

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
January 21, 2021 (5:00 p.m.)

Meeting Held via Zoom

On March 12, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and Acts of Assembly Chap. 1283 § 4-0.01(g), virtual School Board meetings held during the State of Emergency are limited to:

- addressing the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 (Va. Code § 44-146.17); and
- business that is necessary to continue school division operations and to discharge the School Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Notice of any virtual School Board Meetings will be posted on the ACPS Calendar and on the School Board Meeting web page, where the public may link to join or watch live meetings. Virtual Special Called School Board Meetings may also be watched live in Alexandria on Comcast Channel 71. Video recordings and minutes for these meetings are posted online as soon as available after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Meagan L. Alderton
Cindy Anderson

Ramee A. Gentry
Jacinta Greene
Margaret Lorber
Veronica R. Nolan
Michelle Rief
Christopher A. Suarez
Heather Thornton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Shanel Hill, Erika Gulick, Dawud Abdur-Rahman, Helen McIlvaine, Jennifer Abbruzzese,

Call the Work Session to Order

The Work Session began at 5:52 p.m. All Board Members were present at the start of the work session.

Discussion Topics

1. High School Project Colocation Test Fits

Ms. Erika Gulick, Director of Capital Programs, Planning and Design, presented designs developed by Perkins Eastman which consisted of a preliminary series of test fits. The test fits confirmed that all of the desired program elements can be accommodated on site. There was discussion of possible tradeoffs and considerations related to these various test fits. Noting that

these test fits are preliminary analyses and do not represent the final programming or layout of any concepts that would be developed in the next phase of design.

Mr. Dawud Abdur-Rahman joined Ms. Gulick in the presentation and assisted with answering questions the School Board had regarding the study.

The decision on colocation will be voted on by the School Board at the February 4, 2021 Virtual School Board Meeting.

2. Revision to A, B, C and E Policies and Regulations

Ms. Jennifer Abbruzzesse, Directory of Policy and Board Initiatives presented updates to the Board regarding Policies A, B, C and E. These revisions are primarily driven by changes to the Code of Virginia and Virginia Board of Education regulations. However, some have also been initiated by ACPS to either reflect current practice or the changing needs of the school division. Finally, some have been included to comply with the state of Virginia's five-year policy review requirement.

School Board Members asked questions regarding language in the policies and regulations that were outlined. Ms. Abbruzzesse answered their questions and mentioned that many of the policies are currently undergoing review under an equity audit and the results from the audit will come to the Board at a later date.

The work session ended at 7:32 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the February 4, 2018 School Board Meeting.