

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
May 20, 2021 (6:00 p.m.)

On March 12, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, this meeting is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), for the purpose of providing for the continuity of operations of the School Board for the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities. All members of the School Board are participating virtually via Zoom (with four Board Members attending in-person in the School Board Meeting Room). Public participation remains virtual and may be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on Comcast channel 71 in Alexandria, through the livestream on the ACPS website, or via Zoom by following the link posted at the top of the published agenda.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE WORK SESSION:

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, Erin Dahlin, Nancy Drane, Selena El Hajji; Sukumar Rao, Dominic Turner, Robert Easley, Dr. Anthony Sims, Dr. Terri Mozingo

Call the Work Session to Order

Chair Alderton called the Work Session to order at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion Topics

1. Budget Advisory Committee Recommendations on FY 2023 Budget Process and Calendar

The School Board Budget Advisory Committee outlined their process in reviewing ACPS' current Budget Process and Calendar, and shared their recommendations with the School Board. Board Members asked questions about having a single budget work session and having a "reach" budget.

2. FY 2022 Combined Funds and FY 2022-2031 CIP Budgets Add/Delete Work Session #1

Mr. Dominic Turner, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the FY 2022 Combined Funds and FY 2022-2031 CIP Budgets with the School Board and reviewed the Add/Delete proposals that were submitted on May 17, 2021.

The School Board discussed audits, adding a CTE support staff position, and SOL/MAP testing. Board Members expressed interest in a CTE presentation about opportunities and data and asked questions about SOL/MAP testing.

Board Members did not support the “ADD” for the technology audit as an audit is currently funded in the budget. Dr. Rief withdrew her request to “ADD” funding for the CTE Support Staff position as it was already slated to be funded in the next fiscal year’s budget. The “DELETE” funding for MAP testing was also not supported.

Mr. Turner reviewed the City appropriation which increased by \$400,000 for dual enrollment courses for students at Northern Virginia Community College, and the federal grant funding received for ESSER and American Rescue Funds. Questions were asked about reporting of grant funding expenditures, when the plan for spending the funds will be finalized,

The Add/Delete Budget Work Session scheduled for May 27, will not be needed for add/deletes but will be used to talk about using surplus funding for a salary enhancement for staff, and a response to the BAC presentation on the budget process.

Adjournment

The Work Session ended at 9:24 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the June 3, 2021 School Board Meeting.