



# VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **School Board Special Meeting MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2020**

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center  
2512 George Mason Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

#### **FORMAL MEETING**

- 1. Call to Order and Electronic Roll Call:** Chairwoman Rye called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021 and announced In accordance with the Schedule of School Board Meetings approved by the School Board at the January 12, 2021 Organizational/Regular meeting, and pursuant to Bylaw 1-46, and Virginia Code § 2.2-3707, the School Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., in the School Board Chambers in the School Administration Building #6 at the Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456. The purpose of this special meeting is for the School Board to discuss and take action on the

- 1) Schools Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and
- 2) Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fiscal Year 2021-22 through Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Also, pursuant to the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor’s Executive Orders, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended by the Virginia General Assembly and the School Board’s April 7, 2020 Emergency Resolution, this special meeting of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach will be conducted in person for School Board Members and certain staff members. However, due to the necessary health mitigation strategies in place, it is impractical and unfeasible for the public to attend this meeting in person. Members of the public will 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.

The following School Board members were present in the School Board chambers: Chairwoman Rye, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The following School Board member attended the meeting via Zoom at the School Administration Building in room 113: Ms. Holtz.

- 2. Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye called for a motion; Ms. Manning made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote; the School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Action:**

- A. Resolution Regarding School Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22: Chairwoman Rye called for a motion to approve. Ms. Owens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk. Ms. Weems read the following resolution:

**Budget Resolution – FY 2021/22**

**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 recommended FY 2021/22 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 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 proposed Operating Budget moves all eligible employees up an experience step (0.5 percent) not to exceed the “top of scale” and provides a 4.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the total funds requested for FY 2021/22 from the City of Virginia Beach to the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach are \$467,760,752, and

**WHEREAS**, the debt service payment is estimated to be \$49,442,812 leaving a balance of \$418,317,940 to allocate between the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

**WHEREAS**, \$5,300,000 of the School Reserve Special Revenue Fund, which would have normally been used for major one-time purchases, will now be budgeted to use for the FY 2021/22 Operating Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That federal funds in the amount of \$13,500,000 along with state funds in the amount of \$387,830,712 and other local funds in the amount of \$3,868,341 be added to the Operating Budget, bringing it to a total for FY 2021/22 of \$823,516,993; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That \$5,300,000 of the School Reserve Special Revenue fund be added to the Operating Budget, bringing the total to \$828,816,993; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$828,816,993 from the City Council of Virginia Beach for the School Board FY 2021/22 Operating Budget; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests an appropriation of \$176,637,421 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds comprised of federal grants in the amount of \$89,526,508; state grants in the amount of \$24,661,514; other grants in the amount of \$7,567,200; Green Run Collegiate in the amount of \$4,193,884; and other special revenue funds in the amount of \$50,688,315; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$1,005,454,414 for the grand total of all funds (\$828,816,993 for the Operating Budget plus \$176,637,421 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021.

A brief discussion followed regarding the budget; teacher pay; raises; general public – people losing jobs; funding. Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote; the School Board Clerk announced there were 9 (nine) ayes in favor of the Budget Resolution – FY 2021/22: Chairwoman Rye, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There were 2 (two) nays opposed to the Budget Resolution – FY 2021/22: Ms. Hughes and Ms. Manning. The resolution passed 9-2.

- B. Resolution Regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2021-22 through Fiscal Year 2026-27: Chairwoman Rye called for a motion. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Ms. Melnyk read the following resolution:

#### **FY 2021/22 - FY 2026/27 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

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

**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 \$619,653,047 (as shown on the attached School Board Funding Summary and Project Summary dated March 2, 2021), 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021.

There was a brief discussion; Ms. Manning was pleased with the CIP budget and expressed interest in being a part of planning next school construction project. Without further discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote; the School Board Clerk announced the FY 2021/22 – FY 2026/27 Capital Improvement Program Budget Resolution passed unanimously.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:19 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