

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
May 23, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BOARD MEMBERS: Meagan L. Alderton
Tim Beaty
Kelly Carmichael Booz
Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi
Jacinta Greene
Christopher Harris
Tammy Ignacio
Michelle Rief
Ashley Simpson Baird

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Susan Neilson, Alexandra Bourdouane, Zeinab Yassin, Zahra Rahimi, Michael Burch, Jovita Gill, Torenzo Ricks, Dr. Alicia Hart, Robert Falconi, Mark Eisenhour, Matt Smith

Call to Order

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Rief

Chair Rief called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. All members of the School Board were present at the start of the meeting except for Ms. Greene who arrived after the Adoption of the Agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moment of Silence

3. Observe a Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

4. Adopt the Meeting Agenda for the May 23, 2024 School Board Meeting

Mr. Beaty moved to adopt the agenda for the May 23, 2024 School Board Meeting.

Mr. Elnoubi seconded the motion.

The vote to adopt the meeting agenda for May 23, 2024 was unanimous, 8-0. The motion carried.

5. Participation of Board Members by Electronic Means

All Board Members were physically present at the meeting.

Recognitions

6. “Simply the Best” School Spotlight–ACHS King Street

Mr. Michael Burch, Lead Administrator of Operations and Student Support, proudly recognized Ms. Jovita Gill, ELL Teacher & Internship Coordinator in the International Academy (IA), for winning a generous grant from Tanger Outlets for her internship class to create multilingual podcasts. Students from IA spoke about their podcast “Intern Diaries” that highlighted their internship experiences and how important communication skills are in the workplace.

7. Recognition of 2023-2024 Student Representatives to the School Board

The School Board recognized Zeinab Yassin, Zahra Rahimi and Torenzo Ricks, the 2024-2025 Student Representatives to the School Board. Chair Rief thanked them for their dedication, support, and commitment while serving in their position as student representative.

Superintendent's Report

8. Report from Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt

Superintendent Kay-Wyatt reported on the following:

- Mr. Dominic Turner, Chief Financial Officer, was selected as a 40 Under 40 Honoree by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- Alexandria PTA Council (PTAC) Golden Apple Awards Recipients
- PTAC was recognized as a Child Advocate of the Year 2023-24 for the Northern Region by the Virginia PTA Council
- PTAC Board's Special Education Committee Chair, Dena Penner, was selected as the the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award 2024
- Student Artwork Recognition for artwork that hangs in the School Board Meeting Room
- Student and Staff Holiday on May 27, 2024 in celebration of Memorial Day
- Webinar on Virginia Department of Education's new Virginia Support Framework and Plan for school divisions, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Alexandria City High School Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony on June 1, 2024 at George Mason University

Communications & Addresses to the Board

9. Report by Student Representative Zeinab Yassin

Ms. Yassin reported on:

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Field Day at ACHS on May 29, 2024
- Writers Festival at ACHS
- The ACHS Choir Spring Concert on May 30, 2024
- Elections for Student Government on May 27, 2024
- The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Awards Ceremony

10. Report by International Academy Student Representative Zahra Rahimi

Ms. Rahimi reported on the following:

- Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Award Ceremony
- Alexandria City High School Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony
- She wished all graduating students good luck in their future

Mr. Torenzo Ricks gave remarks on his experiences on being a student representative and thanked those who have supported him as a student representative and throughout his high school experiences.

11. Public Comments

Kursten Phelps, ACPS parent, spoke about the inequity of ACPS school boundaries.

Aaron Thomas, ACPS parent, spoke about West End school overcrowding.

David Paladin-Fernandez, ACPS staff member, spoke about classroom caps and reassignment clusters affecting West End school overcrowding.

Closed Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting (if needed)

12. Closed Meeting

13. Certification of Closed Meeting

No Closed Meeting was held.

Consent Calendar

14. Personnel Actions for the Period of May 5 through May 17, 2024

15. Community Use of Facilities for April 2024

16. Elementary Literacy Supplemental Resource Adoption

17. K-5 Mathematics High-Quality Instructional Material Adoption

18. Policy Adoption

19. Minutes for the May 9, 2024 School Board Meeting and the May 16, 2024 Special Called School Board Meeting and Work Session

Ms. Greene moved to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Alderton seconded the motion.

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

Items Pulled from the Consent Calendar

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar

Old Business and Action Items

20. Weapons Abatement Pilot Program Update

Dr. Alicia Hart, Chief Operating Officer, presented the pilot weapons abatement program update which provided an overview of the survey results including students, families, staff, and community members and final recommendations from staff on the weapons abatement pilot program.

21. Collective Bargaining: Public Notification of Election for Bargaining Unit Representative

Mr. Robert Falconi, Division Counsel, presented the collective bargaining public notification of elections for a bargaining unit representative. The election is to take place on May 28-30, 2024 at various locations throughout the division.

New Business and Reports to the Board

22. 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Nominees

Mr. Mark Eisenhour, Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Chair, presented the 2024 ACPS Athletic Hall of Fame nominees selected by the AHOF Advisory Committee by overwhelming consensus. The selections are:

- 1956 George Washington High School Boys Crew Team
- 2008 T.C. Williams High School Boys Basketball Team
- Lucky Elliott – Parker-Gray High School, Class of 1962, Sports Contributor
- Mark Farkas – T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1979, Tennis
- Erin Fitch – T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1992, Crew
- Alexis Foreman – T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2016, Track & Field/Shotput
- Iye Massaquoi – T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2015, Track & Field/Discus
- Charles Price – Parker-Gray High School, Class of 1941, Football, Basketball, Track
- Arnold Russell – T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1980, Basketball
- Danielle Thorne – T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2009, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer

23. Policy Revisions

Mr. Matt Smith, Policy Consultant, presented revisions for the following policies:

- GBOA - Voluntary Retirement Savings Program
- GCBD - Staff Leaves and Absences
- GCBD-R - Staff Leaves and Absences Regulations
- GCBD-R2 - Voluntary Donated Leave Regulations
- GCBE - Family and Medical Leave
- GCBE - Military Leave and Benefits
- GCI - Licensed Staff Assignments and Transfers
- GCI-R - Licensed Staff Assignments and Transfers Regulation
- GDI - Support Staff Assignments and Transfers
- GDI-R - Support Staff Assignments and Transfers Regulation
- IC_ID-R - School Year Calendar Regulations
- IGBF - Limited English Proficient Students
- IGBF-R English Learners Identification and Assessment Regulations
- IGBI - Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Classes
- IGBI-R - Notification of Advanced Placement Classes and Special Programs
- IKE-R - Regulations for Retention and Promotion
- IKF - The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements
- IKFD - Credit by Exam
- IKFD-R - Credit by Exam Regulations
- JFG - Search and Seizure
- JL - Fundraising and Solicitation
- JM - Managing Student Behaviors in Emergency Situations
- JM-R - Regulations for the Management of Student Behavior in Emergency Situations

These policies will return for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

Board Chair's Report

24. Report from Dr. Michelle Rief

Chair Rief reported on upcoming meetings from the School Board's calendar.

Announcements by Board Members

25. Announcements

There were no Board Member announcements.

Adjournment

26. Adjourn

Chair Rief adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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