

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
February 10, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Meagan L. Alderton
Willie F. Bailey Sr.
Kelly Carmichael Booz
Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi
Jacinta Greene
Christopher Harris
Tammy Ignacio
Michelle Rief
Ashley Simpson Baird

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Shanel Hill, Dominic Turner, Dr. Julie Crawford,

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Alderton

Chair Alderton called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the 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 February 10, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting

Dr. Rief moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the February 10, 2022 Special Called School Board Meeting.

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

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

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

4. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Greene 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. Greene further moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Dr. Rief seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 9-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 6:46 p.m.

5. Certification of Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Greene 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 February 10, 2022.

Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, 9-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

6. Public Comments

Ms. Sindy Carballo, Youth Organizer from Tenants and Workers United, spoke regarding the FY 2023 Budget. She requested that more funding be allocated for Restorative Practices and mental health services for students.

Consent Calendar

7. Francis C. Hammond HVAC Contract

8. Personnel Actions through February 7, 2022

9. Monthly Facilities Use Report for January 2022

10. Resolution Regarding Purchas of 1703 N. Beauregard Street

11. Appointments to the Ad Hoc School Board Advisory Support Committee

12. Accept Resignation of Linda Zanin from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee

13. Minutes for the February 8, 2022 FY 2023 Combined Funds Add/Delete Work Session

Mr. Elnoubi moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the Consent Calendar was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar

Old Business & Action Items

11. Adoption of the FY 2023 Combined Funds Budget

Mr. Dominic Turner, Chief Financial Officer, thanked colleagues, chiefs, directors and principals for their work in developing the budget and identifying specific areas to target with ACPS' limited resources. He also thanked his budget team for their long hours and dedication, and the School Board for their work.

Vice Chair Greene made the following motion to adopt the FY 2023 Combined Funds Budget:

“Madam Chair, I move that the School Board approve the FY 2023 Combined Funds Budget as follows:

- The FY 2023 Operating budget in the amount of \$318,052,637 for both revenues and expenditures as shown in Attachment 2, including the adjustments shown in the memo, as

discussed and supported by the School Board during the February 8, 2022 budget work session. This includes other financing sources and uses, as well as a \$5,545,337 planned use of general fund balance. The operating budget includes:

- 2,438.5 FTEs, an increase of 0.6% from FY 2022
- A total City appropriation request of \$248,737,300, an increase of 3.9% from FY 2022
- The FY 2023 Grants and Special Projects budget in the amount of \$17,610,664 for both revenues and expenditures as shown in Attachment 2. There are no adjustments recommended to the proposed budget presentation. This budget includes other financing sources and uses, and a total of 100.25 FTEs, a decrease of 6.4% from FY 2022.
- The FY 2023 School Nutrition Services budget totals \$12,037,486 for both revenues and expenditures as shown in Attachment 2. There are no adjustments recommended to the proposed budget presentation. This budget includes 121.00 FTEs, which represents a 0.8% increase from FY 2022.

The Superintendent is granted the authority to make the necessary minor changes to comply with the intent of the School Board.”

Dr. Rief seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the FY 2023 Combined Funds Budget was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

New Business and Reports to the Board

There were no “New Business and Reports to the Board” agenda items.

Superintendent’s Report

14. Report from Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr.

Superintendent Hutchings asked Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of Student Services & Equity, to provide more information on masking guidance in ACPS. She reported that the City of Alexandria is reporting that while cases of COVID are decreasing, the city is still in a state of high transmission. Dr. Crawford noted that ACPS continues to require masks in school facilities and when riding in ACPS vehicles. She also noted that ACPS is working with the Alexandria Health Department on transition steps for when masking becomes optional.

Dr. Hutchings reported that February 14-18 is VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week, and thanked Ms. Susan Neilson, Clerk, and Ms. Shanel Hill, Deputy Clerk, for their work. He noted that the clerks work tirelessly assisting school board members, superintendents, schools and the public.

Dr. Hutchings also reported that February 9th was Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). He congratulated Ms. Cora Reed, from Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy who was selected as one of five Outstanding Crossing Guards in Virginia. Dr. Hutchings noted that Ms. Reed has been a crossing guard for 50 years and is an integral part of the school community. She has a positive and encouraging attitude, but a firm manner. Ms. Reed also teaches students proper pedestrian behaviors and encourages them to make use of the crosswalk.

Lastly, Dr. Hutchings encouraged the community to tune into his monthly podcast, “Unapologetic Talk with the Supe,” which focuses on conversations addressing the barriers to learning as well as ideas for how educators can work to empower all students to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world. He noted that his most recent podcast featured author and thought leader on inclusion and diversity, Mary Francis-Winters.

Adjournment

15. Adjourn

On a motion by Dr. Rief and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Board voted unanimously, 9-0, to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Meagan Alderton, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the March 10, 2022 School Board Meeting.