

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
September 27, 2018 (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
Karen Graf
Margaret Lorber
Veronica R. Nolan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr.; Jennifer Abbruzzese; Susan Neilson; Ewan Thompson, Bridget Williams, Dominic Turner, Mignon Anthony, 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 Mr. Lewis and Dr. Cardwell who were both absent.

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 Samuel Tucker Elementary School. Students presented information on the Fine Arts Department and upcoming theatre performances. The chorus performed the song “Seven Articles and Twenty-Seven Amendments,” composed by ACPS teacher Debra Lindsay.

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 September 27, 2018 School Board Meeting

Mr. Campbell moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the September 27, 2018 School Board Meeting. Ms. Graf seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

7. Public Comments

Nick Rogers, ACPS Parent, spoke about the forthcoming year's CIP Budget and the challenges faced by Mount Vernon Community School. Primarily, he addressed the mold damage resulting from the roof leaks at the school.

Maureen McNulty, MVCS PTA President, spoke about community concerns regarding the deteriorating conditions at Mount Vernon. These include the leaking roof and its potential impact on student health. She urged the School Board to reexamine the CIP to make MVCS a priority.

8. Report from Student Representatives Ewan Thompson and Bridget Williams

Ms. Williams announced that there are now 13 students eligible for National Merit Scholarships at T.C. Williams. She then discussed the T.C. Williams Back to School Night, and mentioned the recent article published about Mr. Kokonis, who is celebrating his 60th year of teaching. She also mentioned the recycling program at T.C. Williams, options for improving that program, and expanding it to other schools in ACPS.

Mr. Thompson reported on the effort to get a Middle School Student Representative position established and the draft document that describes the role. He also commended ACPS Technology Department staff, who will be talking with the Superintendent's Student Leadership Committee about this year's implementation of new technologies.

Old Business & Action Items

9. FY 2020 Combined Funds and FY 2020-2029 CIP Budget Priorities

Mr. Dominic Turner, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the budget priorities for the FY 2020 Combined Funds and FY 2020-2029 CIP Budgets that were finalized at the September 20, 2018 School Board Work Session. These priorities will inform the staff and community throughout the budget development process.

Mr. Campbell moved to adopt the FY 2020 Combined Funds and FY 2020-2029 CIP Budget Priorities. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the FY 2020 Combined Funds and FY 2020-2029 CIP Budget Priorities was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

Consent Calendar

10. Personnel Actions for the Month of June 2018

11. Contract for Dee Campbell Rowing Center Dock Repairs and Replacement

12. 2017-2018 Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee Annual Report

13. Re-Appoint Janine Rubitski to the Budget Advisory Committee

14. Re-Appoint Karen Hill to the School Health Advisory Committee

15. Re-Appoint Ana Humphrey as the Student Representative to the Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

16. Appoint Christopher Ricks to the Budget Advisory Committee

17. Accept Resignation of Maeve O'Connor from the Special Education Advisory Committee

18. Minutes for the September 11, 2018 Special Called School Board Meeting and the September 13, 2018 School Board Meeting

Vice Chair Anderson moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Ms. Lorber seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the Consent Calendar was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar

No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

New Business and Reports to the Board

19. FY 2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Q4 Report

Mr. Elijah Gross, Director of Planning, Design and Construction, presented the FY 2018 CIP Fourth Quarter Report, which outlined the progress and budget status of all projects in the Capital Improvement Program. He noted that there were some projects completed in Q4 that are not included in this report, but that will be present in the next report.

Vice Chair Anderson moved to accept the FY 2018 CIP Q4 Report. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

The vote to accept the FY 2018 CIP Q4 Report was unanimous, 7-0. The motion carried.

20. Policy Revisions: CC, JGD/JGE, JFCD; Regulation JGD-R/JGE-R

Ms. Jennifer Abbruzzese, Clerk of the Board and Policy Liaison, reviewed updated policies CC, JGD/JGE, JFCD and regulation JGD-R/JGE-R. The revisions reflect changes to the Code of Virginia as well as changes resulting from the Board's 5-year policy review cycle. These policies are presented for information and will return at a future School Board meeting for adoption.

21. Non-Sponsored Facility Naming Request: Jack Taylor College and Career Center

Ms. Abbruzzese reviewed the request by students from the T.C. Williams Theogony newspaper and the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria to rename the College and Career Center at T.C. Williams to "The Jack Taylor College and Career Center Wing." The community was invited to attend the Public Hearing on this topic scheduled for the October 11, 2018 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to speak at the public hearing should contact the Clerk at boardclerk@acps.k12.va.us or 703-619-8316.

Chair's Report

22. Report from Ramee A. Gentry

Chair Gentry invited the public to attend the Budget Community Forum on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the T.C. Williams Rotunda, where they will have the opportunity to give their input. She also noted that regular reports will appear in the ACPS Express regarding highlights from School Board Meetings throughout the year.

Superintendent's Report

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

Superintendent Hutchings talked about the new publication, "Measuring What Matters," which discusses student achievement that is not captured in data points. The publication is available online and in print format, and will be published periodically throughout the year. He also reported on the recent Principals' Meeting, which was held under a new structure. It is now more of a professional learning format and runs for a full day. They discussed the book, "Building Equity," which will be used by school leaders as a guide for ensuring equity in our schools.

Announcements

24. Announcements

Ms. Campbell reminded the community that they should fill out an absentee ballot if they will not be present for the November 6th election. She also expressed her support for the naming of the

College and Career Center Wing after Jack Taylor, although she will be out of town for the next meeting.

Ms. Williams reported on the upcoming Field Hockey Senior Night next Wednesday.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

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There was no closed meeting held.

Adjournment

26. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:01 p.m.



Ramee A. Gentry, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the October 25, 2018 School Board Meeting.