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## ***School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES***

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center  
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### **INFORMAL MEETING**

1. **Convene School Board Workshop:** Chairwoman Rye convened the School Board workshop at 4:00 p.m. on the 9th day of February 2021 and announced 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, the School Board and selected staff members will meet in person at the School Administration Building; however, at this time, it is impractical and unsafe to allow other persons to attend the School Board Meeting due to physical distancing and safety precautions related to the pandemic. 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. It is the School Board’s protocol to break at 5:30 p.m. to prepare for the Regular School Board Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the School Board will conclude its Informal Meeting unless the School Board votes to continue the Informal Meeting until 5:45 p.m. The Informal Session will conclude no later than 5:45 p.m. in order to allow the School Board and the School Administration to prepare for the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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 within the School Administration Building: Ms. Holtz.

- A. **School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** Chairwoman Rye open the floor to the School Board members if there were any administrative matters or reports; hearing none, Chairwoman Rye proceeded to the next item.
- B. **Superintendent’s Estimate of Needs for FY 2021-22 and the Superintendent’s Proposed FY 2021-22 – FY 2026-27 Capital Improvement Program Budget – CIP Workshop #1:** The presenters were Aaron C. Spence, Ed.D., Superintendent; Farrell E. Hanzaker, Chief Financial Officer; and Tony L. Arnold, Executive Director of Facilities Services. Dr. Spence introduced Mr. Hanzaker; reviewed various pages of the Superintendent’s Estimate of Needs (SEON) FY 2021/22; page 20 – budget summary, operating budget is the largest budget, all funds total \$1,005,521,770, revenues by major source and expenditures by type; page 24 – sources of revenue with FY2020/21 adopted, FY2021/22 SEON, and the variance; page 25 – list of unmet needs, reviewed some items that were updated; page 29 – general fund revenue budget comparison from FY2017-18 Actual through FY2021/22 SEON including percent of total and variance, history of revenues; page 30 – general fund expenditures budget comparison from FY2018-19 Actual through FY2021-22 SEON including percent of total and variance, contains unit codes for budgeting; page 32 – special revenue funds, these are revenues outside the operating budget, i.e. athletics, cafeterias, categorical grants, cell tower technology, equipment replacement, instructional technology, textbooks, and vending operations; page 35 – reviewed the CARES Act funding received, CARES Act funding not part of operating budget.

The presentation continued with a review of emailed School Board members questions regarding what the 5% increase includes – the proposed 5% increase includes 4.5% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for all VBCPS employees in contracted FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) positions, the additional 0.5% would be awarded as a step increase for employees who will be on steps 1-30; what is included in Fringe Benefits – includes employer costs for the Health Care Contribution, the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), as well as the VRS Life Insurance, the VRS Health Insurance Credit, and FICA; what is PayGo – is funding that is transferred into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) from the operating budget to provide additional support for that program; lottery monies - for FY22, revenue received from the state lottery provides funds for several programs such as foster care, K-3 primary class size reduction, infrastructure and

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operations per pupil fund, alternative education, and special education regional tuition; what is the cost vs. reward regarding the energy performance contracts - the savings over that period in energy is well over the \$1 million and that savings will continue well beyond the 10 years. Thus, the cost vs. reward is that the reward (costs savings) is greater than the costs and those savings are cumulative and ongoing into the future; additional funding set aside to provide additional summer school opportunities – have money in the summer school budget in the operating budget and certain CARES Funds; additional monies for advanced degrees like in the military - it's difficult to compare this allowance to what may happen in the military or in the private sector, there is limited tuition reimbursement in education (\$850 per year on a first available basis); details of how the \$3 million for advanced degrees will be distributed - the \$3 million would cover approximately 50% of the total proposed increase for 3,400 employees. For example, a master's degree will increase approximately \$22.91 bimonthly before taxes; inquiry to review the HR presentation on additional duty supplements; how competitive we are in other job classifications - the last comprehensive compensation study was conducted by an independent consultant in 2005-2006, during 2006-2007, HR met with the consultant to follow up with the lingering disparities. However, due to lack of funding, we were not able to begin to incrementally address the disparities until the 2013-2014 school year; briefly reviewed comparisons of hourly rates of bus drivers and custodians over the six cities (Virginia Beach, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Hampton); review of 2021-22 budget considerations; clarification that CARES funding is not part of the operation budget – that is correct; is there a designated school within the Bayside district for the Spanish Immersion expansion - Bayside Elementary in the Bayside district, it also includes expansion to Cooke Elementary in the Beach district; cost to realign the teacher assistants scales - that cost is approximately \$5 million, the additional cost to provide TAs with a Bachelor's degree an additional allowance, because that's one of the reasons why we currently have them differentiated by paygrade. That cost is \$550,000. Combined cost to do both would be \$5.55 million.

The discussion continued regarding lottery funding; page 29 of SEON – bonus payment, reflective of Governor's budget proposal for a 2% bonus for state employees and employees funded by state for SOQ positions; what city manager proposed salary increase – we do not know; sustainability of salary increases; revenue sharing formula; cafeteria funds; reversion funds; raises factored into budget; guidance chair; custodial adjustment; recruitment and being competitive; to consider during the July retreat – what is our philosophy in terms of being competitive (compensation philosophy).

C. 2020-21 Plan Updates: See item #7 – Adoption of the Agenda.

2. **Closed Meeting:** (as needed)

3. **School Board Recess:** The workshop ended at 5:25 p.m.

**FORMAL MEETING**

4. **Call to Order and Verbal Roll Call (School Board Chambers)**..... **6:00 p.m.**

5. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

6. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognitions**

A. Student Recognitions:

1. VHSL Class 5 Girls Swim and Dive State Champions: The School Board recognized First Colonial High School's 2019-20 Girls Swim Team. This was the first time First Colonial has ever won the state title for swimming. Previously, the team was the state runner-up during the 2019 season.

2. VHSL 5A Boys Basketball State Player of the Year: The School Board recognized Jacob Cooper, student at Green Run High School who was named the Class 5 all-state Player of the Year for 2020 for boys' basketball. He was the leading scorer for Green Run's basketball team and was also ranked in the top of the state for assists.

3. VHSL Class 5 Boys Basketball State Champion: The School Board recognized Green Run High School's 2019-20 Boys Basketball team. This win was the first boys basketball state championship in Green Run History. It was also noted, Coach Kenneth Harris was honored as VHSL's Class 5 Coach of the Year.

4. Area 5 Championship: The School Board recognized Green Run High School's NJROTC team who won the Area 5 Championship. Area 5 includes Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. The team qualified to attend the Navy Nationals in Florida, but the 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID-19. It was noted, Green Run's NJROTC team has placed first or second in the national competition for the past four years.

5. VHSL Class 5 Wrestling – 152 lb. weight class State Champion: The School Board recognized Tommy Baldwin, 2020 graduate from Princess Anne High School who was named the state champion wrestler for Class 5 at the 152-lb. weight class. He is currently attending Averett University.
  6. VHSL Class 5 Girls Basketball State Player of the Year: The School Board recognized Aziaha James, student at Princess Anne School who during the 2019-20 school year was named the All-Tidewater Girls Basketball Player of the Year and was also named the VHSL girls basketball state class 5 Player of the Year. During the 2020 championship game she averaged 18.7 points, 8.8 rebounds, 4.8 steals, and 2.7 assists per game.
  7. VHSL Class 5 Indoor Track – 1600m State Champion: The School Board recognized Alex Sawyer, a student at Princess Anne High School who was named the 1600-meter VHSL Class 5 indoor track State Champion in 2020. In addition, he won four Region 5A Championships in cross-country, indoor and outdoor track. Alex currently competes for the College of William and Mary.
  8. VHSL Class 5 Girls Basketball State Champion: The School Board recognized Princess Anne High School's 2019-20 Girls Basketball team. The team was named the 2020 VHSL Class 5 State co-champions. The final championship game was canceled due to COVID-19. This was the team's seventh consecutive state title and 11<sup>th</sup> overall.
- B. Code of Ethical & Professional Conduct for Members of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach Signing:  
Each School Board member signed the Code of Ethical & Professional Conduct for the year 2021.
7. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye presented a modification to the agenda; to move item #1C – 2020-21 Plan Updates to item #18 Workshop due to earlier time constraints during the Informal Workshop. Chairwoman Rye called for a motion. Ms. Owens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Manning. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there was a unanimous vote.
  8. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Spence shared the following information: 1) Reminder all schools and offices will be closed for all staff and students, Monday, February 15 in recognition of Presidents' Day; 2) February is School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Spence took a moment to recognize the outstanding work of our School Board and thanked the members for their continued work and support; 3) the Virginia Department of Education is encouraging students and staff to promote and celebrate kindness during the week of February 14-20. The purpose of Kindness Week is to recognize that simple day-to-day acts of kindness enable our schools, communities and state to be a kinder, safer, healthier and more inclusive place to live, work, learn, and play; and 4) provided an update on the division's Beach Bag program. Beach Bags program provides shelf-stable meals and healthy snacks to students who might otherwise go hungry during weekends and over school breaks. Since the program was founded in 2009, more than 154,000 Beach Bags have been distributed. Since September 2020, more than 10,500 Beach Bags have been distributed to students in-need. To donate, please call 757.263.1949 or visit [www.vbef.org](http://www.vbef.org). Also, there will be upcoming information on the Beach Bags food drive, planned for March 25 at Pembroke Mall.
  9. **Public Hearing on FY2021/22 School Operating Budget and FY2021/22 through FY2026/27 Capital Improvement Program:** There was one speaker, Kelly Walker, President of the Virginia Beach Education Association. Ms. Walker discussed the instructional pay scale, comparable teacher salary, teacher staffing and hiring, teacher assistant pay scale, and cost of living adjustment.
  10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
    - A. January 19, 2021 Special School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye asked for any modifications to the January 19, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Without discussion, Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.
    - B. January 26, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting: Chairwoman Rye asked for any modifications to the January 26, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Chairwoman Rye asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Weems. 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, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Felton, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Holtz, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There was one (1) abstention: Ms. Manning did not vote due to the fact she was not present for the entire meeting on January 26, 2021.
  11. **Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Agenda Items:** There was one speaker registered to speak but had to cancel before the meeting started. There were no speakers on Agenda items.
  12. **Consent Agenda:** Chairwoman Rye read the following items for Consent:

- A. New Courses:
1. Dual Enrollment (DE)
    - a. BUS100 – DE Introduction to Business: That the School Board approve the request regarding the proposed Dual Enrollment course addition for *Introduction to Business (BUS100)* from Tidewater Community College (TCC) for the Entrepreneurship and Business Academy (EBA) at Kempsville High School for implementation in the 2021-2022 school year.
    - b. BUS117 – DE Leadership Development: That the School Board approve the request regarding the proposed Dual Enrollment course addition for *Leadership Development (BUS117)* from Tidewater Community College (TCC) for the Entrepreneurship and Business Academy (EBA) at Kempsville High School for implementation in the 2021-2022 school year.
  2. African American History Elective: That the School Board approve information regarding the proposed African American History course for all high schools for implementation in the 2021-2022 school year.
- B. Textbook Adoptions:
1. AP French Language and Culture: That the School Board approve the following high school textbooks as recommended by the AP World Language Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2021.
  2. AP German Language and Culture: That the School Board approve the following high school textbooks as recommended by the AP World Language Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2021.
  3. AP Spanish Language and Culture: That the School Board approve the following high school textbooks as recommended by the AP World Language Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2021.
  4. AP Spanish Literature and Culture: That the School Board approve the following high school textbooks as recommended by the AP World Language Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2021.
  5. AP Biology: That the School Board approve the following high school textbooks as recommended by the Secondary Science Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2021.
  6. AP Physics 1 and 2: That the School Board approve the following high school textbook as recommended by the Secondary Science Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2021.
- C. Recommendation of General Contractor
1. Thalia Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement: That the School Board adopt a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with E&P Electrical Contracting Co., Inc. for the Thalia Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement in the amount of \$119,280.
- D. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: That the School Board approve Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding review, amendment, and repeal of certain policies as reviewed by the PRC at its November 12 and December 10, 2020 meetings and presented to the School Board for the February 9, 2021 Consent Agenda.
1. Policy 4-36/ Payroll Deductions: The PRC recommends deleting references to tax sheltered accounts and deferred compensation plan as these matters are handled elsewhere in policy and regulation.
  2. Policy 4-32/ Employee Associations: The PRC recommends that the Policy be amended to require reimbursement to the School Division for the actual expense required by substitutes for employee association members approved for association related leave.

Chairwoman Rye called for a motion. Ms. Manning made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Chairwoman Rye called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced the motion passed unanimously.

**13. Action**

- A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointment(s): Ms. Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs that the School Board approve of the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements and other employment actions as listed on the February 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.

Superintendent Spence introduced the following: Noel G. Williams, Ph.D., Research Associate, Shaffer Evaluation Group, Williamsburg, VA as Program Evaluation Specialist, Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability.

#### 14. Information

- A. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Update/Facilities Briefing: Mr. Tony Arnold, Executive Director, Facilities Services induced Bryna Dunn, Director of Sustainability Planning and Design, Moseley Architects. Mr. Arnold also mentioned that Mr. Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer, School Division Services was unable to attend the meeting due to illness and the presentation following, *Facilities Briefing*, would be presented to the School Board at a later date.

The presentation began with the sustainable schools committee three guiding principles: build sustainable buildings, integrate sustainable practices throughout the school division, educate the public about the importance of sustainability; carbon emission; reviewed timeline of VBCPS milestones in regard to energy conservation and carbon reduction; greenhouse gas inventory: visualization of a metric ton of carbon dioxide; sources of greenhouse gases; greenhouse gas inventory – steady downward trend in emissions from the 2006 baseline year through the 2016 10-year snapshot; net decrease was 47.5 thousand metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent which is a 29% reduction; emissions reduction plan: developed with both operational and educational components; operational component divided into four categories – operations & maintenance, transportation, consumption & waste disposal, school grounds; seventy-two percent of the operational objective are meeting milestone goals; examples included under operations & maintenance – all new facilities be designed with a plan for future conversion to net-zero energy (Old Donation School, 2017); under transportation – white fleet decreased unleaded gasoline consumption by thirty-nine percent since 2006, yellow fleet diesel fuel consumption has decreased by four percent since 2006; under consumption – increase local food procurement by thirty percent, farm to school program (2009-present), VBCPS Chef “scratch cooking” (all schools within five years), garden clubs; under school grounds – increased managed meadows by 30.5%, urban tree canopy coverage on school property has increased by 3.5% through the planting of hundreds of trees on school property; operational objectives needing attention: eliminate unnecessary administrative waste and increase reuse where possible, develop a food composting program, increase diversion of recyclables from waste stream.

Educational portion was divided into two sections: curriculum & research, student & staff outreach; sixty-two percent of the educational objectives are meeting milestone goals; educational successes – develop new sustainability courses (new environmental studies course at the high school level and participation in the downstream collaborative at the elementary school level), provide sustainability leadership opportunities (senior year internship and research projects), developing a sustainability science fair; educational objectives needing attention: develop sustainability competency criteria, develop online library of sustainability resources, create a sustainability handbooks and pledge, monitor School Board Policy 3-67; mentioned the upcoming 2021 Sustainability Report update.

The presentation continued regarding the operational objectives; impacts of the pandemic; buildings not occupied to full capacity – consumption is down; outdoor spaces for students; educational courtyard; and tour of Princess Anne Middle School in the Spring.

15. **Standing Committee Reports**: Ms. Weems reported the Planning and Performance Monitoring Committee surveyed colleagues for input on the budget, will look at the budget calendar and timeline for next year, Dr. Lisa Banicky gave a presentation to the committee on the invocation charter, Ms. Weems also attended the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting during which there were presentations on restraints and seclusion from the federal and state guidelines and on inclusion and best practices; possibly having a workshop presentation to the School Board; Ms. Felton reported the Legislative Committee met last week to discuss the status of the 2021 General Assembly session, actively monitoring bill that will affect the School Board, Ms. Felton welcomed Ms. Manning who is a new member of the committee, thanked Ms. Riggs for her continued service, and Ms. Melnyk for her leadership as chair of the Legislative Committee; Ms. Felton also attended the General Advisory Council for Career and Technology – talked about the five levels of sustainable paths; nursing program and students assisting Sentara clinic with COVID registrations/data processing; Ms. Owens reported on February 4<sup>th</sup> the Equity Council met, presentations on Black History program – Reflection of a Legacy building for the Present through Persistence, Perseverance, and Pride – program was open to students in grades 6-12, student presentation on encouraging minority students to pursue AP classes, the program was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>; YWCA Racial Justice Scholarship – closes on February 26<sup>th</sup>; presentation from Mr. Freeman regarding vaccination and progress; presentation from Dr. Amelia Hammond-Ross regarding what is up and coming from the cultural center; February 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2 pm via Zoom presentation open to the public, Black History month program – more

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information at vb.gov; Equity Council will not be meeting in March but participating in focus groups as part of the Equity Audit; Ms. Franklin reported the Gifted Community Advisory met last night, Dr. Parrott gave a presentation on centering equity initiative and timeline, recognized Ms. Felton and Ms. Owens; community programs – Beach Girls Rock, diversity ambassadors workshop, Annual African-American Male Summit, Dr. Nicole DeVries gave an update on gifted testing; Chairwoman Rye shared some updates from Governance, started some preliminary discussion on the summer retreat July 6 and 7, School Board self-evaluation, welcomed newest School Board member Ms. Melnyk to the committee – Ms. Melnyk serves as the new chair of the Audit Committee; thanked the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Black History Summit event on February 6, Councilman Aaron Ross for his opening session and commented on the special honor to Ms. Trotman birthday, she is the last surviving member of the Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School; and Ms. Felton mention the VSBA Tidewater Regional Spring Networking Forum on March 29 and other informational topics from VSBA – information will be coming via email.

16. **Conclusion of Formal Meeting:** The formal meeting concluded at 7:08 p.m.
17. **Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda Items:** There were five (5) in-person speakers and two (2) on-line speakers for non-agenda items. The discussions were regarding bringing back secondary option 1 students four or five days a week instead of on the hybrid schedule of two days a week.
18. **Workshop:** See agenda item #7

The 2020-21 Plan Updates was presented by Marc A. Bergin, Ed.D., Chief of Staff; Mary Shaw, Coordinator of Health Services, Office of Student Leadership; Thomas A. DeMartini, Director, Office of Safe Schools; and Kipp Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Bergin began with an overview of the presentation and presenters; summary of Governor Northam's announcement regarding all K-12 school division in the Commonwealth to make in-person learning options available by March 15; updated guidance from the Virginia Department of Health; percent positivity for the Eastern Region; 18.4% at the start of January, high of 21.7% on January 6, decline to 16.7% on January 26, and over past week remained relatively flat and is at 15.9%; Mary Shaw provided an overview of the status of contact tracing process; Virginia Beach Department of Health has a team dedicated to support the school division; accessible 7 days a week; meeting goals to complete each contact case within 24 hours; VBCPS contact tracing team includes Mary Shaw, nursing specialist, 5 school resource nurses, 30 CHKD athletic trainers, the school nurses and clinic assistants in schools and 5 additional school nurse substitutes.

Mr. DeMartini continued the presentation regarding the COVID Safety Teams; conducted training for the COVID Safety Teams; nine teams were created; assessments of 55 of the elementary schools and Old Donation School in the first week students returned to face-to-face instruction; feedback has been overwhelmingly positive; example of the COVID-19 Safety Assessment form; vaccination update – transition from VAMS to new system PrepMod, all who have requested to receive the vaccine (over 8,000 employees) have been uploaded, transitioned 1100 employees from VAMS to PrepMod.

Dr. Rogers presented an update on some of the success with virtual learning; working to decrease learning gaps – accelerating meaningful teaching and learning, focusing on high-quality professional development on Mondays, and providing ongoing support for students, staff, and families; elementary curriculum supports: building assessments in Schoology, for literacy additional digital texts, purchased new resources such as Storia, enhanced current lessons with easy to push-out virtual resources, developed an entire webpage within our small-group reading curriculum website, additional SEL books for read aloud classroom activities; elementary Math curriculum supports: coaching and supporting instruction and assessment in schools, co-teaching in person and virtually, resources are updated regularly, units have linked virtual manipulatives, VDOE Quick Checks, developing a Math Community Module to help teachers build a safe, equitable, learning environment for all students; Social Studies curriculum has been updated with many digital versions of resources; Science curriculum modifications & enhancements have also been ongoing to support virtual learning – i.e. developing 15-minute inquires as simple, self-guided tasks; secondary success and support: professional learning communities, Language Arts Collaboration, strong relationships with students, small-group instruction, authentic learning experiences; virtual class cams were installed at the Tech Center and ATC to support virtual learning; all CTE teachers (Centers, middle school and high school) were provided with Bluetooth headsets; material kits were created for students to use at home in their learning; social emotional learning supports: SEL opportunities embedded in content, supporting advisory in secondary schools; Behavior Intervention Specialists providing professional development and resources to schools; supporting students with disabilities virtually: virtual specially designed instruction, virtual data collection, CARES Act funds used to purchase materials, occupational therapist sent home learning packets and materials, speech therapists support the use of augmentative and alternative communication virtually.

Dr. Robertson continued the presentation; welcomed back over 22,000 students and 3,000 staff; school visits; virtual observations; weekly virtual check-in with principals to share new information; reviewed some staff feedback and school actions; reviewed the phased return of students; the presentation continued with discussions regarding mask wearing and

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safety mitigation; thank you to Ms. Shaw for work with contact tracing; quarantine procedures; self-screening after vaccination; notification period during contact tracing; understanding the contact tracing – can refer to Ms. Shaw office or school nurses any questions; student teachers; question about bringing back secondary students more than 2 days a week; plans for graduation; safety assessment sheet; safety teams; PE and gym space.

Chairwoman Rye mention the upcoming budget workshop on February 16 at 5:00 p.m.

19. **Closed Meeting** (as needed)
20. **Vote on Remaining Action Items** (as needed)
21. **Adjournment:** Chairwoman Rye adjourned the meeting at 8:54 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