

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
May 22, 2020 (11:30 am)

Meeting Held via Zoom

On March 12, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and Acts of Assembly Chap. 1283 § 4-0.01(g), virtual School Board meetings held during the State of Emergency are limited to:

- addressing the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020 (Va. Code § 44-146.17); and
- business that is necessary to continue school division operations and to discharge the School Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Notice of any virtual School Board Meetings will be posted on the ACPS Calendar and on the School Board Meeting web page, where the public may link to join or watch live meetings. Virtual Special Called School Board Meetings may also be watched live in Alexandria on Comcast Channel 71. Video recordings and minutes for these meetings are posted online as soon as available after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD

MEMBERS:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Susan Neilson, Shanel Hill, Clinton Page, Dr. Scott Joftus, Rudy Ruiz

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Anderson

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Gentry, who joined the meeting after the Closed Meeting and Ms. Greene, who was absent.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

1. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the May 22, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting

Mr. Suarez moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the May 22, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting. Ms. Lorber seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried. Ms. Gentry had not yet arrived to the meeting.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

2. Closed Meeting

Ms. Alderton 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 15 specific public employee(s).

Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0, to convene a Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board moved into a Closed Meeting at 11:44 a.m.

3. Certification of Closed Meeting

Ms. Alderton 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 May 22, 2020.

Ms. Nolan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the Closed Meeting. The motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 12:28 p.m.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

4. Public Comments

Written public comments were received from Ms. Angela Mills regarding "looping," the practice of a teacher staying with the same group of students for more than one academic year. She also attached an article from The School Superintendents Association (AASA) in support of this idea.

Consent Calendar

5. Approval of Community Donation

6. Personnel Actions for the Month of April 2020

7. Superintendent Evaluation Criteria Revision During COVID-19

8. Minutes for the April 30 and May 15, 2020 Virtual Special Called School Board Meetings, and the April 20 and May 4, 2020 Superintendent Evaluation Criteria Development Committee Virtual Meetings

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Ms. Alderton seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the Consent Calendar was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar

No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

New Business and Reports to the Board

9. Equity for All 2025: Draft Strategic Plan

Mr. Clinton Page, Chief Accountability Officer, introduced Dr. Scott Joftus and Mr. Rudy Ruiz of FourPoint Education Partners consulting group. They have worked for the past year with the Strategic Planning Committee to draft a five-year strategic plan for ACPS through 2025. The draft plan will be presented in two parts. In this first presentation, Dr. Joftus highlighted the key principles in the development of the plan, the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, the plan's framework and the vision, mission, and core values that were developed by the School Board.

Board Members commented that they were excited about the new Strategic Plan and thanked the planning committee members, staff and the FourPoint team for their hard work on the plan.

The second part of the Draft Strategic Plan is scheduled to be presented on May 29, 2020 and will focus on the specific goals within the plan, associated measures designed to determine the extent to which goals are being implemented, and the strategies and highlighted actions to help achieve each goal.

Superintendent's Report

10. School Board Q&A with Dr. Hutchings

Chair Anderson suggested that in the interest of time, the School Board adjourn to begin the Add/Delete Work Session. Any questions for the Superintendent will be emailed and discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

11. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Gentry and seconded by Mr. Suarez, the Board voted unanimously, 8-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 1:03 p.m.

Cindy Anderson, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the **DATE** School Board Meeting.