

**MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
December 1, 2016 (7:00 p.m.)**

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Alvin Crawley, Jennifer Abbruzzese, Susan Neilson, Amanda Eisenhower, Sugeivis Gomez, Gerald Mann, Joseph Makolandra, Clinton Page, Dr. Julie Crawford, Michael Humphreys, and Richard Jackson.

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Graf

Chair Graf called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Anderson, Ms. Campbell, and Dr. Cardwell, who arrived during the closed session.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

2. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Lewis moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation and briefing concerning actual or probable litigation, where such consultation and briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the legal posture of the Board. He further moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(29) for the discussion of the award of a contract involving the expenditure of public funds, and discussion of the scope of such a contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the Board.

Ms. Gentry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to convene a closed meeting.

The Board moved into a closed session at 6:08 p.m.

3. Certification of Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Lewis moved that pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3712, that the Board certify 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 are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act, were heard, discussed or considered by the Board in the Closed Meeting held on December 1, 2016.

Ms. Gentry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0, to certify the closed meeting. Mr. Campbell was not present during the vote.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Jefferson-Houston Pre-K - 8 School. The students performed a song afterward.

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 December 1, 2016 School Board Meeting

Ms. Lorber moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the December 1, 2016 School Board Meeting. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried. Due to a technical difficulty, Mr. Campbell indicated an affirmative hand vote.

7. Approve Minutes for the October 13, October 27, and November 10, 2016 School board Meetings; and the November 14, 2016 Special Called School Board Meeting

Ms. Gentry moved to approve the minutes for the October 13, October 27, and November 10, 2016 School Board Meetings; and the November 14, 2016 Special Called School Board Meeting. Vice Chair Lewis seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the minutes for the October 13, October 27, and November 10, 2016 School Board Meetings and the November 14, 2016 Special Called School Board Meeting was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

8. Recognition of James K. Polk School Nurse Stefani Lailari as the 2016 Virginia School Nurse of the Year

Dr. Crawley congratulated School Nurse Stefani Lailari for being named the 2016 Virginia School Nurse of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Nurses. Ms. Lailari thanked the Board for supporting school health by having a school nurse in every ACPS school.

9. Public Hearing on FY 2018-2027 CIP Budget

Max Carroll, student and athlete, spoke in support of lights for the T.C. Williams stadium.

Matias Hendi, student and athlete, spoke in support of lights for the T.C. Williams stadium.

Gabriel Hendi, student and athlete, spoke in support of lights for the T.C. Williams stadium.

Todd Carroll, parent and Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA) Board of Directors Member, spoke in support of lights for the T.C. Williams stadium.

Beth Coast, ACPS teacher and member of the T.C. Williams Capacity Committee, spoke regarding the capacity issues at T.C. Williams and asked the School Board to work on immediate solutions.

Mark Sloan, Titan Football Booster President, spoke in support of lights for the T.C. Williams stadium.

Sue Setliff, citizen, spoke in support of stadium modernization at T.C. Williams.

Judy Noritake, citizen, spoke in support of stadium modernization at T.C. Williams.

Joy Cameron, PTAC President, encouraged the Board to be bold in their budget requests with the City in order to meet the needs of our schools.

Bill Goff, citizen, spoke against lights at the T.C. Williams stadium and asked for clarity on the dismissal of Coach Brian Hill.

Arden Levy, parent, spoke in support of funding relocatables at George Mason and asked for Redistricting Draft Option Maps 7, 8 and 9 to be removed, which would result in busing Planning Block (PB) 72 to another school.

Dino Drudi, citizen, spoke about the immigration enforcement proposed by President-Elect Trump, which would result in the loss of students at ACPS. He suggested that the enrollment projections would be significantly reduced and would result in a decreased need for additional schools.

Jim Gibson, Chair of the Youth Sports Advisory Board, spoke about the positive effects of athletics on the city's youth and voiced his support for stadium modernization at T.C. Williams.

Peter Abed, T.C. Williams Varsity Soccer Coach and ACPS teacher, spoke in support of T.C. Williams stadium modernization.

Mimi Goff, citizen, spoke in support of stadium modernization, however not in support of lights.

Frank Bires, citizen, spoke against lights at T.C. Williams stadium and on how lights would result in the reduction of property values.

Tarek Bolden, Youth Football Coach, spoke in support of lights at T.C. Williams, which would help to keep local youths involved in sports.

Thomas Park, Director of Alexandria Soccer Association, spoke in support of stadium modernization, which will have a positive effect on young athletes.

10. Public Comments

Scott Maurer, Pastor of West City Fellowship, spoke about the cost of the auditorium rental at Minnie Howard, which he suggested needs to be priced more appropriately for the size of the space.

Craig Zelizer, parent from PB 22, spoke in support of Redistricting Draft Map Option 8, which better supports the redistricting criteria and would keep PB 22 at Samuel Tucker.

Karen Kuhlman, parent from PB 72, spoke in opposition of the current redistricting maps that remove PB 72 from the George Mason attendance zone. She also urged the Board to move George Mason forward in the construction schedule listed in the CIP Budget.

Christian Cerria, member of the Hillwood Condominium Civic Association, spoke in support of keeping PB 22 in the Samuel Tucker attendance zone.

11. Report from Student Representatives Amanda Eisenhour and Sugeivis Gomez

Ms. Eisenhour expressed thanks to ACPS for its support of students regardless of their immigration status. She also expressed student support for T.C. Williams stadium lights. Ms. Eisenhour urged the Board to look at short-term solutions to help relieve capacity issues at T.C. Williams and Minnie Howard. She noted partnership events at Douglas MacArthur, Cora Kelly the T.C. Williams Stem program, and service projects held by schools. Ms. Eisenhour congratulated the T.C. Williams Model UN students for their recent win of six awards.

Ms. Gomez reported on student concerns regarding the capacity issues not only at T.C. Williams, but at all ACPS schools. She noted that students have suggested having more elementary schools that are K-8 schools, and that they supported adding onto T.C. Williams rather than building a new high school. Ms. Gomez also reported on the success of the Girls Varsity Basketball team,

the International Festival at William Ramsay, the Making a Global Commitment Club at James Polk, and invited families and students to join ACPS in the Scottish Christmas Walk on Saturday, December 3rd.

Chair Graf congratulated Ms. Gomez for winning a scholarship at the recent VSBA Annual Convention held in November.

Old Business & Action Items

12. CIP Budget Transfer—1701 and 1705 N. Beauregard

Dr. Crawley reviewed funding options for the purchase and retrofit of the new West End Elementary School and Pre-K Center which totals \$38.2 million and identified funding sources totaling \$28.8 million. The proposed budget transfer of \$17,697,541 from identified ACPS CIP projects which have been deferred, realized savings, or have ended would close the funding gap.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the budget transfer request in the amount of \$17,697,541. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the CIP budget transfer request in the amount of \$17,697, 541 was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

13. Resolution to Designate Fund Balance for the New Elementary School

On May 19, 2016, the School Board adopted a new fund balance policy (Policy DAB) that outlined the acceptable levels and uses of unrestricted operating fund balance. The policy was established in collaboration with the City, giving the School Board the authority to establish a reserve to address any unanticipated funding needs or revenue shortfalls. Based on the available, unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2015, the School Board designated \$1,934,459 as School Board Reserves on May 26, 2016.

Pursuant to School Board Policy DAB, the Superintendent is recommending that the School Board adopt a new fund balance resolution to use \$1,934,459 from School Board Reserves to partially fund the New Elementary School CIP Project. To do this, the School Board will need to adopt a new Fund Balance Resolution that specifies the use of \$1,934,459 from School Board Reserves/Operating Fund Balance for the new elementary school CIP project. This resolution authorizes an increase in the use of Spendable Fund Balance in FY 2017 for the ACPS Operating Fund by \$1,934,459 to a total of \$6,996,799; and an increase in the operating expenditure budget from \$253,400,479 to \$255,334,938 in support of the new elementary school and pre-k center, thereby increasing the FY 2017 ACPS Capital Improvement Program budget from \$44,193,551 to \$46,128,010.

Vice Chair Lewis moved to adopt the resolution to designate fund balance for the new elementary school. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Lewis moved to amend the motion to include “FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing fund transfers by the School Board will be effective fourteen days prior to the scheduled closing date of the purchase contract for the property at 1701 and 1705 North Beauregard Street, as that date may be amended.”

The vote to approve the resolution to designate fund balance for the new elementary school was unanimous, 9-0. Due to a technical difficulty Ms. Anderson indicated an affirmative hand vote. The motion carried.

The vote on the original motion to adopt the resolution to designate fund balance for the new elementary school was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

14. Resolution to Transfer FY 2017 Operating Budget funding to the CIP Budget for the New Elementary School

The FY 2017 Operating Budget includes \$2,540,975 allocated for leasing and personnel costs related to the new elementary school and pre-k center. The Superintendent recommends that the School Board transfer this amount from the ACPS Operating Fund to the City's Capital Projects Fund in support of the new elementary school and pre-k center projects. To do this, the School Board will need to adopt a resolution to transfer \$2,540,975 in FY 2017 Operating Budget Funding to the City's Capital Projects Fund in support of the new school project. This resolution authorizes a reduction of the City's operating appropriation to ACPS from \$206,561,472 to \$204,020,497; a reduction in the ACPS operating expenditure budget by \$2,540,975, to a total of \$252,793,963 inclusive of the fund balance adjustment described in the concurrent "Resolution to Designate and Appropriate Fund Balance for the New Elementary School;" and a request to further increase the City's Capital Projects Fund by \$2,540,975 to support the new elementary school and pre-k center, thereby increasing the FY 2017 ACPS Capital Improvement Program budget to \$48,668,985, inclusive of the aforementioned fund balance allocation.

Ms. Gentry moved to adopt the resolution to transfer FY 2017 Operating Budget Funding to the CIP Budget for the New Elementary School. Vice Chair Lewis seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Lewis moved to amend the resolution to read, "4. FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing fund transfers by the School Board will be effective fourteen days prior to the scheduled closing date of the purchase contract for the property at 1701 and 1705 North Beauregard Street, as that date may be amended." Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

The vote to amend the resolution was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

The vote on the original motion to adopt the resolution to transfer FY 2017 Operating Budget funding to the CIP Budget for the new elementary school was unanimous, 9-0. The motion carried.

15. Redistricting Update

Ms. Gentry gave an update on the Redistricting process. She invited the public to attend any of the remaining meetings, the public hearing on December 8th, as well as to follow the process by reviewing the documents posted on the ACPS Redistricting page on the website. She also indicated that the policies and regulations governing student enrollment will also be reviewed by the Board.

Consent Calendar

- 16. FY 2017 Monthly Financial Report Ending October 31, 2016**
- 17. ACPS Legislative Agenda**
- 18. Approve Inducting Frankie Glascoe to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame**
- 19. Approve Inducting Walter Griffin Sr. to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame**
- 20. Approve Inducting Tony Hunt to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame**
- 21. Approve Inducting Dawn Ingram to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame**
- 22. Recommend Kathy Stenzel as the ACPS Representative to the City of Alexandria's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee**
- 23. Appoint John Lennon to the Budget Advisory Committee**
- 24. Appoint Janese Bechtol to the Budget Advisory Committee**
- 25. Appoint Clese Erikson to the Budget Advisory Committee**
- 26. Appoint Erin Dahlin to the Budget Advisory Committee**
- 27. Appoint D Ohlandt to the Redistricting Review Committee**
- 28. Appoint Michael Suppa to the School Health Advisory Board**
- 29. Appoint Alyce McLean to the Special Education Advisory Committee**

- 30. Appoint Bev Weaver to the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 31. Appoint Delma Melgar to the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 32. Appoint Ellen Taverna to the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 33. Appoint Lisa Remsa to the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 34. Appoint Maeve O'Connor to the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 35. Accept Resignation of Anne Marie White-Harris from the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 36. Accept Resignation of Katherine Carlisle from the Special Education Advisory Committee**
- 37. Appoint Joan Harvath to the TAG Advisory Committee**
- 38. Appoint Jessica Finnefrock to the TAG Advisory Committee**

Mr. Campbell moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Ms. Gentry seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Lewis asked to remove "Approve Inducting Jim Lewis to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame" from the Consent Calendar.

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

Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar

- 39. Approve Inducting Jim Lewis to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame**

Vice Chair Lewis indicated that he pulled this item he wished to abstain from voting on this item as it would be a conflict of interest. Chair Graf asked for clarification and he indicated that the candidate is his father.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve inducting Jim Lewis to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion.

The vote to approve the induction of Jim Lewis to the ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame was 8-0-1. Vice Chair Lewis abstained. The motion carried.

New Business and Reports to the Board

- 40. 2017-2018 Program of Studies**

Mr. Gerald Mann, Executive Director of Secondary Education, reviewed the 2017-2018 Program of Studies with the Board, which lists course selections, graduation requirements, and diverse curriculum options for students to optimize student success. He reviewed changes and course additions that are included in the Program of Studies. Mr. Mann indicated that the final version will come before the Board for approval at the next School Board meeting.

- 41. 2017-2018 Academic Calendars**

Mr. Joseph Makolandra, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented the proposed 2017-2018 ACPS traditional and modified academic calendars. The calendars reflect 183 instructional days, which includes three snow make-up days. An effort was made to preserve the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a holiday and the Winter Break will be eight days long. One additional professional development date was added, and professional development dates were designated as school-based or division-wide. Mr. Makolandra provided stakeholder survey results to the Board as well. This item will return for approval at the next School Board Meeting.

- 42. ACPS 2020 Goal 5 Performance Update**

Mr. Clinton Page, Chief Accountability Officer, reported on the ACPS 2020 Strategic Plan Goal 5 (Health and Wellness) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the 2015-2016 school year. He reported that half (6 out of 12) of the ACPS 2020 Goal 5 targets were met. He noted that one target, (Average Number of Developmental Assets Reported by Middle School and High School

Students) had not been met, but had showed improvement. Five additional goals remained consistent. Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief Student Services Officer, reviewed next steps for sustaining growth, as well as steps to facilitate growth in areas that had remained constant. Mr. Michael Humphreys, Health/PE Curriculum Specialist, provided information regarding safe routes to schools.

Chair's Report

43. Report from Karen A. Graf

Chair Graf reported that the CIP Budget Add/Deletes are coming up on December 6th and 8th. She reminded the Board that they will need to submit endorsements in order to move add/deletes up to the next level. Chair Graf reported that she would be stepping into the classroom to try her hand at teaching through a program offered through EAA. She also noted that staff is invited to join the Board for a holiday dinner prior to the December 15th School Board Meeting.

Superintendent's Report

44. Report from Dr. Alvin L. Crawley

Superintendent Crawley reported that the next Superintendent's Chat will be held on December 2, at 8:00am at John Adams Elementary School. The last Patrick Henry Community Meeting and Advisory Committee Meeting were held this week, and he thanked the committee members for their hard work and commitment to the Patrick Henry Project. He invited Mr. Richard Jackson, Director of Facilities, to share a video with the Board showing animation of the new Patrick Henry School design.

Announcements

45. Announcements

Mr. Campbell thanked the Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee for their work on selecting this year's inductees and noted the upcoming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for February 10, 2017 at T.C. Williams High School.

Ms. Nolan indicated her objection to the inappropriate remarks provided by one of this evening's speakers. She indicated that she was disgusted by the remarks and that ACPS supports all of their students regardless of their immigration status.

Chair Graf added that the Board is undergoing Cultural Competency Training this year.

Ms. Anderson reported on a fundraiser held at Francis Hammond last night. She noted that it was well attended and supported.

Vice Chair Lewis reported on attending the Patrick Henry Community Meeting and thanked everyone on behalf of the Board for their hard work and tough decision making. He also reported on the City's Commission on Information Technology and its efforts to get broadband and Fios in the City.

Ms. Campbell apologized that she had missed a few school events this week due to a medical issue.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

46. Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting held.

Adjournment

47. Adjourn

On a motion by Vice Chair Lewis and seconded by Ms. Gentry, the Board voted unanimously, 9-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:52 p.m.

Ramee A. Gentry, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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

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