

MINUTES
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
June 23, 2021

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 via Zoom. 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 at the top of the posted 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, Andrea Lennon, John Finnigan, Dr. Alicia Hart, Dominic Turner, Dr. Stephen Wilkins, Maree Sneed, Arron Gregory, Brian Stockton

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

2. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the June 23, 2021 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the June 23, 2021 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

3. Closed Meeting

Ms. Gentry moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board; and

Ms. Gentry moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(6) for discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved and, where, if made public, would adversely affect the financial interest of the Board; and

Ms. Gentry moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 9-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried. The vote was taken by roll call.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 8:07 a.m.

4. Certification of Closed Meeting

Ms. Gentry moved that pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3712, that the Board certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, and which are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board in the Closed Meeting held on June 23, 2021.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried. Ms. Lorber, Ms. Nolan, Dr. Rief, and Ms. Thornton did not return from the Closed Session and were absent for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 9:20 a.m.

New Business and Reports to the Board

11. Legal Matter

Ms. Gentry moved that the Board proceed with the legal matter described in the closed session and enter into a contractual relationship with legal counsel. Mr. Suarez seconded the motion.

The vote to proceed with the legal matter as discussed in the closed meeting was unanimous, 6-0. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried.

12. Kitchen Serving Line Renovations at Mt. Vernon Community School

Ms. Gentry moved that the Board approve the award of the contract as discussed in closed session for the Kitchen Serving Line Renovations at Mount Vernon Community School. Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

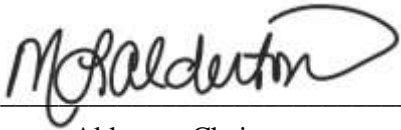
The vote to approve the award of the contract for the kitchen serving line renovations at Mount Vernon Community School was unanimous, 6-0. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried.

Adjournment

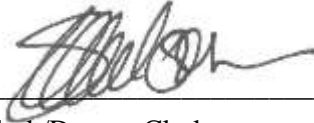
5. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Gentry and seconded by Ms. Greene, the Board voted unanimously, 6-0, to adjourn. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 9:23 a.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the August 3, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting.