

**MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
November 8, 2018 (6:00 p.m.)**

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Ramee A. Gentry
Cindy Anderson
Ronnie Campbell (absent)
William E. Campbell
Henry E. Cardwell
Karen Graf (participated by electronic means)
Christopher J. Lewis
Margaret Lorber (absent)
Veronica R. Nolan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Jennifer Abbruzzese, Susan Neilson, Mr. MScott Berkowitz, Ms. Nicole Reidinger, Mr. Kurt Huffman, Ms. Krishna Leyva, Mr. Ewan Thompson, Ms. Bridget Williams, Ms. Marya Runkle, Ms. Mignon Anthony, Mr. Derk Jeffrey, Ms. Camilo Bearman, Mr. James Seaman, and Mr. Jessie Sticklor-Lipson

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Gentry

Chair Gentry 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. Campbell and Ms. Lorber who were absent. Ms. Graf was not present at the meeting but joined electronically during the closed meeting.

Chair Gentry reordered the meeting agenda to move the Adoption of the Meeting Agenda to before the Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

2. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the November 11, 2018 School Board Meeting

Vice Chair Anderson moved to adopt the meeting agenda for the November 11, 2018 School Board Meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Anderson moved to amend the agenda to add "Motion to Allow Karen Graf to Participate by Electronic Means." Dr. Cardwell seconded the motion.

The vote to amend the agenda to add a "Motion to Allow Karen Graf to Participate by Electronic Means" was unanimous, 6-0. The motion carried.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for November 11, 2018 was unanimous, 6-0. The motion carried.

3. Motion to Allow Participation of Board Member Karen Graf by Electronic Means

Vice Chair Anderson made the following motion to allow participation of Karen Graf by Electronic Means:

"Whereas Board Member Karen Graf has notified the Chair that she is unavailable to be physically present for today's School Board Meeting due to a personal matter; and whereas she

has not participated in more than two Board meetings by electronic means during 2018; and whereas Karen Graf requests the opportunity to participate in the meeting via telephone conference call from Santa Rosa, California, where the conference call shall be heard by all participants in this Board room; and whereas a quorum of the Board is physically assembled in this Board room. Madame Chair, I move, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708.1, that the Board approve the participation of Karen Graf in this meeting by telephone conference call.”

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion.

The vote to allow Ms. Graf to participate by electronic means was unanimous, 6-0. The motion carried.

Ms. Graf joined the meeting during the closed session.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

4. Closed Meeting

Vice Chair Anderson moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion and consideration of employment, performance and contractual matters for five (5) specific employees; 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; 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; and that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(2) for the discussion and consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matter that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student.

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

The Board moved into a closed meeting at 6:10 p.m.

5. Certification of Closed Meetings

Vice Chair Anderson 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 November 8, 2018.

Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to certify the closed meeting. Ms. Graf was unavailable for the vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

6. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Jefferson-Houston PreK-8 School. Mr. MScott Berkowitz, Principal at Jefferson-Houston and Ms. Nicole Reidinger, CTE Teacher, introduced students from the middle school IB program, who described how they approach solutions through the design cycle. The students presented the School Board with engraved wooden plaques made by the students.

Moment of Silence

7. Observe a Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Communications & Addresses to the Board

8. Excellence in Family and Community Engagement Award

Mr. Kurt Huffman, Director of School and Community Partnerships, and Ms. Krishna Leyva, Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center Manager, recognized the Cora Kelly and William Ramsay schools, their principals, and their parent liaisons for their Excellence in Family and Community Engagement.

9. Public Comments

Kenneth Warren, student and president of Community United for Renewable Energy (CURE), spoke about sustainable resources and encouraged the School Board to adopt renewable energy.

Noah Schuerhott, student and CURE member, spoke about budget shortfall implications across the City of Alexandria and ACPS services and encouraged the School Board to adopt more sustainable school energy resources.

Elsbeth Collard, student and CURE member, spoke about ACPS budget shortfalls and their negative impacts. She encouraged the School Board to adopt sustainable HVAC resources to create a better future.

Carl Chidlow, student and CURE member, spoke about how T.C. Williams could save money utilizing sustainable lighting resources by replacing current lighting with LED lighting, reducing the amount of time lighting is used, and by installing additional motion sensor lighting in additional areas.

Jonathan Hernandez, student and CURE member, spoke about reducing the amount of water and gas being used at T.C. Williams by installing water efficient toilets and water fountains with bottle fillers attached, and by providing more efficient HVAC systems.

Riley Casagrande, student and CURE member, spoke about improving T.C. Williams for the future of ACPS. She encouraged a net zero approach to any new high school project.

Leslie-Anne Hinton, Patrick Henry PTA Transportation Chair, requested a return of bus service to students at Patrick Henry School consistent with Policy EEA/EEAB: Student Transportation Services and Regulation EEA-R/EEAB-R.

10. Report from Student Representatives Ewan Thompson and Bridget Williams

Mr. Thompson reported on an initial draft of a Middle School Student Representatives policy that would help increase student involvement in School Board matters. He and Ms. Williams are working with middle school principals on how students would be selected. Mr. Thompson also thanked the community and students who participated in the electoral process.

Ms. Williams thanked CURE for coming out to speak about sustainability opportunities. She also reported on efforts to set up a town hall meeting during November and the upcoming FAFSA workshop. Ms. Williams also applauded the return of pep rallies at T.C. Williams.

Old Business & Action Items

There were no Old Business and Action Items this evening.

Consent Calendar

11. FY 2019 Monthly Financial Report Ending September 30, 2108

12. FY 2019 Q1 Budget Transfer Report

- 13. Contract for Mount Vernon Community School Roof Repair**
- 14. Personnel Actions for the Month of October 2018**
- 15. Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee Scope of Work for 2018-2019**

Mr. Lewis moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Mr. Campbell 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

16. SY 2018-2019 Fall Membership, Transfer, and Student Ratio Report

Ms. Marya Runkle, Director of Education and Business Systems, reported on the 2018-2019 Fall Membership, Transfer and Student Ration Report for ACPS. Each fall, ACPS is required to report its membership (enrollment) numbers submitted to the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Fall Student Record Collection. In addition, ACPS is required by state statute and School Board request to provide a breakdown of these numbers. She reported that ACPS has a total full-time student membership of 15,737 students; reviewed student transfers as a result of redistricting, capacity reassignments, programmatic changes, and administrative transfers; and presented student/teacher ratios by school.

17. Presentation of the FY 2020-2029 CIP Budget

Superintendent Hutchings presented the proposed FY 2020-2029 Capital Improvement Program Budget in the total amount of \$475,954,621, which addresses the capacity needed to meet growing enrollment, and that ensures safe, secure and modern learning environments. The CIP Budget will be discussed at the November 13th and 26th Budget Work Sessions and has a proposed adoption date of December 20, 2018. The public is invited to give feedback at the December 6, 2018 Budget Public Hearing.

18. High School Project

Ms. Mignon Anthony, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Stantec Architecture and Fielding Nair International, Inc., a nationally recognized architecture and planning firm and an internationally recognized educational planning firm, who presented information about the High School Capacity Project. They reviewed the timeline, the future of high school learning, community engagement, the emerging ACPS educational vision and next steps. The School Board will discuss this agenda item further at the November 26, 2018 Work Session to develop an educational vision and high school model.

Chair's Report

19. Report from Ramee A. Gentry

Chair Gentry welcomed the newly elected School Board Members, Ms. Jacinta Green, Ms. Heather Thornton, Ms. Meagan Alderton, Dr. Michelle Rief and Mr. Christopher Suarez.

Superintendent's Report

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

Superintendent Hutchings reported on the first Assistant Principal (AP) monthly meeting that was held, and how the APs would like to have increased engagement and professional development opportunities.

Announcements

21. Announcements

Mr. Campbell welcomed the newly elected Board Members and noted the critical decisions to be made by the Board in the coming months.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

22. Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting held.

Adjournment

23. Adjourn

On a motion by Dr. Cardwell and seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:49 p.m.



Ramee A. Gentry, Chair



Clerk/Deputy Clerk

These minutes were adopted at the December 6, 2018 School Board Meeting.