

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
June 3, 2021 (6:00 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. 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 cable 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 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, Jennifer Abbruzzese, John Cafferky

Discussion Topics

The Work Session began at 8:32 p.m. All Board Members were present at the meeting.

Discussion Topics

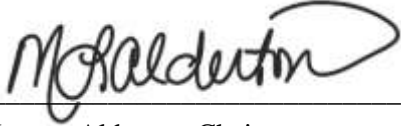
1. Statutory and Regulatory Policy Revisions

Ms. Jennifer Abbruzzese, Director of Policy and Board Initiatives, and School Board Attorney John Cafferky reviewed nine policy revisions with the School Board. The Title IX-related revisions to G and J policies and regulations are due to the 2020 changes to Title IX's implementing regulations regarding sexual harassment. Other policy revisions have been revised to reflect statutory changes taking effect prior to the 2021-22 school year, or to avoid confusion by aligning with the ACPS current practices.

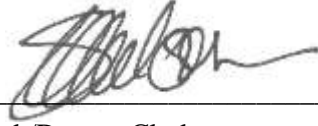
School Board Members asked clarifying questions about the new sexual harassment reporting requirement and about posting updates to the ACPS website. There were additional questions on

opportunities for Advisory Committees to participate electronically, exceeding 25% of allowable electronic meetings, and about instructional hours for kindergarten.

The work session ended at 9:22 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the June 17, 2021 School Board Meeting.