



Special Called Board Meeting

July 9, 2020 5:30 PM
12060 Arlington Trail
Arlington, TN 38002

Attendance Taken at 5:29 PM.

Scott Benjamin: Present
Lyle Conley: Present
Hugh Lamar: Present
Kay Williams: Present
Dale Viox: Absent

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval to authorize the chairman to appoint a committee, whose function will be to begin gathering information necessary for selection of a part-time school board attorney

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the chairman to appoint a committee, whose function will be to begin gathering information necessary for selection of a part-time school board attorney Passed with a motion by Kay Williams and a second by Lyle Conley

Scott Benjamin: **Nay**
Lyle Conley: **Yea**
Hugh Lamar: **Yea**
Kay Williams: **Yea**

Yea: 3, Nay: 1

- Mr. Benjamin asked for justification on the following:
 - Why is there a need for an attorney specifically for the board?
 - Why is there a need for an additional attorney specifically for board matters when there is a full time attorney already on staff that represents the board?
 - What is the specific purpose for needing an additional attorney?
 - Is there something going on that we need legal assistance for?
 - How many times has an attorney been needed specifically for board matters?
 - Superintendent's evaluation procedure: Board members fill out the evaluation, Attorney Speakman tallies votes and reports results to board.
 - Provide examples of the board being "hung out to dry" by in house counsel
 - Attorney Speakman is top in the field of Education Law



- Request to hear the "many reasons", as said by Chairman Williams, before voting on hiring an attorney strictly for the board
 - For the record: It's amazing to me that we are going to spend money on an attorney when we already have a full time attorney.
 - Chairman Williams states the following:
 - Promised Attorney Speakman that she would not allow any negativity or personal attacks during meeting
 - Current vote is for forming a committee not hiring a part-time attorney
 - Mr. Lamar states the following:
 - The board has legal duties (information provided at TSBA Board Superintendent Relations workshop):
 - Retain legal counsel
 - Ms. Conley states the following:
 - Board and district should have their own attorney
3. **Approval of the 2020-21 schedule for work sessions and regular school board meetings**

Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2020-21 schedule for work sessions and regular school board meetings Passed with a motion by Hugh Lamar and a second by Lyle Conley

Scott Benjamin: Yea

Lyle Conley: Yea

Hugh Lamar: Yea

Kay Williams: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

- Work Sessions will be cancelled in the appropriate time if not needed.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn. Passed with a motion by Hugh Lamar and a second by Lyle Conley

Scott Benjamin: Yea

Lyle Conley: Yea

Hugh Lamar: Yea

Kay Williams: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0



Chairperson

Superintendent

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**Arlington Community Schools Board Meetings and
Work Sessions Calendar**

August, 2020-June, 2021

5:30 PM

(Third Tuesday of Every Month Work Sessions)

(Fourth Tuesday of Every Month Board Meetings)

Exceptions*

August 18, 2020	Work Session
August 25, 2020	Board Meeting
September 15, 2020	Work Session
September 22, 2020	Board Meeting
October 20, 2020	Work Session
October 27, 2020	Board Meeting
November 10, 2020*	Work Session
November 17, 2020*	Board Meeting
December 08, 2020*	Work Session
December 15, 2020*	Board Meeting
January 19, 2021	Work Session
January 26, 2021	Board Meeting
February 16, 2021	Work Session
February 23, 2021	Board Meeting
March 11, 2021*	Work Session
March 23, 2021	Board Meeting
April 20, 2021	Work Session
April 27, 2021	Board Meeting

May 18, 2021

Work Session

May 25, 2021

Board Meeting

June 15, 2021

Work Session

June 22, 2021

Board Meeting

Months not having Recognition/Awards on agenda for board meetings: May, June, August, November, December.