

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
May 27, 2021 (5:00 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. 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 (absent)
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, Dr. Mann, Dr. Terri Mozingo, Dr. Tricia Jacobs

Call the Work Session to Order

Chair Alderton called the Work Session to order at 5:06 p.m.

Discussion Topics

1. Budget Work Session

Mr. Dominic Turner, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the staff response to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) report on ways to streamline the budget process and the opportunity to provide staff with a 4th quarter salary bonus due to a budget surplus in the FY 2021 Budget.

Board Members asked questions about implementing ideas from the BAC report, public engagement on the budgets, and “reach” items. Board Members indicated that they fully support a staff bonus for the FY 2021 year.

2. The High School Project: Educational Design Team Update

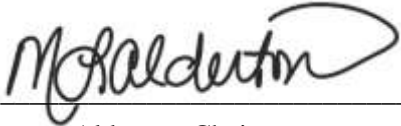
Dr. Gerald R. Mann, Jr., presented information on the continuing work of the Educational Design Team (EDT) regarding redefining the high school experience for the Connected Network. The

EDT members have formed workgroups focused on project-based learning, the Program of Studies, student experience and alternative pathways.

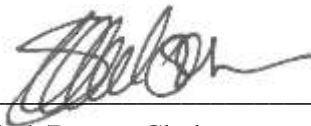
Board members asked questions about the role school counselors will play, training needed, and content knowledge for core subjects.

Adjournment

The Work Session ended at 6:35 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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