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School Board *Special Meeting* MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center
2512 George Mason Dr.
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- 1. Call to Order and Attendance:** Chairwoman Rye called the special School Board meeting to order in the einstein.lab at 4:39 p.m. All School Board members were present along with Superintendent Spence. Chairwoman Rye then read the following notice:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

In accordance with Bylaw 1-46, and Virginia Code § 2.2-3707, the Governance Committee of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has called for a special meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at the School Administration Building, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach. The purpose of the special meeting is for the School Board to convene a closed session pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for

PERSONNEL MATTERS: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) (1); namely to discuss performance evaluation of a specific administrator.

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, it is impractical and unsafe at this time to hold an in-person meeting with the public attendance due to the pandemic. Accordingly, the School Board’s Special Meeting will not provide public attendance in the School Administration Building. Any member of the public who seeks to access the open portion of the Special Meeting should contact the School Board Clerk prior to June 2, 2020 at 12 noon in order to receive information to access the open portion of the Special Meeting.

- 2. Adoption of the Agenda:** There being no proposed changes to the published agenda, Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holtz, that the School Board adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.



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

Without discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the School Board entered into a closed session at 4:44 p.m.

Individuals present for discussion (all items): School Board members; School Board Legal Counsel Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney; and Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board. Superintendent Spence attended briefly at the beginning of the closed session to respond to questions as needed. There being none, he departed the closed session at 4:50 p.m.

The School Board reconvened in an open meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Certification of Closed Meeting: Vice Chair Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the School Board certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered. Without discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Vote on Remaining Action Items:** Vice Chair Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Weems, that a) the School Board's overall rating for the Superintendent's performance evaluation is exemplary at 95.25 percent or 38.1/40, and that the Chair and Vice Chair are authorized to present to the Superintendent the written evaluation instrument as determined by the School Board; and b) further, in accordance with the Superintendent's employment contract, the Superintendent is authorized to receive performance compensation in the amount of 95.25 percent of the five percent of his base salary as of July 1, 2019; and c) that the Chair is authorized to sign an amendment to the Superintendent's employment contract to extend his term of employment from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2024. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 2 – Hughes and Manning).



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5. **Adjournment:** There being no further business before the School Board, Chairwoman Rye adjourned the special meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair

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