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SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center
2512 George Mason Dr.
P.O. Box 6038
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- 1. Call to Order and Attendance:** Chairwoman Rye convened the special meeting of the School Board at 5:10 p.m. on the 7th day of June 2022 and announced accordance with Bylaw 1-46, and *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3707, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has called for a special meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the School Administration Building, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach. The purpose of the special meeting is for the School Board:

- To convene in closed session pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for

PERSONNEL MATTERS: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) (1); namely to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.
- To vote in open session on any matters related to the closed session, if needed.

Chairwoman Rye noted the closed session portion of the meeting is anticipated to run for several hours. The public may be present for the open session portions of the special meeting.

The following School Board members were present in the Einstein Lab: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The following School Board members were not present at the meeting: Ms. Franklin (personal reasons), Ms. Hughes (personal illness), and Ms. Weems (family medical issue).

- 2. 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 Ms. Anderson. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 8-0-0.

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- 3. Closed Session:** Vice Chair made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holtz that the School Board recess into a closed meeting pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for
- 1. PERSONNEL MATTERS:** Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) (1); namely to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.

There were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into closed session: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 8-0-0.

Individuals present for discussion in the order in which matters were discussed:

1. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Namely to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.

School Board members: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs; School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney; Superintendent Spence; Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the Board.

Superintendent Spence left the closed session at 5:19 p.m.

Ms. Owens left the closed session at 8:10 p.m.

The School Board reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session: Vice Chair Melnyk read the Certification of Closed Session:

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered.

Ms. Holtz made the motion for the Certification of Closed Session, seconded by Ms. Felton. There were seven (7) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Riggs.

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- 4. *Vote on any matter related to the Closed Session (if needed):*** Vice Chair Melnyk made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson:
- A. That the Chair and Vice Chair are authorized to present to the Superintendent the written annual evaluation instrument as determined by the School Board;
 - B. That in accordance with the Superintendent's employment contract, the Superintendent is authorized to receive performance compensation in the amount of 95% of five percent of his base salary as of July 1, 2021.
- Chairwoman Rye called for a vote on the motion. The School Board Clerk announced there were six (6) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Holtz, and Ms. Riggs. There was one (1) nay opposed to the motion: Ms. Manning.
- 5. *Adjournment:*** Chairwoman Rye adjourned the special meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair