

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Closed Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 5:30 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Vice Chair
Mary Kadera, Member
Barbara Kanninen, Member
David Priddy, Member

Also present were:

Christine Smith, Division Counsel

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and *moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting as authorized by Virginia Code § 2.23711(A)(1) to discuss the issues of grievability on the basis of the existing written arguments. In addition, he moved that the Board meet in a closed meeting for consultation with legal counsel and a briefing by staff pertaining to litigation as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7); and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(8),* seconded by Mr. Priddy. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.

Mr. Goldstein moved to certify that pursuant to §2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia to the best knowledge of each School Board member, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting just held, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening this closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion was seconded by Mr. Priddy and was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Ms. Diaz-Torres – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Ms. Kadera – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; and Mr. Priddy – Aye.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Mr. Goldstein moved the Board to deny the grievance in SY-22-07-1 and affirm the decision below, seconded by Ms. Kadera. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.

Mr. Goldstein moved the Board to deny the grievance in SY-22-07-2 and affirm the decision below, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.

Mr. Goldstein moved the Board to adopt the recommendations in the Hearing Officer's decision in grievance SY22-06-2, deny the grievance and affirm the decision below, second by Mr. Priddy. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.

Mr. Goldstein moved to authorize staff to take all actions necessary as recommended and discussed in the closed session held, seconded by Mr. Priddy. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Ms. Diaz-Torres, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Kadera, Dr. Kanninen, and Mr. Priddy voting affirmatively.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board