

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
February 9, 2017 (7:00 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Ramee A. Gentry
Cindy Anderson
Ronnie Campbell
William E. Campbell
Henry E. Cardwell
Karen Graf
Christopher J. Lewis
Margaret Lorber
Veronica R. Nolan (arrived after Consent Calendar)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terri Mazingo, as the Superintendent's Designee in Dr. Crawley's absence, Jennifer Abbruzzese, Susan Neilson, Amanda Eisenhour, Sugeivis Gomez, Clinton Page, Clarence Stukes, and Elijah Gross.

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Gentry

Chair Gentry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Nolan, who arrived after the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

2. Closed Meeting

3. Certification of Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting held.

Pledge of Allegiance

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from John Adams Elementary School. Afterward, they presented information about the CETA, Dual Language and Simpatico programs at their school and sang a song from a recent concert.

Moment of Silence

5. Observe a Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

6. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the February 9, 2017 School Board Meeting

Ms. Graf moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the February 9, 2017 School Board Meeting. Mr. Cardwell seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

7. Approve Minutes for the January 10, 19, 24, and 31, 2017 Special Called School Board Meetings and the January 12, 2017 School Board Meeting

Ms. Lorber moved to approve the minutes for the January 10, 19, 24 and 31, 2017 Special Called Board Meetings and the January 12, 2017 School Board meeting. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the minutes for January 10, 19, 24 and 31, 2017 Special Called Meetings and the January 12, 2017 School Board Meeting was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

8. Recognition of ACPS National Board Certified Teachers

Dr. Terri Mazingo, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Mr. Steve Geter, Ms. Jennifer Lay, and Ms. Melissa King, who were the recipients of or received renewals of National Board Certified Teacher status. Dr. Mazingo explained that National Board Certification is a voluntary, teacher-driven, professional learning experience in which teachers work through a rigorous, performance-based, peer-review program. Chair Gentry presented flowers to the recipients on behalf of the Board. They were also recognized and presented with certificates at a reception held in their honor prior to the Board Meeting.

9. Public Comments

Ms. Robin Bectel, parent, spoke about keeping the dual language program at John Adams and encouraged the Board to expand it.

Ms. Mimi Goff, citizen, spoke about the Board's adoption of the T.C. Williams Community Advisory Committee Resolution, and her belief that it violates City Council's Developmental Special Use Permit (DSUP) #2002-0044, Condition 69.

10. Report from Student Representatives Amanda Eisenhour and Sugeivis Gomez

Ms. Eisenhour reported on activities around the division, including course selection counseling at T.C. Williams, the publication of the Program of Studies, a record 24 students who made the All-District Band from ACPS, and the success of the T.C. Williams student one-act play "Boy Meets Girl." She also reported on Matthew Maury's PBIS Strategies, George Mason's fundraising for the Alexandria Animal Shelter, and elementary school visits by middle-school counselors about class scheduling. Ms. Eisenhour further reported on the Spanish Language Arts report card for the dual-language program at John Adams.

Ms. Gomez reported on the annual elective fair held at T.C. Williams to help students select their elective courses, and the Superintendent's Student Leadership Committee (SSLC) Leadership Conference to be held on Monday, February 13th at 3:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams. She also relayed concerns regarding the bleachers at T.C. Williams, which may cancel the upcoming pep rally due to disrepair. She further reported on funds donated to James Polk by the Dream Foundation, as well as the Kindergarten reading program there. Ms. Gomez noted that this was National School Counselors Week and that Patrick Henry is hosting the musical, "the Jungle Book," on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business & Action Items

There were no Old Business & Action Items this evening.

Consent Calendar

11. FY207 Monthly Financial Report Ending December 31, 2016

12. Appoint Charles Sumpter to the School Health Advisory Board

13. Appoint Karen Seaver Hill to the School Health Advisory Board

Mr. Campbell moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Vice Chair Anderson 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

14. ACPS 2020 Goal 6 Performance Update

Mr. Clinton Page, Chief Accountability Officer, reported on ACPS 2020 Strategic Plan Goal 6 (Effective and Efficient Operations), and reviewed its Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the 2015-2016 school year. He reported that all of the Goal 6 targets were met. He also reviewed next steps for sustaining growth in this area.

15. CIP Quarterly Report: Quarter 2

Mr. Elijah Gross, Director of Planning, Construction and Design, presented the FY2017 CIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 2. He reviewed the major accomplishments and gave a status update for all CIP projects on which work was done in the second quarter of FY2017. Finally, he provided a financial progress report on the division's major construction projects.

Chair's Report

16. Report from Ramee A. Gentry

Chair Gentry reported that this was National School Counselors Week. She also noted that George Washington and Francis C. Hammond Middle Schools were both announced as Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) schools by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Chair Gentry invited the public to attend the Third Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School.

Superintendent's Report

17. Report from Dr. Alvin L. Crawley

Dr. Mazingo did not give a report on Dr. Crawley's behalf.

Announcements

18. Announcements

Ms. Lorber announced that she had attended the "Boy Meets Girl" one-act play at T.C. Williams and History Day at George Washington Middle School with Ms. Nolan, where they viewed documentaries and posters on the topic of "Taking a Stand in History."

Mr. Lewis thanked the student representatives for mentioning the musical, "The Jungle Book," presented by Patrick Henry students on February 9th and 10th. While he regretted he was unable to attend, he invited the public to come out and support the play. He also reported attending a governance meeting at Francis Hammond, where he was impressed by the level of detail that had gone into preparing for the meeting.

Ms. Graf reported on the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) meeting this week. She noted the discussion of the Champions for Children Awards to be held on June 14th at 6:00 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby at City Hall. She challenged the Board to submit deserving candidates for the award.

Ms. Campbell noted that the CYFCC had a new Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCYFCC/>, where information about the group, as well as information about organizations that provide services to children would be posted. She noted that anyone wishing to submit information can send it to cyfccsocialmedia@gmail.com. Ms. Campbell also reported on Alexandria's Sister City Committee's student poster contest on people that the students admire. She recommended that the community stop by to see it, as she was quite impressed.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

19. Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting held.

Adjournment

20. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Lorber and seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board voted unanimously, 9-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:22 p.m.

Ramee A. Gentry, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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