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**School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

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**Closed Session:** The School Board members convened at 3:04 p.m. for a discipline hearing matter and recessed into Closed Session at 3:06 p.m. Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to accept the agenda as presented to enter Closed Session. Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously. Chairwoman Rye read the motion to enter closed session; Ms. Owens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Franklin. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.

Individuals present for discussion:

School Board members: Chairwoman Rye, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Michael B. McGee, Director, Office of Student Leadership; Lavell E. White, School Counselor; School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney; Dannielle Hall-Mclvor, Associate City Attorney; Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the Board; Nancy B. Farrell, Ed.D., Principal, First Colonial High School; Lisa Warsof, Nurse, First Colonial High School.

Chairwoman Rye read the Certification of Closed session at 3:58 p.m. Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously. The Closed Session adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

- I. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Chairwoman Rye convened the administrative, informal, and workshop session in the School Board chamber at 4:06 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 and announced pursuant to the Virginia State Health Commissioner’s Order of Public Health Emergency Statewide Requirement to Wear Masks in K-12 Schools issued August 12, 2021, and Virginia Acts of Assembly No. 1303, Chapter 456, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s guidance for K-12 schools, and the School Board’s 2021-2022 Reopening Plan adopted August 10, 2021, it is determined physical distancing will be used in School Board Chambers as a health mitigation strategy therefore there will be limited public seating available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning shortly before the Workshop session of the School Board Meeting. Members of the public will also be able to observe the School Board Meeting through livestreaming on [www.vbschools.com](http://www.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 Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the School Board will conclude its administrative, informal, and workshop session unless the School Board votes to continue until 5:45 p.m. The session will conclude no later than 5:45 p.m. to allow the School Board and the School Administration to prepare for the Formal Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The following School Board members were present in the School Board chamber: Chairwoman Rye, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs (4:08 p.m.), and Ms. Weems.

- A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** There were no Administrative matters or reports.

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- B. School Board Legislative Agenda for 2022 General Assembly Session: Ms. Sharon R. Felton, Legislative Committee Chair introduced Mr. Joel Andrus; Mr. Andrus presented the following items on the legislative agenda for the 2022 General Assembly Session: budget and funding – average daily membership (ADM) hold harmless, teacher salary increase and recruitment and retention, support cap, special education, dedicated state funding for capital improvements; other legislative issues – school bus driver shortage, eliminate or fund currently unfunded mandates, continued reform of assessment system, charter schools. The discussion continued regarding bus driver shortage – retain and recruit drivers; average daily membership as part of the legislative agenda; charter schools; ADM wanted to be held harmless due to COVID; option of charter schools; not losing funding; brief explanation on re-benchmarking and ADM process; timeline for agenda; when is the session; two weeks to ask questions and follow-up with Mr. Andrus.
- C. Canvas Pilot and Flexible Scheduling Updates: Matthew Delaney, Senior Executive Director, High School, Department of School Leadership and Sharon Shewbridge, Ph.D., Director, Instructional Technology, Department of Teaching and Learning presented the School Board with an update related to high school scheduling and Canvas Adoption. Dr. Shewbridge provided information on the Canvas Learning Management System; seven schools are piloting Canvas, an alternative Learning Management System to Schoology; VDOE is paying for Canvas for the next 5 years; key considerations are curriculum components such as new textbooks and assessments; over 90% of textbook companies will integrate with Canvas; reviewed the roadmap to implementation; shared feedback and video from teachers using Canvas. Mr. Delaney continued the presentation and reviewed flexible scheduling; reviewed the four pillars of high school redesign; future ready students; defined flexible scheduling – a scheduling model that maximizes the opportunities provided for students and maximizes the effectiveness of how we utilize teachers and staff; reviewed key areas on roadmap to scheduling; goal is to receive Board approval in January; develop a schedule that will: provide increased opportunities for students to take advanced courses, electives, and work-based learning opportunities; maintain a structure that allows for teachers to have common planning time; be aligned across the division to mitigate impact on student transfers; shared some sample student schedules and potential models of sample teacher schedules. The presentation continued with discussions and questions regarding four block and common planning time; Canvas streamlines process; cost of Canvas similar to Schoology; 4x4 scheduling; optional for teachers this year to switch to Canvas; flexible schedule model – good for military; Canvas and a primary grade template; AP courses and flexible scheduling; and will address IB concerns with flexible scheduling.
- D. Facility Use Application Update: Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer provided the School Board an explanation of the changes being made to the Application for Use of School Facility form which outline the requestor's compliance of state and local policies, regulations, and protocols as well as the division's process and responsibility as part of the review and decision-making process; mentioned changes/revisions and approval of School Board in regards to Bylaw 1-48 and Policy 7-16; overview of revisions to form – change from school name to facility name, approval from principal to building supervisor; no change to approval path which includes final approval from the Office of Risk Management – School Rentals; location of form and information on vbschools.com under Community tab, Facility Use Application/School Rentals; reviewed changes to School Board Regulation 7-53.1 – added Section B Additional conditions for applications for administrative buildings; shared a visual sample of form; shared map of School Administration Building and locations for gatherings; reviewed next steps – post new Facility Use Application Procedure on vbschools.com on or before Friday, November 12, effective on Friday, November 12, all planned group gatherings in non-school facilities will be subject to School Board Policy 7-53.1 beginning on Wednesday, December 1. The presentation continued with questions regarding additional people not listed on form gathering; timeframe of application; access to parking lot; definition of a group; Freedom of Information Act; seating in School Board chamber; use of form for multiple dates; 10 days advanced notice; Chairwoman Rye noted due to the time the remainder of questions/comments on the Facility Use Application Update and presentation on COVID Health and Safety Mitigations would be presented under Agenda Item #17 – Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters.
- E. COVID Health and Safety Mitigations: See Agenda Item #8 – Adoption of the Agenda and Agenda Item #17 – Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters.

2. **Closed Session:** Not needed.

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3. **School Board Recess:** Chairwoman Rye adjourned the administrative, informal, and workshop session at 5:38 p.m.
4. **Formal Meeting (School Board Chambers)**.....6:00 p.m.
5. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairwoman Rye called the formal meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 and announced pursuant to the Virginia State Health Commissioner’s Order of Public Health Emergency Statewide Requirement to Wear Masks in K-12 Schools issued August 12, 2021, and Virginia Acts of Assembly No. 1303, Chapter 456, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s guidance for K-12 schools, and the School Board’s 2021-2022 Reopening Plan adopted August 10, 2021, it is determined that physical distancing will be used in School Board Chambers as a health mitigation strategy therefore there will be limited public seating available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning shortly before the School Board Meeting. Members of the public will also be able to observe the School Board Meeting through livestreaming on [www.vbschools.com](http://www.vbschools.com), broadcast on VBTB Channel 47, and on Zoom.  
  
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6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition**
  - A. Virginia Art Education Association – Middle School Art Educator of the Year: The School Board recognized Andrew “Andy” Harris, Old Donation School as Virginia Art Education Association Middle School Art Educator of the Year. Mr. Harris is a teacher and a working artist, both locally and nationally. He utilizes a hands-on teaching style to encourage students to work collaboratively in the art-making experience.
  - B. Virginia Art Education Association – Secondary Art Educator of the Year: The School Board recognized Jessica Van Veenhuyzen, Frank W. Cox High School as Virginia Art Education Association Secondary Art Educator of the Year. Ms. Van Veenhuyzen has been the lead art teacher since 2016 and the Fine Arts department chair since 2018. She has been the sponsor for the National Art Honor Society at Cox High School since 2013. Her students have worked with St. Mary’s Home for Disabled Children to host an art workshop and fundraising gala.
  - C. Virginia Art Education Association – Retired Art Teacher Award: The School Board recognized Stephanie Slate, Tallwood Elementary and Thoroughgood Elementary as Virginia Art Education Association Retired Art Teacher of the Year. Ms. Slate has been a member of the Tidewater Art Education Association since 1988 and has contributed to the Virginia Beach City Public School Visual Arts program in countless capacities as well as to the community at large for over 30 years.
8. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye noted that the workshop items 1D – Facility Use Application Update and 1E – COVID Health and Safety Mitigations would be continued under Agenda item #17 – Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters. Without any other modifications, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holtz. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
9. **Superintendent’s Monthly Report:** There was no Superintendent’s report.
10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - A. October 26, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the October 26, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Owens. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Rye, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There was one abstention, Ms. Manning due to the fact she was not in attendance at the October 26, 2021 School Board meeting. The motion passed 10-0-1.
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

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Rye mentioned information regarding speaker process, decorum and order, and submitting comments via group email.

There were twenty-four (24) in-person speakers (including 1 student speaker) and five (5) online speakers: topics discussed were lacrosse; rights and responsibilities, gathering in parking lot; reversion fund plan; teacher workload; teacher planning time; eliminating books; book review process; facilities permit; CRT; critical thinking; petition; National School Psychology Week; budget and needs – compensation, staff retention; SEL; election results; decorum of School Board members; limiting speaker time; valedictorian, salutatorian, class ranking; vaccines for athletes; masks; surveys; peaceful assembly and First Amendment Rights.

**12. Information**

A. Textbook Adoption: Practical Nursing – Anatomy and Physiology: Angela L. Seiders, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning presented an overview of the high school Practical Nursing Program textbook as recommended by the Practical Nursing Program Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2022.

Course Title	Textbook	Publisher	Copyright
Anatomy and Physiology	<i>Memmler’s Structure and Function of the Human Body</i> , 12 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Walters Kluwer	2021

B. New Courses: Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer provided a brief overview of new courses and program proposals and introduced presenters, Sara L. Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education and Nicole DeVries, Ph.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs.

- Parenting and Early Learning Careers: Sara L. Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education presented the School Board information regarding the proposed course, Parenting and Early Learning Careers and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. Parenting and Early Learning Careers is a single block, yearlong course proposed to replace current semester offerings at all high school locations. The course is designed to combine our current semesters of Parenting and Child Care Occupations beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Photography & Communications Technology: Sara L. Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education presented the School Board information regarding the proposed course, Photography & Communications Technology and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. Photography & Communications Technology is a single block, yearlong course proposed to replace current semester offerings at all high school locations. The course is designed to combine our current semesters of Photography and Communications Technology beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Students enrolled in Photography & Communications Technology will take part in experiences in the fields of imaging technology, graphic production, video and media, technical design, and various modes of communicating information through the use of data. Students develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills using the universal systems model. Students also learn about the impact of communication on society and potential career fields relating to communications.
- Art II: Digital Media and Design: Nicole DeVries, Ph.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs presented the School Board information regarding the proposed Art II: Digital Media and Design course for all high schools for a three-phase implementation from 2022-2023 through the 2024-2025 school year. Art II: Digital Media and Design students will develop and explore skills and techniques for problem-solving digital design tasks, such as 2-D and 3-D imaging and printing, restorative and altering digital images, graphic design and integration into other art media. Using the artistic and design process, emphasis will include approaching the computer as a creative and practical tool using contemporary programs, media, and techniques. Imaging applications, such as Photoshop, will be explored for fine art and design experiences. Students will understand how the history and function of technology has dramatically changed the way society creates and perceives the arts. Visual arts technology-based careers, such as an animator, modeler, technician, or arts director, will be explored through a historical and contemporary lens. Students will build and maintain digital portfolios documenting their artistic growth throughout the course. Students will develop visual literacy and appreciation for art through written, visual and verbal

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expression. Students will also explore public art and copyright fundamentals in the field of digital art, as well as participate in various art shows.

4. Art III: Digital Media and Design: Nicole DeVries, Ph.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs presented the School Board information regarding the proposed Art III: Digital Media and Design course for all high schools for a three-phase implementation from 2023-2024 through the 2025-2026 school year. Art III: Digital Media and Design students will build upon and demonstrate advanced use of digital media and techniques as a creative and practical tool. Current and on-going developments in the digital career fields will be researched and presented with a higher education and career option lens. Commercial, practical and fine art graphic design will be a focus of study throughout the year. Students will build and maintain advanced level digital portfolios documenting their artistic growth throughout the course that reflect independent thinking and innovation. The culminating portfolios must also show evidence of quality concentrations, and breadth of work produced during their two years of study. Students will justify and apply visual literacy and appreciation for art through written, visual, and verbal expression. Students will also experience public art and apply copyright fundamentals in the field of digital art while participating in various artistic opportunities.
5. AP Digital Art: Nicole DeVries, Ph.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs presented the School Board information regarding the proposed Advanced Placement Digital Art course for all high schools for a three-phase implementation from 2024-2025 through the 2026-2027 school year. Advanced Placement Digital Art is a college-level course designed for students with above-average ability in digital art. It is an in-depth studio experience in which students compile a portfolio of quality digital artwork in accordance with the guidelines established by the Advanced Placement program committee of the College Entrance Examination Board. Students are expected to participate in various art shows and to complete and submit to the College Board a digital portfolio that demonstrates proficiency in 2-D art and design using a variety of digital techniques and skills.
6. Advanced PE – Unified Health and Physical Education: Nicole DeVries, Ph.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs presented the School Board information regarding the proposed course, Advanced PE: Unified Physical Education and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. The proposed Advanced PE: Unified Physical Education course would serve as an additional offering to the existing Advanced Physical Education courses, a series of high school electives offering an additional pathway for students to explore. This course differs from traditional physical education courses by providing a variety of recreational activities that appeal to a wider representation of our student population, including those students with and without disabilities. Unified Physical Education provides inclusive leadership opportunities, community partnerships, physical activity, and a focus on the social, emotional and mental health of all participants. This is a full-year, 1-credit course that includes nutrition, functional fitness and fitness planning, aerobics, individual sports, outdoor pursuits, team competition and other recreational activities.
7. Veterinary Assistant (DE): Sara L. Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education presented the School Board information regarding the proposed courses/certificate program, Dual Enrollment (DE) Veterinary Assistant I and DE Veterinary Assistant II and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. The proposed, one-year DE Veterinary Assistant program (Career Studies Certificate: Veterinary Assistant 221-188-04) will be offered by Tidewater Community College (TCC) through the Advanced Technology Center and will serve up to 20 students interested in entry level positions in the veterinary field. Additionally, the DE Veterinary Assistant program can be viewed as a steppingstone for those students desiring to further their education in the field of veterinary health care. This certificate is transferrable into a Veterinary Technology program at TCC should students choose to continue their studies after high school to pursue licensure as a veterinary technician.
8. Newport News Shipbuilding Early Apprentice Program: Sara L. Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education presented the School Board information regarding the proposed dual and concurrently enrolled courses offered by Newport News Shipbuilding through the proposed, Apprentice X program for initial implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. Through a partnership with Newport News Shipbuilding (Huntington Ingalls) Virginia Beach City Public Schools has the opportunity to be a founding partner in the Apprentice X early apprentice program. Newport News Shipbuilding is the largest industrial employer in Virginia and the largest shipbuilding company in the United States. The Apprentice



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X program gives high school students interested in shipbuilding an opportunity to earn up to 39 college credits through the World Class Shipbuilder Curriculum with the fully accredited Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding.

The presentation continued with questions regarding the preschool program at Technical and Career Education; shipbuilding program and sporting programs; courses being offered at home school; seats available in shipbuilding program; application process for shipbuilding program; unified health and PE offered at every high school; digital programs and ATC; transportation for students in programs; digital classes roll out – which schools chosen and how were chosen; robust curriculum and marketing of students – skill ready students; and training for teachers.

**13. Return to public comments if needed**

**14. Consent Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye stated the items on the Consent Agenda; followed by the reading of the resolutions:

A. Resolutions:

1. National Military Family Appreciation Month: Ms. Anderson read the following resolution:

**National Military Family Appreciation Month  
November 2021**

**WHEREAS,** our country owes the daily freedoms to the members of the Armed Forces, their family members and loved ones who share in their service and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS,** we celebrate the exceptional service, strength and character of the approximately 16,000 military-connected youth and families of Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS,** we acknowledge that military families face unique challenges due to deployment, reintegration, service in combat zones and frequent relocations based on duty assignments; and

**WHEREAS,** the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach reaffirms their commitment to providing the resources and programs to support military-connected students academically, socially and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia Beach City Public School Board's Compass to 2025 strategic plan calls for the continued creation of opportunities for military families and community members to purposely partner with schools in supporting student achievement, aspirations and social-emotional development; and

**WHEREAS,** November is recognized as National Military Family Appreciation Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes the month of November 2021 as National Military Family Appreciation Month, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all school staff and community members to initiate, support and participate in appreciation activities designed to recognize the exceptional role and unique sacrifices our military-connected students make in our nation's best interest; and be it

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

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2. National Native American Heritage Month: Ms. Manning read the following resolution:

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**Resolution for National Native American Heritage Month  
November 2021**

**WHEREAS**, as the first people to inhabit North America, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia began celebrating "American Indian Day" in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia is home to seven federally-recognized tribal nations, including the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe, and Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, as well as four additional state-recognized tribes, including the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, and Patowomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American men and women contribute to all areas of life in Virginia and the City of Virginia Beach, including, but not limited to, government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, through the study of Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired—and continue to inspire—the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, through its core values and educational equity policy are committed to the cross-cultural competence within our school division.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes the month of November 2021 as National Native American Heritage Month; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all citizens to support and celebrate American Indians in Virginia and our schools whose abilities and contributions strengthen our city and schools diverse culture; 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 9th day of November 2021.

3. American Education Week: Ms. Riggs read the following resolution:

**Resolution for American Education Week  
November 15-19, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, November 15-19, 2021 is recognized as the 100th annual American Education Week by the National Education Association to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of this week has encouraged resolutions across the country to help encourage national support of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, American Education Week is a celebration of distinguished individuals, critical to the success of public education for the nation's nearly 50 million K-12 students; and

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**WHEREAS**, the National Education Association calls for a week to be observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach is focused on encouraging and recognizing the support for public education; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, is committed to its relationships with the community and stakeholders through Compass to 2025, to increase public support and involvement in education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach designates the week of November 15-19, 2021, as American Education Week in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and be it

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

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4. National School Psychology Week: Ms. Holtz read the following resolution:

**Resolution for National School Psychology Week  
November 8-12, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists support the development of academic and social-emotional skills for all students, thus allowing each student to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists are valuable members of the multidisciplinary team serving schools, providing a wide range of services to students, parents and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists are actively committed to helping students recognize their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to their development and mental wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social-emotional growth of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists work with teachers and other educators to help in meeting the individual needs of students; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists use their expertise in child development, mental health, community resources, and crisis intervention to develop and implement interventions to support educational success.

**WHEREAS**, with this shared approach to supporting student learning and social-emotional growth, psychologists are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success and wellness in school and life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach recognize the second full week of November 2021 as National School Psychology Week in Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and be it

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



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- B. Recommendation of General Contractor: First Colonial and Salem High Schools Stadium Synthetic Turf & Track Overlay: The School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with LandTek Group, Inc. for the Salem and First Colonial High School Track and Field Improvements in the amount of \$3,064,000.
- C. Policy Review Committee Recommendations: 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 October 14, 2021 meeting.
  - 1. Policy 3-60 / Safety: Radon: The PRC recommends amendments to Policy 3-60 to reflect General Assembly changes regarding safety and testing of buildings and systems.
  - 2. Policy 3-72 / Safety: Water Management Program to Prevent Legionella Growth: The PRC recommends adoption of Policy 3-72 to address the General Assembly's requirement regarding testing and treatment for Legionella disease in buildings and systems.
  - 3. Policy 5-30 / Graduation Requirements/Diplomas/Certificates: The PRC recommends amendments to clarify Locally Awarded Credits.

After the resolutions were read, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Franklin. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.

**15. Action**

- A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Felton that the School Board approve the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions as listed on the November 9, 2021 personnel report along with administrative appointments as recommended by the Superintendent. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Lacrosse – High School Activity Addition Process: That the School Board approve the recommendation from the Office of Student Leadership to offer lacrosse as an interscholastic sport for high school boys and girls at the varsity level starting in the Spring of 2023. Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Weems. A brief discussion followed regarding cost; helmets for female players; turf fields; option for females to wear helmets. Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Renaming of School Building – Old Kellam: That the School Board rename the school building located at 2323 Holland Road, (formerly Kellam High School) as the Holland Road Annex. Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk. A brief discussion followed regarding renaming the old building and confusion between “old” Kellam High School and “old” Princess Anne Middle School; distribution issues; if used as a filler/swing site for a school will be renamed. Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Budget FY 20/21 Resolution Regarding Reversion and Revenue Actual Over/Under Budget Funds: That the School Board approve the budget resolution regarding FY 2020/21 reversion and revenue sharing formula reconciliation. Ms. Melnyk read the following resolution:

**Budget Resolution Regarding FY 2020/21 Reversion and Revenue Sharing Formula Reconciliation**

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2021, the School Board was presented with a summary of the unaudited financial statements for FY 2020/21 (year-ending June 30, 2021) showing the reversion amount to the city's General fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of FY 2020/21 School Operating reversion funds available (excluding revenues over/under budget) is \$14,463,778; and

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**WHEREAS**, \$10,131,688 came in as additional revenue over the appropriated budget, increasing the School Operating reversion amount to \$24,595,466; and

**WHEREAS**, \$401,878 reverted from the Athletics fund and \$711,334 reverted from the Green Run Collegiate Charter School fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated total amount available for re-appropriation is \$25,708,678; and

**WHEREAS**, the city is currently indicating a FY 2020/21 revenue actual over budget of \$29,230,144 based on the Revenue Sharing Formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the net reversion funding available for re-appropriation is \$54,938,822; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends the following for the available funds in the amount of \$54,938,822:

- \$11,000,000 to be re-appropriated to the School Reserve Special Revenue fund to be set-aside for use in the FY 2022/23 Capital Improvement Program
- \$34,432,182 to be re-appropriated to the CIP fund:
  - Project 1-017 Renovation and Replacement Grounds III (synthetic turf at Kempsville HS and Ocean Lakes HS) - \$3,500,000
  - Project 1-018 Renovation and Replacement HVAC III - \$2,986,775
  - Project 1-020 Renovation and Replacement Various III (locker removal/renovation at First Colonial HS and classroom/furniture replacement at various schools) - \$6,250,000
  - Project 1-022 Elementary School Playground Equipment Replacement - \$1,000,000
  - Project 1-026 Lynnhaven MS Expansion (Achievable Dream) - \$1,100,000
  - Project 1-028 Bettie F. Williams/Bayside 6th (Grades 4-6) Replacement - \$7,500,000
  - Project 1-030 Replacement Payroll System - \$4,382,407
  - Project 1-031 School Bus and Fleet Replacement - \$7,713,000
- \$900,000 to be re-appropriated to the Athletics fund 204 (startup costs for lacrosse program)
- \$8,606,640 to be re-appropriated to the School Operating fund 115 for:
  - Access layer switches and points - \$1,221,000
  - Interactive whiteboard replacements - \$882,000
  - Electronic perimeter access control doors - \$645,000
  - Data center firewall upgrade - \$566,125
  - Instructional supplies - \$151,515
  - Contracted services to pressure wash building exteriors and courtyards - \$130,000
  - Maintenance and repair projects and equipment - \$5,011,000

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach approves the recommended uses of the FY 2020/21 Reversion and Revenue Sharing Formula Reconciliation funds as presented by the Administration; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the School Board requests that the City Council approve the re-appropriation of FY 2020/21 Reversion and Revenue Sharing Formula Reconciliation funds shown above; and be it

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

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 9th day of November 2021.

Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holtz. A discussion followed; Crystal Pate, Chief Financial Officer mentioned the budget resolution is in line with how City Council would like to see VBCPS use the reappropriated funds; CIP (Capital Improvement Program) projects – funding verses fully funded; retention of teachers; bus replacement and cycle; shortages of staff; lowest wage earners; incentives; compensation for other areas – substitutes, hard to staff areas; CARES ESSER funds; Ms. Weems made a substitute motion to suspend the vote for two more weeks to gather all the information from Dr. Spence and Ms. Pate, Ms. Manning seconded the sub motion.

A discussion followed the sub motion regarding timeline to present information to the City Council; possible need for a special meeting to discuss budget items; timeline from City; funding for lacrosse. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote on the sub motion. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the sub motion: Chairwoman Rye, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There were two (2) nays opposed to the sub motion: Ms. Melnyk and Ms. Holtz. The sub motion passed 9-2-0.

16. **Committee, Organization or Board Reports:** Ms. Franklin mentioned the Gifted Advisory Council, summer offerings for arts, STEM, doing a great job; Ms. Owens mentioned the Mental Health Task Force, first meeting November 30 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., four meetings are schedule; Ms. Weems mentioned the Special Education Advisory Committee nightly meeting on November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the PNR Administration Building, 2154 Landstown Road; Ms. Felton mentioned the Planning and Performance Monitoring Committee met on November 8, presentations, conversations regarding SEL and PBIS, Legislative Committee – in contact with the City regarding new districting of the zones in Virginia Beach; noted Ms. Felton was elected as the VSBA Tidewater Region Chair; Chairwoman Rye mention the Governance Committee meeting on November 10 at 9:00 am; and Ms. Riggs mentioned the Policy Review Committee Meeting on November 10 at 11:00 a.m.

17. **Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters:**

- D. Facility Use Application Update: Note: continuation from the workshop session; the discussion continued regarding the turnaround time for the application; first come, first served basis; application request and posting of agenda for School Board meeting.
- E. COVID Health and Safety Mitigations: Eugene F. Soltner, Ed.D., Chief Schools Officer and Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer presented the School Board with an update regarding COVID-19 health and safety mitigations including data updates, as well as process and support improvements. Mr. Freeman reviewed the number of connected cases; reviewed the positive cases – decreasing trend; quarantine numbers; reviewed data regarding case occurrence after a close exposure; need to continue to monitor COVID data – opened up schools for visitors and began field trips – need to monitor for full 3 weeks; reviewed data for level of community transmission (VDH) – transmission level: substantial, cases: 71.56, percent positivity: 5.1%; reviewed vaccine demographics as of November 7 – slow steady upward trend; mentioned vaccination clinics at elementary sites; COVID testing program – VDH has contracted with eMed using the BinaxNOW test, results in about 15 minutes, students with COVID-like symptoms will be sent home with a test kit, expedites the contact tracing process; criteria for probable case determination.
- Dr. Soltner continued the presentation; winter high school athletics – VISSTA K12 testing update; 78 committed public school divisions; aim is testing to catch cases early and stop further transmission; no cost to families or to the school division; overview of VISSTA K12 testing program details; October 27 – a school division communication went to families sharing details of the vaccination/testing process; testing is scheduled to begin on November 15; overview of the testing schedule; VBCPS school relief: substitute shortage – additional permanent substitute allocation will be added to each school, review of new

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initiatives – teacher participation in the secondary Canvas pilot initiative at two middle schools and two high schools will be optional, WISE Time and Attendance initiative to electronic postponed at school level until July 1, continued investigation of other relief measures – use of ESSR funds to attract and retain staff in critical areas, increase daily substitute rate and teacher coverage stipend, assess current relief efforts and determine next steps; the presentation continued with questions regarding masks during PE; levels of reducing mitigation; home testing – being reported to VDH; overview of testing process.

18. **Adjournment:** Chairwoman Rye adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

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Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair