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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, March 8, 2022

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center
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- 1. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Chairwoman Rye convened the administrative, informal, and workshop session at 4:00 p.m. on the 8th day of March 2022 and announced physical distancing will be used in the School Board Chamber as a health mitigation strategy and there will be designated public seating. Members of the public will be able to observe the School Board meeting through live streaming on vbschools.com, broadcast on VBTV Channel 47 and on Zoom. It is the School Board’s protocol to break at 5:30 p.m. to prepare for the Formal Session School Board Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the School Board will conclude unless the School Board votes to continue to no later than 5:45 p.m. to allow the School Board and the School Administration to prepare for the Formal Session of the School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The following School Board members were present in the School Board chamber: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz (arrived at 4:07 p.m.), Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens (arrived at 4:02 p.m.), and Ms. Riggs (arrived at 4:09 p.m.) Ms. Weems was not in attendance due to a personal health matter.
 - A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** Chairwoman Rye mentioned Read Across America event at Seatack Elementary School.
 - B. Future Ready Update:** Matthew D. Delaney, Executive Director of High School Education and Robin L. Hoffman, Coordinator of High School Redesign presented the School Board an update on high school redesign and how high school redesign aligns to the goals of *Compass to 2025* as we stay committed to ensuring that students are future ready upon graduation. Mr. Delaney provided a brief introduction and mentioned the graduate profile and *Compass to 2025*. Mr. Delaney then introduced Ms. Hoffman. Ms. Hoffman continued the presentation; mentioned graduation rate (exceeds 94%); review four areas to prepare students to be life ready: content knowledge, workplace skills, career exploration, and community engagement and civic responsibility; reviewed the four pillars of the high school redesign; first pillar: rigorous, relevant, real-world learning experiences (transferable skills, interdisciplinary thinking, application to world outside of school, connection to student interest and future-oriented goals); second pillar: post-secondary plan (enrolled in higher education, enlisted in military service, employed – preparation for employment upon graduation); student options – advanced placement or dual enrollment, sequential electives, work-based learning opportunities, specialty center, academy options; third pillar: curated works of substance (learning experiences and associated student work serve as evidence of rigorous, relevant, real-world learning); fourth pillar: signature experience (career exploration, service learning, self-development); students engage in three phases of learning: generate an

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interest-based proposal for self-directed learning, engage in an inquiry-process to explore their topics, design an artifact.

The presentation continued with comment and questions regarding Health and Science Academy at Bayside High School; relevant experiences; interdisciplinary thinking; and time frame of goals.

- C. Canvas Learning Management System Update: Sharon L. Shewbridge, Ph.D., Director, Instructional Technology presented the School Board an update related to the Canvas adoption; reviewed a brief history of learning management systems in VBCPS; showed screenshots of Schoology view and Canvas view; MasteryConnect – digital assessment management system and compliments Canvas; growing with Canvas Course – customized for Virginia Beach, course has been shared for all teachers to access, pilot schools participated in the course asynchronously and in-person, teachers were requesting course and ITS’ began working with small groups of teachers to accommodate; discussed curriculum access in Schoology and curriculum access via Google; reviewed teacher feedback: 88% teachers found the organization of the course landing page made sense, easier to access links, centralized format; next steps – camp Canvas in June and August, all student courses will be in Canvas by the start of the 2022-2023 school year, discussions are taking place with Schoology to maintain access throughout the 22-23 school year to provide time to transfer materials. The presentation continued with comments and questions regarding teacher feedback; pilot program; continuation of Schoology for the year; use of Canvas at post-secondary schools; flexible scheduling and learning Canvas.

2. Closed Session: There was no closed session.

3. School Board Recess: Chairwoman Rye adjourned the administrative, informal, and workshops session at 4:46 p.m.

4. Formal Meeting (School Board Chambers)6:00 p.m.

5. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chairwoman Rye convened the meeting of the School Board in the School Board chamber at 6:00 p.m. on the 8th day of March 2022 and noted members of the public will be able to observe the School Board meeting through livestreaming on vbschools.com, broadcast on VBTB Channel 47, and on Zoom.

The following School Board members were present in the School Board chamber: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs.

Ms. Weems was not in attendance due to a personal health matter.

6. Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

7. Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition

- A. Kellam High School – Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame: The School Board recognized Mike Benzel from Kellam High School who has been inducted into the Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame – 2022 Induction for Lifetime Service to Wrestling. Mr. Benzel has worked at Kellam High School for he past 30 years as a science teacher and wrestling coach.
- B. Ocean Lakes High School – Perfect SAT Score: The School Board recognized Ruoming Shen, a student at Ocean Lakes High School for a perfect score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Miss Shen is currently a junior at the Math and Science Academy.
- C. Tallwood High School – Perfect ACT Score: The School Board recognized Joshua Darrow, a student at Tallwood High School for a perfect score on the American College Test (ACT). Mr. Darrow is currently a senior at Tallwood High School.

8. Adoption of the Agenda: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Hughes. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

9. Superintendent’s Report. There was no report presented at the meeting.

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. February 8, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the February 8, 2022 regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Franklin made the motion, seconded by Ms. Manning. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.
- B. February 15, 2022 Special School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the February 15, 2022 special School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Holtz made the motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.
- C. February 22, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the February 22, 2022 regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Franklin made the motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.
- D. March 1, 2022 Special School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the March 1, 2022 special School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Melnyk made the motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The School Board Clerk announced there was one (1) abstention: Ms. Manning because she was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion passed, 9-0-1.

- 11. Public Comments (until 8:00 p.m.):** Chairwoman Rye announced the School Board will hear public comments on matters relevant to PreK-12 public education in Virginia Beach and the business of the School Board and the School Division from citizens and delegations who signed up with the School Board Clerk prior to the meeting. Chairwoman Rye mentioned information regarding speaker process, decorum and order, and submitting comments via group email.

There were forty-six (46) in person speakers (including nine (9) student speakers) and eleven (11) online speakers; topics discussed were the English as a Second Language (ESL) program; ESL students; ESL teachers; comments by School Board members; Women's History month; budget and ESL; public education; Black History Month; budget; February 22 School Board meeting; books in school; student surveys; funds for staffing needs; VSBA Equity in Education; CRT; Executive Order #2; mask optional; teacher shortages; 2023-2024 school calendar; and the two resolutions on the agenda.

The speakers ended at 8:50 p.m.

- 12. Information:** There were no information items presented.

- 13. Return to public comments if needed:** As noted above, speaker comments ended at 8:50 p.m.

- 14. Consent Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye read the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

A. Resolutions:

1. Women's History Month: Recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing March 2022 as Women's History Month. Ms. Anderson read the following resolution:

**Resolution for Woman's History Month
March 2022**

WHEREAS American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our school division, communities and Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS American women have played a unique role throughout the history of our city and Nation by providing the majority of the teaching force of the Nation;

WHEREAS American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation that are still evident today;

WHEREAS American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS American women have served our country courageously in the military;

WHEREAS American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes the month of March 2022 as Women's History Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all citizens to support and recognize women, in both the public and private sectors that provide healing and hope for the betterment for all throughout the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes of this Board.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 8th day of March 2022.

2. VSBA Equity in Education Month: Recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing March as VSBA Equity in Education. Ms. Felton read the following resolution:

**Resolution for VSBA Equity in Education Month
March 2022**

WHEREAS, educational equity is defined as fostering a barrier-free environment whereby all students regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and disability have the opportunity and benefit of a high-quality and effective and inclusive learning environment; and

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WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia Beach families, students, teachers, and school administrators to be responsive to the diverse needs of the school community, and to encourage courageous conversations of the real or perceived inequities that impact members of our school community; and

WHEREAS, the division's Educational Equity Policy 5-4 and equity emphases outlined in the strategic framework anchor our commitment to educational equity and accountability; and

WHEREAS, we continue take proactive actions to advance educational equity in our division as evident by our recent equity assessment and development of an equity plan, and

WHEREAS, the promise of public education is for every child to be successful in school and life; and

WHEREAS, the division will continue to take proactive actions and seek feedback from stakeholders to advance educational equity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes the month of March 2022 as VSBA Equity in Education Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all citizens to support and keep educational equity centered in the work of the division and evident throughout the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes of this Board.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 8th day of March 2022.

- B. English as a Second Language (ESL) Program (K-12): Comprehensive Evaluation: Recommendation that the School Board approve the administration's recommendations that were proposed in response to the English as a Second Language Program (K-12): Comprehensive Evaluation.
- C. Student Response Teams (SRT): Outcome Evaluation: Recommendation that the School Board approve the administration's recommendations that were proposed in response to the Student Response Teams (SRT): Outcome Evaluation.
- D. Recommendation of General Contractor:
 - 1. First Colonial High School Locker Removal: Recommendation that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with Spacemakers, Inc. for the First Colonial High School Locker Removal in the amount of \$668,641.
 - 2. First Colonial High School Gym Bleacher Replacement: Recommendation that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with E&P Electric for the First Colonial High School Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement in the amount of \$188,610.
 - 3. Holland Road Annex RTU Replacement: Recommendation that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with Colonial Webb Contractors Company for the Holland Road Annex Roof Top Unit (RTU) Replacement in the amount of \$3,048,700.
- E. Policy Review Recommendations: Recommendation that the School Board approve Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding review, amendment, and repeal of certain bylaws and policies as reviewed by the PRC at its February 10, 2022 meeting.
 - 1. Policy 3-69 / Contract Maintenance: The PRC recommends deleting this Policy as these procedures are now covered under the procurement procedures and other policies and regulations.
 - 2. Policy 3-70 / Equipment: The PRC recommends scrivener's changes and clarification of language regarding replacement of equipment.

3. Policy 3-76 / Transportation/Generally: The PRC recommends amendments to reflect new legislation authorizing vehicles that use alternative fuel.
 4. Policy 3-77 / Transportation and Non-Transportation Zones: The PRC recommends reformatting the Policy and adding a new Section C to reflect recent statutory addition of the requirement to provide transportation outside a transportation for certain students.
 5. Policy 3-78 / Schedules, Routes and Stops/Traffic Control Plan: The PRC recommends scrivener's changes.
 6. Policy 3-80 / School Board Owned Vehicles: The PRC recommends minor amendments and the addition of a legal reference.
 7. Policy 3-81 / Vehicle Maintenance: The PRC recommends the addition of a legal reference.
 8. Policy 3-86 / School Cafeterias: The PRC recommends amending Section C to include School Board officers as those authorized to be served in school cafeterias.
- F. Religious Exemption(s): Recommendation that the School Board approve Religious Exemption Case No. RE-21-09 and RE-21-10.

After the reading of the resolutions, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Ms. Manning. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

15. Action

- A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 personnel report and administrative assignments. Ms. Holtz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson that the School Board approve the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions as listed on the March 8, 2022 personnel report along with administrative appointments as recommended by the Superintendent. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.
- Superintendent Spence introduced Melisa A. Ingram, Demographer/GIS Manager, Office of Facilities Services as the Executive Director, Facilities Services, Office of Facilities Services.
- B. Resolution Regarding School Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23: Vice Chair Melnyk read the following resolution regarding School Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23:

Budget Resolution – FY 2022/23

WHEREAS, the mission of Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS), in partnership with the entire community, is to empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan and school improvement priorities to guide budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has studied the proposed FY 2022/23 Operating Budget in view of state and federal requirements, the strategic plan, priorities, community expectations, competitive compensation for employees, and the best educational interests of its students; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2022/23 Operating Budget moves all eligible employees up an experience step (0.5 percent) not to exceed the "top of the scale" and provides a 4.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all employees; and

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WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy provides 46.75% of certain general fund revenues to meet obligations of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the total funds requested for the FY 2022/23 Operating Budget from the City of Virginia Beach to the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach are \$484,566,543, and

WHEREAS, the debt service payment is estimated to be \$50,133,654 leaving a balance of \$434,432,889 to allocate between the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the \$434,432,889 be allocated as follows: \$433,432,889 to the FY 2022/23 Operating Budget, and \$1,000,000 to Schools' Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) for the CIP

FURTHER RESOLVED: That federal funds of \$13,500,000, state funds of \$420,954,476, and other local funds of \$3,918,341 be added to the FY 2022/23 Operating Budget, bringing it to a total of \$871,805,706; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That \$667,182 of the School Reserve Special Revenue fund be added to the FY 2022/23 Operating Budget, bringing the total to \$872,472,888; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$872,472,888 from the City Council of Virginia Beach for the School Board FY 2022/23 Operating Budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests an appropriation of \$223,441,178 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds comprised of categorical grants in the amount of \$166,137,948; Green Run Collegiate in the amount of \$4,363,929; and other special revenue funds in the amount of \$52,939,301; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$1,095,914,066 for the total of all funds (\$872,472,888 for the Operating Budget plus \$223,441,178 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds); and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be spread across the official minutes of this School Board, and the Clerk of the School Board is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor, each member of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 8th day of March 2022.

After the reading, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the School Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 as presented. Ms. Franklin made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes. A brief discussion followed regarding VSBA membership dues; priority of teacher compensation; reclassification of teacher assistants and security officers to grade 10; increase advanced degree rate; increase in substitute pay; health care cost; appreciation for budget conversations; great budget; in a strong financial position; reviewed timeline for budget, April present to City Council, City Council to vote on budget in May.

Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote to approve the School Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 as presented. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

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- C. Resolution Regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2022-23 through Fiscal Year 2027-28:
Vice Chair Melnyk read the following resolution regarding the FY 2022/23 – FY 2027/28 Capital Improvement Program Budget:

**FY 2022/23 – FY 2027/28 Capital Improvement Program
Budget Resolution**

WHEREAS, the mission of Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is to empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive, and engaged citizen within the global community; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan and school improvement priorities to guide budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the primary funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are charter bonds, public facility revenue bonds, and reversion funding; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy provides 46.75% of certain general fund revenues to meet obligations of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy allocates funds first to Debt Service, while the balance is used for the Operating Budget and the CIP; and

WHEREAS, \$1,000,000 will be allocated to Schools' Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) for the CIP;

WHEREAS, the School Board has comprehensively reviewed all sources of funding, projected various scenarios and prioritized the needs of the Operating and CIP budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach adopts a CIP program of \$646,751,501 (as shown on the attached School Board Funding Summary and Project Summary Alternative A dated March 8, 2022), and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be spread across the official minutes of this School Board, and the Clerk of the School Board is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor, each member of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 8th day of March 2022.

After the reading, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the FY 2022/23 – FY 2027/28 Capital Improvement Program Budget Resolution as presented. Ms. Anderson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. Chairwoman Rye shared some brief comments regarding the CIP budget regarding new construction and maintenance, funding for projects, a note of thanks to the City Council for the Capital Improvement Program. Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote to approve the FY 2022/23 – FY 2027/28 Capital Improvement Program Budget as presented. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

- D. School Calendar 2023-2024: Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve the School Calendar 2023-2024. Ms. Owens made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Dr. Soltner, Chief Schools Officer provided a brief presentation on the 2023-2024 School Calendar; mentioning the Pre-Labor Day start, first day of school on August

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28, extended holidays, and two flex days; and other districts in Virginia have a Pre-Labor Day start. The discussion continued regarding delay in voting on calendar from last meeting; response from hotel/motel and restaurant association regarding Pre-Labor Day start; School Board members like calendar; important to have input from association; good compromise with four-day weekend for Labor Day; suggestion of adding minutes to the school day; start school early – can school end early; issues with extending school day; and two-year model for calendars. Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote to approve the School Calendar 2023-2024 as presented. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

- 16. *Committee, Organization or Board Reports:*** Ms. Manning mentioned the Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities annual awards ceremony March 17 at the Williams Farm Rec Center at 4 p.m.; Ms. Owens stated a point of personal privilege and mentioned the Green Run High School NJROTC fundraising for trip to Regional Championship; Ms. Riggs mentioned the Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Competition, and Art Show, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Zeiders Theater; Vice Chair Melnyk mentioned the Green Run Collegiate Gala on April 2; and the Pearls of Wisdom Oyster Roast (VBEF) event on April 2.
- 17. *Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters:*** Not needed.
- 18. *Adjournment:*** Chairwoman Rye adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair