual Learning Program as a monitoring item. Ms. Diaz-Torres encouraged families to fill out the Free and Reduced Meal Benefits application to ensure families received all benefits related to this application.

**G. ACTION ITEMS: (9:07 PM)**

1. School Board 2021-2022 Priorities:

Dr. Kanninen confirmed that no changes have been made to the proposed School Board 2021-22 Priorities since it was presented as information

*Outstanding the School Board 2021-2022 Priorities, second by Mr. Priddy.*

Dr. Kanninen called for a motion, and it was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. O’Grady

