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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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- 1. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Vice Chair Melnyk, filling in momentarily for Chairwoman Rye, convened the administrative, informal and workshop session at 4:03 p.m. on the 8th day of February 2022 and announced pursuant to the School Board's 2021-2022 Reopening Plan adopted August 10, 2021, and the School Board vote on August 24, 2021 regarding health protocols for School Board meetings, it is determined that physical distancing will be used in School Board Chambers as a health mitigation strategy therefore there will be designated public seating in School Board Chambers during the School Board Meeting. Members of the public will also be able to observe the School Board Meeting through livestreaming on 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 Session School Board Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the School Board will conclude its Administrative, Informal and Workshop Session of the Meeting unless the School Board votes to continue until 5:45 p.m. The Administrative, Informal and Workshop Session will conclude 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 (4:06 p.m.), Vice Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz (4:06 p.m.), Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.

- A. **School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** Vice Chair Melnyk introduced Chief Paul Neudigate, Virginia Beach Police Department; Chief Neudigate stated the police department's 100% support of the Restorative Justice Program initiative which will be presented tonight. Chairwoman Rye arrived at 4:06 p.m. and continued the meeting with Administrative Matters. Ms. Hughes had questions regarding dues for VSBA.
- B. **COVID Update:** Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer and Eugene F. Soltner, Ed.D., Chief Schools Officer provided the School Board an update regarding COVID-19 health and safety mitigations including data updates, as well as process and support improvements as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Mr. Freeman began the presentation and reviewed the VDH current data: transmission level – high, cases – 388.5, percent positivity – 21.8%; noted the downward trend but still in the high level; reviewed the COVID-19 weekly report data; noted upcoming vaccination clinics available; reviewed VDH interim guidance to updated CDC guidance – exempt from quarantine: students who completed primary COVID-19 vaccine series (2 doses) and adults fully vaccinated and boosted; mentioned the COVID webinars; received KN-95 masks; temporary injunction to Executive Order 2; Dr.

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Soltner continued the presentation; mentioned all 86 schools were visited by DOSL Directors, the Chief of Staff, and Superintendent; reviewed parent opt out numbers – only from those who completed the form; mentioned school relief and staff challenges: issues with substitutes have been minimizing due to increase in number of substitutes hired since January 3 and a significant decrease in staff absences as transmissions trend down; reviewed data from survey for interest in Virtual Virginia; noted Virtual Virginia does not offer an option for early childhood or Pre-K students; reviewed the Virtual Virginia tentative planning timeline.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding mask policy; optional mask data; Virtual Virginia enrollment; opt out form extension; updates for February 22 meeting; School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala Lannetti, provided information on the injunction, Arlington case, HB 1303; a discussion continue regarding the information, implications, timeline of injunction; students wearing masks; principals to address any concerns about students wearing masks not teachers; Executive Order 2; number of weeks reviewing data for changes to mitigation; monitor for three weeks; mentioned to continue discussion after formal meeting to allow time for next presentation.

Restorative Justice: An Alternative Accountability Program: LaQuiche R. Parrott, Ed.D., Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion shared with the School Board the year-long research into restorative justice and alternative accountability programs in place in the Commonwealth and across the nation and opportunities for the City; provided the School Board; Dr. Parrott introduced Deputy Chief Dean, Virginia Beach Police Department; Chief Dean reviewed a brief timeline of the restorative justice program process; provided an overview of the presentation; reviewed current options to address juvenile crime: warn and release to parent/guardian (pre-arrest), court-diversion program (post-arrest), petition/summon to court (post-arrest); proposed fourth option that creates a second pre-arrest alternative; defined restorative justice framework; focuses on what happened, who was harmed, who is responsible for repairing the harm; the goal is accountability; goal: accountability, character development, school and community safety; intended to be a “pre-arrest” diversion; provide the victims of the juvenile’s crimes to be actively involved in the resolution of their cases; reduce the rate of recidivism with young offenders; reduce the rate of juvenile offenders entering the formal criminal justice system; give first time juvenile offenders the opportunity to be held accountable for their actions; funding – City of Virginia Beach has restored funding for two positions in Juvenile Court Services; received a grant from the Promising Youth Opportunity for \$64,000; grant funds will support the training for City and VBCPS staff to become facilitators for restorative justice circles; reviewed program and training strategies under consideration: mediation services, police-based programs, other available RJ training programs; general idea of program structure for VBCPS and CSU (Court Services Unit): school-discipline matters – noncriminal actions that violate school conduct codes, school-based criminal offenses – minor criminal offenses (to be defined) as committed by students in the school setting; overview of criminal offenses which may be suitable for Alternative Accountability Program (AAP); mentioned sample recidivism rates; reviewed committee members; outlined committee next steps: developing a program structure, identifying goals and values, identifying and hiring staff, identifying Restorative Justice Facilitators (City and VBCPS), developing workflow, program evaluation metrics, and policy, developing memorandums of understanding.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding the collaboration between City and VBCPS; grant funding; facilitators in schools; voluntary program; need to define restorative justice and criminal offenses – in the process of developing; comparison of how the program will look versus what we do have in place; excited about another alternative.

2. **Closed Session:** There was no closed session.
3. **School Board Recess:** Chairwoman Rye concluded the administrative, informal, and workshop session at 5:39 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 6:02 p.m. on the 8th day of February 2022 and announced pursuant to the School Board’s 2021-2022 Reopening Plan adopted August 10, 2021, and the School Board vote on August 24, 2021 regarding health protocols for School Board meetings, it is determined that physical distancing will be used in School Board Chambers as a health mitigation strategy therefore there will be

designated public seating in School Board Chambers during the Special School Board Meeting. Members of the public will also be able to observe the Special School Board Meeting through livestreaming on www.vbschools.com, broadcast on VBT 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, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.

6. Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

7. Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition

- A. Cox High School - American String Teachers Association (ASTA) – State Chapter Website Award: The School Board recognized Kevin Fields from Cox High School for having the Best State Chapter Website. To receive this award, ASTA reviews the state-level websites, which aim to highlight, honor, and positively represent string teachers and string programs within their state.
- B. Plaza Middle School - Virginia American String Teachers Association (V-ASTA) – Orchestra Director of the Year: The School Board recognized Sarah McGhee for Plaza Middle School for being named orchestra director of the year through the Virginia chapter of the American String Teachers Association. Ms. McGhee has served more than 25 years as an orchestra teacher in Virginia Beach.
- C. Salem High School – Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) – Virginia Music Educator of the Year: The School Board recognized Corbin Pinto from Salem High School for being named the Virginia Music Educator of the Year through the Virginia Music Educators Association. Ms. Pinto has been teaching with the school division for 18 years, currently as the vocal strand director for the Visual and Performing Arts Academy.
- D. Resolution of Appreciation: The School Board recognized Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the Board and Susan Keipe, Deputy Clerk of the School as part of Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) designating the third week in February, February 14-18, as VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. Ms. Franklin read the following resolution:

**Resolution for VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week
February 2022**

WHEREAS, school board clerks in each locality throughout our great Commonwealth are appointed by law to fulfill their duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks are responsible for keeping accurate records of the meetings and proceedings of the school board, a record of all receipts and disbursements, and a record of all official acts; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks perform such other duties in connection with the school business of her/his county or city as may be required by the school board; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks maintain frequent contact with the public, including parents, employees and the media, on behalf of the school board and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks, in the performance of their duties, are often required to work extra hours attending school board meetings; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks join with school boards to help ensure that students achieve to their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks provide an invaluable service for school board members and superintendents, the VSBA Board of Directors does hereby recognize the third week of February as School Board Clerk Appreciation Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach joins the VSBA in recognizing the many and varied contributions of school board clerks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach also recognize the third week of February as School Board Clerk Appreciation Week; 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 February 2022.

- 8. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the agenda. Ms. Hughes requested to separate item #14C 1-2 (Recommendations from a General Contractor: 1. Plaza Middle School Stage Rigging, 2. Rosemont Forest Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement from Consent to Action item #15B; Ms. Anderson requested to add an item under Information – item #12D – more information about masking; Chairwoman Rye noted School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala Lannetti would present information on the court rulings; the motion on the floor was clarified – amend to change item #14C 1-2 (consent) to #15B (action), and add item #12D more information concerning masking; Ms. Hughes and Ms. Anderson made the motion to amend the agenda as stated above, seconded by Ms. Riggs. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Superintendent’s Report:** There was no Superintendent’s Report.
- 10. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

 - A. January 20, 2022 Special School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the January 20, 2022 Special School Board meeting minutes. There was one modification; Ms. Manning attended the meeting but was not noted in the roll call. The School Board Clerk had updated the minutes for the January 20, 2022 Special School Board meeting to reflect the correction and posted the updated minutes online. Without any other modifications, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Franklin. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
 - B. January 25, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye called for any modifications to the January 25, 2022 Regular School Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
- 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 twenty (20) in person speakers (including four (4) student speakers) and twenty (20) online speakers (including one (1) student speaker); topics discussed were COVID; masking in school building; social distancing; Black History month; calendar; middle school scheduling; election redistricting; decorum of School Board members; Governance committee banned books; masks; Executive Order 2; SB 1303; universal masking; Virginia history; Virtual Virginia; parental choice; vaccination clinics; First Amendment Rights; COVID mitigations; teacher shortage; staffing issues; and collective bargaining. Due to time, public comments ended at approximately 8:00 p.m., to be resumed after Information presentations.
- 12. Information**

 - A. Superintendent’s Estimate of Needs for FY 2022-23 and Capital Improvement Program for FY 2022-23 – FY2027-28: Superintendent Spence and Crystal M. Pate, Chief Financial Officer, and Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer presented information to the School Board regarding School Operating Budget for FY 2022/23 and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022/23 – FY 2027/28; Superintendent Spence reviewed the operating budget amount (\$872.5 million) and Division budget priorities: employee compensation, employee recruitment and retention, lowering employee healthcare costs, increased support for our English Learner population, CIP planning; reviewed VBCPS accomplishments (i.e. highest graduation

rate on record, 2020-2021 SOL pass rates, 2021 graduating class offered more than \$62 million in scholarships, Project SEARCH, Windsor Oaks Elementary School named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School by U.S. Department of Education, volunteer hours, virtual peer tutoring program); mentioned capital improvement needs (infrastructure projects – reroofing, HVAC improvements, replacing outdated playground equipment; proposed CIP fully funds Princess Anne High School and B.F. Williams/Bayside 6th grade campus replacement projects, construction of the classroom addition at Lynnhaven Middle School to support the Achievable Dream secondary school program).

Ms. Pate continued the presentation and reviewed the school operating fund revenue sources – noting local contribution makes up 49.7% of budget; school operating fund by major category classification – instruction (73.3%), operations and maintenance (11.8%), pupil transportation (5.2%), administration, attendance and health (5.2%) and technology (4.6%); school operating expenditures by type – personnel services (60.96%) and fringe benefits (24.36%) are the largest expenditures; reviewed some budget figures from page 23 of the Superintendent’s Estimate of Needs; Mr. Freeman continued the presentation and reviewed some CIP project highlights; items part of the CIP: renovations & replacements projects, renovations and replacements – safe school improvements, energy performance contracts, elementary school playground equipment replacement, Achievable Dream at Lynnhaven Middle School, Princess Anne high School replacement, Bettie F. Williams/Bayside 6th replacement, Bayside High School replacement (partially funded); CIP funding – total cost including appropriations to date, approximately \$650 million and Year 1 (2022/23) approximately \$83 million; highlighted breakdown of funding; Ms. Pate reviewed the budget timeline.

Superintendent Spence mentioned to the School Board members to send questions to Ms. Pate and himself in advance of the upcoming Public Hearing; the presentation continued with comments and questions regarding budget online for public to view; central office staff and freezing hiring; review of vacant positions for consolidation; reminder of 5:00 p.m. start time of next week’s budget/public hearing meeting.

- B. School Calendar: Eugene F. Soltner, Ed.D., Chief Schools Officer presented the School Board draft calendars for the 2022-2023 school year; provided a reminder of location of current division calendar; reviewed the calendar development/adoption timeline; reviewed guidance for calendar creation: number of instructional days (181-days), observance of holiday, length of breaks, availability of staff days, limiting adjusted dismissal days; discussed start of school prior to Labor Day and some primary benefits; mentioned more school divisions in the state are moving to a pre-labor day start; shared overview of January 2022 draft calendar survey results; overall 19,527 respondents; provided a quick overview of calendars: Option 1 – Pre-Labor Day, school starts Monday, August 29 and ends Thursday, June 15 with 9 days of winter break; Option 2 – Pre-Labor Day, school starts Tuesday, August 23 and ends Thursday, June 15 with 11 days of winter break; Option 3 – Post Labor Day, school starts Tuesday, September 6 and ends Thursday, June 15 with 6 days of winter break; Option 4 – Post-Labor Day, school starts Tuesday, September 6 and ends Friday, June 16 with 7 days of winter break; parents were split between options 2 and 4, students responding preferred option 4, instructional staff were split among the two pre-labor day options and option 4, non-instructional staff preferred option 2, and community members responding preferred option 2; most influential factors were start date of school and length of breaks; least preferred calendar was option 2; reviewed the current division calendar for 2021-2022; reviewed the four (4) draft calendars (start dates, holidays, staff days, semesters, etc.); reviewed details of the recommendation of calendar option 1; highlights: August 22-26 five teacher work days, August 29 first day of school for students, off for Labor Day September 2 through September 5 with school resuming on Tuesday, September 6, October 10 staff day, November 7-8 staff days, Veteran’s Day November 11, November 23 early release and Thanksgiving Break November 24 and 25, winter break begins December 21 for 9 days; January 2 final day of winter break, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 27 end of second quarter, January 30 staff day, February 20 President’s Day, March 13 staff day, April 6 end of third quarter, April 7 staff day, Spring Break April 10 – 14, April 17 start of fourth quarter, May 29 Memorial Day, June 15 adjusted dismissal day for students.

The presentation continued with comments and questions regarding adding another workday because of 4x4 schedule; flexibility of Election Day; virtual days; addition of minutes to school day; list of observance send to schools; question of starting earlier and ending earlier; reviewed most preferred and least preferred; flex time for teachers; like option 1, however concerns about plans already made for vacations this year; conversations with hotel/motel association; communication and planning; School Board members liked

option 1 calendar but would prefer to start in 2023-24; suggestion of creating a two-year calendar to present to the School Board; suggestion of option 4 for this upcoming year and option 1 for the following year; come back to School Board in two weeks with a second year option.

- C. Middle School Scheduling 2022-2023: James J. Smith, Ed.D., Senior Executive Director of Middle Schools provided the School Board information regarding Middle School Scheduling for the 2022-23 school year; mentioned teacher shortage; as of today we have 103 unfilled teaching positions; Human Resources recruitment efforts; proposal driven by vacancies not a budget shortfall; briefly reviewed the process/timeline; recapped middle school bell schedule overview from workshop presentation January 25; core teachers would teach five 55-minute classes daily in contrast to the four classes they currently teach; 8th grade elective classes would be on a 115-minute A/B schedule to allow four lunch sections at the 8th grade level; provides common planning time for collaboration; reviewed sample teacher schedules; teachers will have a daily 55-minute planning bell for a total of 275 minutes per week and each will have a 30-minute lunch; reviewed the elective hybrid schedule; mentioned outcomes: capacity of staffing will be maximized, meets required planning minutes but reduces current planning, provides common planning on grade level but does not accommodate common planning for the off-grade level class, staff who do not prefer this model will have the opportunity to teach at high school or elementary school level based on certifications; options moving forward: accept proposed schedule, maintain the current schedule (raise class size, utilize long term substitutes for unfilled vacancies), revisit the proposal in 2023-24 to reassess the staffing shortages, explore leveraging technology.
- The presentation continue with questions and comments regarding raising class size, concerns with schedule; support to middle school teachers; other possibilities; how many licensed teachers not in teaching positions; teaching extra classes-stipend; children need the support from the teachers; quality of teaching; upon hearing the views from the School Board members, Superintendent Spence suggested to pull the topic from the Action agenda for next meeting and continue to monitor classrooms and staffing.
- D. More Information on Masking: (Note: topic added during the adoption of the agenda – see item #8) School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala Lannetti shared information from the cases in Chesapeake and Arlington; the discussion continued regarding masking; resolution for mask choice; waiting for judge rulings; HB 1303; General Assembly legislation; wanted on agenda for clarification; wait and see outcomes.

13. Return to public comments if needed: The School Board returned to speakers at 10:50 p.m. The following topics were discussed: universal masking; virtual options; COVID; and return to mandatory masking.

14. Consent Agenda: Chairwoman Rye read the amended Consent Agenda (note: items #14C 1-2 were moved to Action item #15 B – see item #8 – Adoption of the Agenda)

- A. Resolutions: Black History Month: The School Board approve a resolution recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month. Ms. Felton read the following resolution:

**Resolution for Black History Month
February 2022**

WHEREAS, African American History is recognized across the USA & Canada in February every year; and highlights the accomplishments and contributions of African, African American, Pan-African people; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme, “Black Health and Wellness” acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also the other ways of knowing (e.g. birthworkers, midwives, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora, and

WHEREAS, African Americans have forged a proud legacy that reflect the spirit of our nation and community for example, Dr. L.D. Britt, an African American professor and chairman of surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School born and raised in Hampton Roads, Virginia was elected to the National Academy of Medicine

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(formerly the Institute of Medicine), and Dr. Britt was first and only faculty member from his institution to receive this distinction – considered one of the highest honors in the field of health and medicine; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the good of our nation that schools continue to build awareness and understanding of African American role models whose commitments and achievements embody the American spirit and pursuit of excellence like Dr. Britt; and acknowledge the contributions made by African Americans despite struggles for freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, through its core values, emphasizes the importance of valuing differences within our school division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes the month of February 2022 as Black History Month and its theme, “Black Health and Wellness”; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all citizens to support and participate in the various school and community activities that highlight Black History not only during February, but also throughout the entire year, 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 February, 2022

- B. Princess Anne Middle School Pump Station: The School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute the attached Resolution, Deed for the pump station site at Princess Anne Middle School.
- C. Recommendation of General Contractor: (Items moved to agenda item #15B – see item #8 Adoption of the Agenda)
 - 1. Plaza Middle School Stage Rigging
 - 2. Rosemont Forest Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement
- D. Policy Review 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 January 12, 2022 meeting.
 - 1. Policy 3-11/Budget: Surplus Funds: The PRC recommends amending the title, adding reduction of future debt service as a purpose, remove of Section B regarding individual school accounts, and scrivener’s changes.
 - 2. Policy 3-43/Fiscal Responsibility of Administrators for Individual Accounts: The PRC recommends scrivener’s changes.
 - 3. Policy 3-45/Inventories: The PRC recommends grammatical changes and the addition of technology equipment to those items that will be inventoried.
 - 4. Policy 3-57/Safety: Hazard Communication Program: The PRC recommends formatting the Policy to be consistent with current policy and regulation formatting, change to reflect current procedures, and updating the legal references.
 - 5. Policy 3-58/Safety: Hazardous Waste – Containment/Disposal: The PRC recommends correction of office titles and updating the legal references.
 - 6. Policy 3-59/Safety: Asbestos Abatement: The PRC recommends scrivener’s changes and updating the legal references.
 - 7. Policy 3-66/Environmental Barriers/Accessibility: The PRC recommends removing section B, formatting changes and updating the legal references.
 - 8. Policy 3-67/Environmentally Sustainable Practices: The PRC recommends changes to reflect current terminology and procedures.

After the reading of the resolution, Chairwoman called for a motion to approve. Ms. Owens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. 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 motion to approve. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Owens that the School Board approve the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions as listed on the February 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 the motion passed unanimously. Superintendent Spence introduced Jillian L. Lauber, Administrative Assistant, Pembroke Elementary School as Assistant Principal, Seatack Elementary School.
- B. Recommendation of General Contractor: (Note: moved from Consent item #14C 1-2, see item #8 Adoption of the Agenda)
1. Plaza Middle School Stage Rigging: The School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with E & P Electrical Contracting Co., Inc. for the Plaza Middle School Stage Rigging Replacement in the amount of \$1,319,525.
 2. Rosemont Forest Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement: The School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with Hitt Electric for the Rosemont Forest Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement in the amount of \$127,900.

Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Owens. 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. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There was one (1) abstention to the motion: Ms. Hughes (related to a person who works for the architect). The motion passed 10-0-1.

- 16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports**: Ms. Riggs mentioned the Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Gala on April 22 including an Art contest show, information is forthcoming; Ms. Franklin mentioned the Gifted Community Advisory Council meeting last night, workshop on executive functioning; Vice Chair Melnyk mention the Audit Committee will resume their meeting this month, January meeting was cancelled due to illness of an administrator; Chairwoman Rye mention the Governance Committee is seeking input for summer retreat, clarified the development of legal office; Ms. Owens wanted to acknowledge National School Counseling week – February 7-11.

- 17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters**: Not needed.

- 18. Adjournment**: Chairwoman Rye adjourned the meeting at 11:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair