

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
December 14, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Meagan L. Alderton
Cindy Anderson
Ramee A. Gentry (absent)
Jacinta Greene
Margaret Lorber
Veronica R. Nolan
Michelle Rief (absent)
Christopher A. Suarez
Heather Thornton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Shanel Hill, Jennifer Abbruzzese, Dr. Terri Mozingo, Kennetra Wood

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Dr. Rief and Ms. Gentry who were absent for the duration of the meeting. Mr. Suarez arrived during the Closed Meeting.

Moment of Silence

2. Observe a Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

3. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the December 14, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Greene moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the December 14, 2021 Special Called School Board Meeting.

Ms. Anderson seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 6-0. The motion carried.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

4. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Nolan moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion and consideration of employment, performance, and contractual matters for one specific public employee for discussion of an evaluation.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 7:06 p.m.

5. Certification of Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Nolan 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 December 14, 2021.

Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

New Business and Reports to the Board

6. Statutory/Regulatory Policy Revisions

Ms. Jennifer Abbruzzese, Director of Policy and Board Initiatives, presented 14 policies and regulations for revision from the classifications below and one policy is proposed for deletion.

G Policies: Personnel

I Policies: Instructional Program

K Policies: School-Community Relations

These revisions are part of the School Board’s continuing policy review cycle, and 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.

These policies will return to the Board for approval at the next Board Meeting.

Old Business and Action Items

7. Equity Policy Audit Draft Revisions: Student Discipline and Conduct

Ms. Abbruzzese, as part of the Board’s Equity Policy Audit, presented policies and regulation revisions related to student discipline and conduct including for student suspension and expulsions.

The Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee was created by the Board to perform an in-depth policy review at monthly meetings. The committee works alongside the ACPS/IDRA equity policy audit team to incorporate its recommendations with those from staff and community focus groups. Recommendations from the committee are being presented.

These revisions will return to the Board at the next School Board Meeting for approval.

Adjournment

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Lorber, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to adjourn. The vote was taken by roll call. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:32 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the January 6, 2022 School Board Meeting.