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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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 4:01 p.m. In addition to Superintendent Spence, all School Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Holtz who Chairwoman Anderson reported was not feeling well, and Mr. McDonald who was absent from the meeting.
 - A. **School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** Chairwoman Anderson announced winners of the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Tidewater Regional Spring Forum Student Art Contest; offered materials received at the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference held in Philadelphia, PA for review upon request; and distributed a revised coversheet for Information Item 13C – School Bus Use for City Event noting an adjustment to be made during Adoption of the Agenda to relocate Item 19 – Vote on Remaining Action Items for action to be taken after the presentation under Information. Superintendent Spence and School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney, responded to School Board member inquiries regarding the timing of materials made available related to use of school buses to provide transportation services for the “Something in the Water” City event. Other reports by School Board members were related to sessions attended at the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference, and a concern regarding School Board ethics and decorum raised by Ms. Hughes. This portion of the workshop concluded at 4:14 p.m.
 - B. **An Achievable Dream Ad Hoc Committee Update:** As chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for An Achievable Dream (AAD), Mr. Edwards introduced Marc A. Bergin, Ed.D., Chief of Staff, to present an update on the work of the committee including background information and overview of the cost matrix with a breakdown of funding responsibilities noting the primary purpose of the ad hoc committee was to determine a secondary school site. He reported a June 2016 briefing by Facilities Services proposed the use of Laskin Road Annex as the secondary site for An Achievable Dream starting in the 2021-22 school year. A recent study of



home addresses for current AAD students and their corresponding middle school attendance zones indicated a vast majority of students reside in the Virginia Beach Middle School zone with the next highest percentages being in Plaza, Lynnhaven, and Corporate Landing middle schools; and advised staff reviewed plans of how grades 6, 7 and 8 might share the Lynnhaven Middle School building in coming years. After reviewing current enrollment and fluctuations as families move and are unable to continue with transportation, the ad hoc committee reached consensus on expanding the enrollment area to three additional middle schools and their elementary feeder schools. An overview of transportation cost sharing was provided, and secondary facility options were introduced to include multiple options to use Laskin Road Annex for a 6-12 secondary site, an addition to Seatack Elementary School for a combined K-12 site, and two options to use Lynnhaven Middle School for a 6-12 secondary site. Tony L. Arnold, Executive Director of Facilities Services, explained facility options providing a summary of costs for each leading to the Administrative recommendation to sell the Laskin Road Annex property and use those funds to build a suitable addition to accommodate grades 9-12 onto Lynnhaven Middle School increasing the overall size of the school by approximately 170,000 square feet, and allows for current Lynnhaven Middle School students to remain while space is created for the AAD grades 6-12 program with a cost differential of \$2 to \$4 million. Information was provided on the capital cost sharing proposal of \$75,000/year from AAD for the use of the primary and secondary facilities comparable to the facility reimbursement protocol for AAD in Newport News. Dr. Bergin reported needed revisions to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to include reducing enrollment targets to a minimum of 75 students per grade level, expanding attendance zones to include four middle schools, allowing students at any grade level to enroll, and for transportation cost sharing to stipulate AAD will contribute \$100 per student per year for transportation expenses inclusive of zero bell, extended day, and summer intercession but not additional field trips. Additional addendums recommended in the MOU were related to staffing; AAD administrative support; recruitment and enrollment; Business Services compliance; building, equipment and grounds; educational programming; and student expectations and progress. Lee Vreeland, Ed.D., President and CEO of Achievable Dream Academies, reported on ongoing recruitment efforts; and Dr. Bergin responded to a concern raised regarding the potential impact on transportation services.

This portion of the workshop concluded at 4:50 p.m.

- C. Elementary Recess Committee Update: Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer for the Department of Teaching and Learning, presented an update on the work of the Elementary Recess Committee. In addition to explaining recent legislation surrounding recess and sharing an overview of the division's current recess structure; he and Nicole M. DeVries, Ph.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs, reviewed composition of the established Elementary Recess Committee; reported activity to date to include data collection, establishment of a communication website, and survey for parents and staff; explained the division's elementary school daily time distribution; and reviewed survey results. Next steps called for a fourth meeting of the committee to finalize recommendations to first be presented to the Senior Leadership Team prior to being communicated to the School Board on May 28.

This portion of the workshop concluded at 5:26 p.m.



- D. Use of Virtual Learning Days: Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer; along with Lesley L. Hughes, Ed.D., Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning; and James M. Pohl, Ph.D., Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, presented information on Virtual Learning Days including a review of the implementation timeline, and highlights of examples from Brandon Middle School and Christopher Farms Elementary School. They summarized feedback gathered from teachers and administrators at the elementary and secondary level to ascertain direction for the 2019-20 school year, provided an overview of adjustments to be made, and summarized best practices shared by teachers at the Teacher Forum Leadership meeting. They concluded for the 2019-20 school year, a division-wide communication plan will be implemented, and two virtual learning days proposed for October 14 and November 5 with a third date, January 27th, set as a potential day for any inclement weather as the need may arise.

The workshop concluded at 5:45 p.m.

2. **Closed Meeting:** None
3. **School Board Recess:** The School Board recessed at 5:45 p.m. to reconvene in School Board Chambers for the formal meeting at 6:00 p.m.

FORMAL MEETING

4. **Call to Order and Electronic Roll Call:** Chairwoman Anderson called the formal meeting to order in School Board Chambers at 6:02 p.m. In addition to Superintendent Spence, all School Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Holtz and Mr. McDonald who were absent from the meeting.
5. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
6. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition:**
- A. Virginia ProStart Student Invitational Winners: The School Board recognized Tallwood High School students who finished in first place at the 2019 Virginia ProStart Student Invitational competition composed of two distinct competitions – management and culinary – and showcases the most important skills needed on both sides of the restaurant and foodservice industry.
- B. Educator Rising First Place Winners: Nine students from Tallwood, Cox and Kellam high schools were recognized by the School Board for earning first place in individual or team events at the 2019 Educators Rising State Leadership Conference and Competition where performance-based events demonstrate students' knowledge, skills and leadership in education.
- C. HOSA Future Health Professional State Conference Winners: The School Board recognized seventeen students from the Health Sciences Academy at Bayside High School as well as one student from Princess Anne High School who won first place in their respective events at the HOSA Future Health Professionals State Conference.
7. **Superintendent's Report:** Five things shared in the Superintendent's Report were related to 1) wearing purple on April 10 for Military Kids Day in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child to show support for the strength, sacrifices and contributions of military-connected



children; 2) the Art of Being a Military Child art exhibit which showcases student artwork depicting what it means to be a military dependent; 3) April 23 kindergarten registration and school orientation event for incoming kindergartners turning five on or before September 30; 4) April 27 Career Expo to be held at Landstown High School; and 5) relaxing wishes for Spring Break April 12 through April 19.

- 8. **Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Agenda Items:** The School Board heard comments from R. M. Marsh in opposition to the proposed amended budget resolution; and Mary Zepnikowski on behalf of the Virginia Beach Bus Drivers Association to relay the interest of over 400 school bus drivers to provide transportation for the "Something in the Water" City event.
- 9. **Approval of Minutes:** March 26, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting: Vice Chair Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the School Board approve the minutes of their March 26, 2019 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0).
- 10. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Prior to a motion, Chairwoman Anderson reported the movement of Item 19 to Item 14 to allow for action to be taken on the information item related to the use of school buses for the City event – "Something in the Water." Vice Chair Melnyk then made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rye, that the School Board adopt the agenda as amended. Following brief comment by Ms. Manning, the motion passed (ayes 9, nay 0).
- 11. **Consent Agenda:** After Chairwoman Anderson's overview of items presented for approval as part of the Consent Agenda, Vice Chair Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs, that the School Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0), and the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

A. Resolutions:

- 1. National Month of the Military Child as follows:

**NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
APRIL 2019**

WHEREAS, approximately 18,000 students enrolled in Virginia Beach City Public Schools are military-connected with the majority having at least one parent serving on active duty or in the reserves of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, these military-connected youth and their family have unique needs and face distinct challenges due to high mobility, lengthy deployments of one or both parents and the stresses of loved ones serving in times of combat; and

WHEREAS, the school division reaffirms its commitment to providing support, resources and enriching programs to enhance the educational experiences of military-connected youth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach City Public School Board's Compass to 2020 strategic plan creates opportunities to actively engage military-connected parents and families in supporting student achievement and outcomes for success; and

WHEREAS, April has been recognized by the Department of Defense since 1986 as the Month of the Military Child.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes April as the Month of the Military Child, and be it



FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all school staff to initiate, support and participate in special activities to recognize the exceptional role and unique sacrifices our military-connected youth make in our nation’s best interest; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes of this Board.

2. National Volunteer Month as follows:

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION APPRECIATION MONTH
APRIL 2019**

WHEREAS, volunteering and service to others are among the hallmarks of a strong community; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach supports active community engagement as one of the four goals in the division’s strategic framework, Compass to 2020; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism mobilizes all the resources of our community; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools number more than 35,000 annually and donate nearly 400,000 hours of service to our school system with an estimated value of more than \$9.6 million; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital members of the education team who willingly give of their time, talents and valuable resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognize the month of April as Volunteers in Education Appreciation Month; and be it

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all school staff to initiate, support and participate in activities designed to recognize school system volunteers; and be it

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes of this Board.

- B. Local Plan for Career and Technical Education Carl Perkins Grant 2019-20 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) application with a total entitlement of \$938,703.74 to be used for programs providing 33,864 student seats in 1686 technical and career education course sections
- C. Local Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application 2019-20
- D. Religious Exemption Case Number RE-18-24 and RE-18-25

12. Action

- A. Personnel Report: Ms. Felton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the School Board approve the appointments and accept the resignations, retirements and other employment actions as listed on the Personnel Report dated April 9, 2019. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0). There were no administrative appointments recommended.
- B. Amended Budget Resolution FY2019/20: Ms. Rye made a motion, seconded by Ms. Felton, that the School Board approve the FY2019/20 amended Operating Budget Resolution reflecting final state budget figures, final debt service numbers, and adjustments for local funding unknown at the time of approval March 5, 2019; and to include language regarding the School Board’s request for additional full-day kindergarten funds. Prior to a vote, Ms. Manning stated opposition to additional funds being allocated to the Capital Improvement



Program (CIP) preferring they be used instead for a teacher bonus which Superintendent Spence stated would equate to approximately \$135 before taxes. Additionally, she expressed concern for the reiteration of the School Board’s request for additional full-day kindergarten funds fearful her yes vote would be perceived as support for a tax increase. The motion was approved (ayes 6, nays 3 – Hughes, Manning, Weems), and the resolution was approved as follows:

AMENDED BUDGET RESOLUTION – FY 2019/20

WHEREAS, the mission of the 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 approved the FY 2019/20 School Board Proposed Operating Budget on March 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, since that date State final budget numbers have been communicated to school divisions and VBCPS will receive \$655,372 less than the March 5, 2019 Budget Resolution indicates; in addition, VBCPS will be required to pay an additional \$244,224 in a required local match for the Virginia Preschool Initiative Plus grant; and

WHEREAS, the Debt Service numbers have been updated and VBCPS will pay \$2,043,114 less than the March 5, 2019 Budget Resolution indicates; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted State funding will require a reduction of local revenue sharing funds in the amount of \$421,977; and

WHEREAS, the net effect of the above adjustments to the State revenues, the local expenses, and the Debt Service amounts is \$1,321,573 and reflects the reconciliation of final FY 2019/20 budget numbers to the March 5, 2019 budget resolution numbers; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019 the School Board also approved a resolution titled “*Resolution to Request Remaining Funds Needed to Complete Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation*” which requested additional funding in the amount of \$4,859,000 and said resolution was communicated on March 13, 2019 to the Mayor, members of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the amount of \$1,321,573 be allocated to the Schools Operating Budget and \$721,541 be allocated to the Schools PAYGO to CIP Project 1-179 Renovations and Replacements – HVAC Phase III; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council consider the request for providing the remaining funds for completing the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten as part of the Budget Ordinance for FY 2019/20; 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 each member of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

- C. **Budget Transfers:** Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Melnyk, that the School Board approve the FY2018/19 Operating Budget transfer request in the amount of \$5.6 million as presented. Farrell E. Hanzaker, Chief Financial Officer, explained the purpose of the transfer to be used to purchase interactive white boards, Chromebooks for classrooms, to



replace stage rigging and curtains, refinish gym floors, paint ten schools, increase the budgets for transportation monitoring of special education students, and transporting homeless and displaced students per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Prior to a vote, Mr. Hanzaker and Ramesh K. Kapoor, Chief Information Officer in the Department of Technology, responded to Ms. Manning's inquiry regarding funds for Chromebooks by explaining the Chromebook replacement cycle process. The motion passed (ayes 8, nays 1 – Manning), and the budget transfer dated April 9, 2019 in the amount of \$5,550,640 for the stated purpose was approved.

13. Information

- A. Textbook Adoption: Secondary Math: James M. Pohl, Ph.D., Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, introduced the proposed digital resource *Mathspace* as recommended by the Secondary Mathematics Digital Resource Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2019 for all mathematics courses from grade 6 to Algebra II with Trigonometry (excluding Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis).
- B. Policy Review Committee Recommendations: School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney, presented an overview of the following Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding review, amendment and repeal of certain policies reviewed by the committee at their March 14, 2019 meeting:
1. Policy 5-47 Clubs and School Organizations: Minor scrivener changes
 2. Policy 5-61 First Aid/Emergency Care: Updates made to the legal reference mandating that each school in the division shall have in the building a minimum of three school employees that have current certifications or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED)
 3. Policy 7-1 Relations with the Public: Minor scrivener changes
 4. Policy 7-2 Notification of School Board Meetings: Reviewed for legal sufficiency
 5. Policy 7-3 Access to Records: Reviewed for legal sufficiency
 6. Policy 7-6 Relations with the News Media: Reviewed for legal sufficiency and to update language related to electronic recording of students
 7. Policy 7-10 Communications with the Public: Language added to include the notification of the Department of Communications of public petitions, complaints or concerns
 8. Policy 7-15 Distribution/Announcement of Outside Communications: Minor scrivener changes
- C. School Bus Use for City Event: John "Jack" Freeman, Chief Operations Officer in the Department of School Division Services, reported the school division had been approached by the City for the use of school buses to provide transportation services in support of the "Something in the Water" City event. Dave Hansen, Virginia Beach City Manager, addressed the School Board about the opportunity to partner with the City in support of an event he



reported as catching the attention of not only the City but the east coast as a year-round transformative initiative that will provide opportunities for nonprofits to contribute to the betterment of the city by bringing culture, diversity, art, music and design. He explained how the plan originated and spoke to the expedited process in the development of a Memorandum of Agreement. Discussion ensued in which School Board inquiries in the area of cost, risk management, security, and other operational aspects were addressed by Mr. Hansen, Superintendent Spence, David L. Pace, Executive Director of Transportation and Fleet Management Services, and School Boards Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney. Following discussion, the School Board took action next under Item 14.

- 14. **Vote on Remaining Action Items (formerly Item 19):** Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Melnyk, to authorize the Superintendent to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Virginia Beach concerning the use of school buses to provide shuttle bus services for the attendees of the "Something in the Water" festival. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0).
- 15. **Standing Committee Reports:** Ms. Riggs reported on the success of the Sister Cities Leadership Breakfast.

Ms. Rye announced the next meeting of the Policy Review Committee and Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Weems advised of tickets being for sale for the Green Run Collegiate Gala.
- 16. **Conclusion of Formal Meeting:** The formal meeting concluded at 7:31 p.m.
- 17. **Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda Items:** The School Board heard comments from Kate Nelson, Caroline Nelson, and Sarah Clark advocating for more recess.
- 18. **Convene School Board Workshop:** None at this time
- 19. **Closed Meeting:** None
- 20. **Vote on Remaining Action Items:** None
- 21. **Adjournment:** There being no further business before the School Board, Chairwoman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Beverly M. Anderson, School Board Chair