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Aaron C. Spence, Ed.D., Superintendent

**School Board School Operating Budget FY2020-21
and
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY2020-21 through FY2025-26
Workshop #2
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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

INFORMAL MEETING

- 1. Convene School Board Workshop:** The School Board convened in the einstein.lab in workshop format at 5:00 p.m. In addition to Superintendent Spence, all School Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Hughes and Ms. Manning. Chairwoman Rye reported Ms. Hughes was absent due to a church commitment, and Ms. Manning was absent due to a family obligation.
- 2. Review of the Capital Improvement Program:** Anthony L. Arnold, P.E., Executive Director of Facilities Services, reviewed funding sources and a summary of projects included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the six-year period. John “Jack” Freeman, Chief Operations Officer, reported on historical and projected student enrollment, and highlighted specific factors impacting student membership such as the implementation of full-day kindergarten and the closing of facilities. Also provided was a synopsis of construction costs for high schools throughout the Commonwealth, and an overview of the modernization/ replacement schedule for fiscal year 1998 through 2028. Finally, information was provided on the planned installation of synthetic turf fields at 4 additional schools bringing the total number of turf fields to 5 compared to similar school divisions throughout the state. Daniel F. Keever, Senior Executive Director of High Schools, responded to questions and explained a plan for field-pairing.
- 3. School Board Members’ Questions/Staff Responses:** Administration responded to School Board inquiries.
- 4. Brief Legislative Update Regarding House/Senate Budget Proposals:** Farrell E. Hanzaker, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief summary of the House budget proposal compared to the



Senate budget proposal highlighting funds related to compensation and school construction over the biennium.

5. **Discussion:** The School Board reviewed options brought forward by a School Board member related to reclassifying teacher assistants on the unified salary scale.
6. **Adjournment:** Prior to adjournment, the School Board was reminded of the February 25 public hearing and March 3 special meeting scheduled for the adoption of the operating budget and CIP. Finally, Mr. Hanzaker advised of the scheduled presentation to City Council on April 7. The workshop adjourned 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Carolyn T. Rye, School Board Chair