ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Superintendent's Proposed FY 2027 Budget Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2026

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The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 7:01 p.m. at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:
Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair
Miranda Turner, Vice Chair
Monique "Moe" Bryant, Member
Kathleen Clark, Member
Zuraya Tapia-Hadley, Member

Also present were:
Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Student Support
Kimberley Graves, Chief of Student Support
Andy Hawkins, Business Officer
Dr. Gerald Mann, Chief Academic Officer
Christine Smith, Division Counsel
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Jorge Velazquez, Budget Director, Business and Management Services
Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

A. REGULAR MEETING OPENING (7 p.m.)

1. Call to Order

2. Presentation of Colors: Arlington Career Center Space Force JROTC Cadets Corps

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:01 p.m.)

March 24 – County Board and School Board Joint Budget Work Session, 1:30 p.m., Board Room
March 26 – Board Action Item: School Board's Proposed FY 2027 Budget
April 14 – Budget Work Session #1-4, 9 a.m.-4:14 p.m., Board Room
April 14 – Public Hearing on the School Board's Proposed FY 2027 Budget, 7 p.m., Board Room

May 14 – Board Action Item: School Board's Adopted FY 2027 Budget

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED FY 2027 BUDGET (7:03 p.m.)

Dr. Durán presented the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2027 Budget of $855.69 million, developed in alignment with the Strategic Plan and the School Board's Budget Direction. He outlined the significant financial challenges facing the division and highlighted key budget components, including compensation investments, baseline adjustments, and strategic reductions. These measures were designed to achieve a balanced and sustainable budget while maintaining a focus on supporting students, staff, and schools.

Ms. Zecher Sutton acknowledged receipt of the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2027 Budget. In closing, she noted that the Board looked forward to engaging in robust discussions regarding state funding for public education, County revenue, and prioritizing the budget needs of the school division to maintain outstanding schools in Arlington.

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Claudia Mercado, Clerk Arlington School Board	Bethany Zecher Sutton, Chair Arlington School Board