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School Board SPECIAL Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

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

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

Pursuant to Bylaw 1-46, and *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3707, while the School Board was in session May 14, 2019, they decided to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the School Administration Building #6 at the Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this special meeting is for the School Board to interview prospective candidates residing in the District 3 Rose Hall district to fill the vacant, unexpired term of the District 3 Rose Hall seat on the School Board until a School Board member for District 3 Rose Hall is elected on, and qualified after, the November 5, 2019 special election.

It is anticipated the School Board will enter into a closed meeting pursuant to exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to conduct the interviews.

The School Board is expected to vote in an open session to fill the vacancy either on May 21, 2019 or at its regular meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019.

INFORMAL MEETING

The School Board convened in Room 113 at 4:01 p.m. All School Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Holtz who was absent from the meeting. Superintendent Spence did not attend this Special Meeting.

- 1. Convene Closed Meeting for Personnel Matters:** 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 of or consideration of 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 conduct interviews and discuss each for the interim appointment to the District 3 Rose Hall vacancy on the School Board.



The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0) and the School Board entered into a closed session at 4:02 p.m.

Individuals present for discussion:

School Board members with the exception of Ms. Holtz who was absent from the meeting; District 3 Rose Hall finalists (individually) Michael Mullins, Jessica Owens, and Seko Varner; School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney; and Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board. Finalists were not present during School Board deliberations.

The School Board reconvened in an open meeting at 6:05 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. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0).

- 2. **School Board Recess:** The School Board recessed at 6:06 p.m. to reconvene in School Board Chambers at 6:12 p.m.

FORMAL MEETING

- 3. **Call to Order and Electronic Roll Call:** Chairwoman Anderson called the formal meeting to order in School Board Chambers at 6:12 p.m. All School Board members were present with the exception of Ms. Holtz who was absent from the meeting. Superintendent Spence did not attend this Special Meeting.
- 4. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Vice Chair Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Manning, that the School Board adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0).
- 6. **Action Regarding Appointment of an Interim School Board Member Residing in District 3 Rose Hall:** Vice Chair Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Weems, that the School Board adopt a resolution appointing Michael Mullins to the District 3 Rose Hall vacancy on the School Board for the interim period until a School Board Member for District 3 Rose Hall is elected on, and qualified after, the November 5, 2019 special election. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 0), and the resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RESIDING IN DISTRICT 3 – ROSE HALL

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2019, Virginia Beach Circuit Court Judge Lewis declared the District 3 – Rose Hall School Board seat vacant and set April 22, 2019 as the date for the appointment process to begin; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with *Virginia Code* §24.2-228, §22.1-57.3, School Board Bylaw 1-15, and City Code §16.05, as amended, when a vacancy occurs on the School Board after an officer begins his term, the School Board shall, within forty-five (45) days of the office becoming vacant, appoint a qualified voter of the election district in which the vacancy occurred to fill the vacancy; and



WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, the School Board approved the appointment process and applications were made available immediately; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the vacancy and process for appointment to include announcement of a public hearing to be held on May 14, 2019 was published in the May 2, 2019 edition of *The Virginian-Pilot*; and

WHEREAS, the School Board received five applications for the vacancy and all five candidates' names were announced and public comment was accepted at the public hearing held on May 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the School Board called for a Special Meeting on May 21, 2019 to interview certain candidates, to consider the applications and public comments, and to deliberate and vote in an open session on the appointment of a candidate to fill the District 3 – Rose Hall vacancy for the interim period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That after due consideration, the School Board appoints Michael L. Mullins to the District 3 Rose Hall position on the School Board for the interim period until a School Board Member for District 3 Rose Hall is elected on, and qualified after, the November 5, 2019 special election; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the School Board, Deputy City Attorney, and Superintendent be hereby directed to make arrangements to have the new School Board member sworn into office and prepared to assume the position prior to the next regular School Board meeting, and to take any other actions deemed necessary resulting from this appointment.

7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business before the School Board, Chairwoman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Beverly M. Anderson, School Board Chair