



May 7, 2024

The Budget Hearing of the Alexandria Central School District, held in the auditorium, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board of Education President, Mrs. Suzanne Hunter.

Those Present: Emily Chase, Timothy Davidson, Eric Heath, Suzanne Hunter, Heather Lavarney, and Christopher Symenow.

Those Absent: Christine Lingenfelter (arrived in executive session at 6:55 p.m.)

Others Present: Brianne Kirchoff; School Business Administrator, Christopher Clapper; Superintendent of Schools, And Renee Gill; District Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board President, introduced Board of Education members present, District Clerk, Superintendent, and School Business Administrator.

Minutes of the 2023 Budget Hearing

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board President, presented the minutes of the 2023 Budget Hearing which were provided to all audience members. Motion was given by Davidson, seconded by Lavarney to approve the minutes of the 2023 Budget Hearing.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Purpose of the 2024 Budget Hearing

The purpose (legal notice) of the 2024 Budget was provided to all audience members and presented by Board of Education President, Suzanne Hunter.

Proposed 2024-2025 Budget Review

Mr. Christopher Clapper, Superintendent, and Mrs. Brianne Kirchoff, School Business Administrator, showcased improvements done throughout the School in 2023-2024, and reviewed the following sections of the 2024-2025 proposed budget: Administration, Program, Capital, Revenues. They stated that the majority of the increase in the proposed budget is due to contractual salary increases and employee benefit costs.

There was a **question and answer session** after the budget presentation.

Tenure Appointment - Mr. Robert Fountain III

Motion by Heath, seconded by Symenow, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to grant tenure to Robert Fountain III, Secondary Principal, in the area of School District Administrator, effective May 8, 2024.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

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Take Resolution from Table

Motion by Lavarway, seconded by Chase, to take from the table the resolution relating to the approval and ratification of the Alexandria Central Administrators' Association (ACAA) collective bargaining agreement, dated July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Approve and Ratify ACAA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Lavarway, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve and ratify the Alexandria Central Administrators' Association (ACAA) collective bargaining agreement, dated July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Meet the Candidates

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board of Education President, introduced the one candidate, Mr. Timothy Davidson (incumbent), who is running for one of the two open Board of Education seats. Mr. Davidson addressed the audience and stated why he is seeking re-election.

Question & Answer Period for Incoming Superintendent

Mrs. Suzanne Hunter, Board of Education President, introduced Mr. Robert Fountain III, who is the current Secondary Principal at Alexandria Central School. She informed the audience that the Board of Education has chosen to hire from within, without a search process, to fill the open position of Superintendent upon the resignation of Mr. Christopher Clapper, effective July 2, 2024. She stated that after a thorough interview, the Board will be recommending Mr. Fountain for the position of Superintendent. There was a question and answer period from the audience.

Appoint Superintendent

Motion by Heath, seconded by Chase, the Board of Education hereby appoints Robert Fountain as the Superintendent of Schools effective July 2, 2024, and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an employment agreement between the District and Mr. Fountain upon the review and approval of the District's school attorney.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Executive Session

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Heath, to go into executive session with legal counsel regarding the negotiation of contracts.

6 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Time: 6:46 p.m.

Lingenfelter arrived in executive session at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Heath, to come out of executive session and reconvene into regular meeting.

Time: 7:46 p.m.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion by Lavarway, seconded by Lingenfelter to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Renee Gill, District Clerk

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