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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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 at 4:01 p.m. In addition to Superintendent Spence, all School Board members were present upon the arrival of Ms. Rye shortly thereafter at 4:03 p.m.
 - A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** School Board’s Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney, advised of 5-6 upcoming employee discipline grievance proceedings, and suggested in lieu of hearings before the full School Board the matters be referred to hearing officers. There was no objection.

Activities shared by School Board members included an African American Heritage program held at Norview High School represented by students from Green Run Collegiate; the success of the recent Beach Bags food drive; a high school visit where 95-98 percent of sophomores reported support for an early start time for high schools; Sandler Center funding for students to attend a performance focused on lessons such as bullying, science and outer space; the Cherry Blossom Festival at Red Wing Park; and the Official for a Day event.
 - B. Legislative Review of 2018 General Assembly Session by Kemper Consulting:** As chair of the School Board’s Legislative Committee, Vice Chair McDonald introduced Legislative liaisons from Kemper Consulting, Joel Andrus and Ross Grogg, who provided a synopsis of the 2018 General Assembly Session with a review of 2017 state elections noting a decline in institutional knowledge in the House of Delegates, an overview of House leadership, and an update on the budget. They presented a summary of issues in the area of school discipline, and teacher shortage, as well as other education-related bills. Highlights of



other Session issues and political outlook of the Congress was also provided. This portion of the workshop concluded at 4:38 p.m.

- C. Policy Review Committee Update on Class Rank (Policies 5-29 and 6-72): Daniel F. Keever, Senior Executive Director of High Schools in the Department of School Leadership, presented the outcome from the Policy Review Committee's review of policies related to class rank, student evaluation and grading, and awards of achievement and honor designations. He presented the proposal to begin with the 9th grade cohort of students (Class of 2022) entering high school in the fall of 2018 for class rank to no longer be reported, with each high school being provided with a percentile rating of Grade Point Average (GPA) for estimating class rank for individual scholarships or military applications that require the information, and will not calculate a numerical class rank other than this percentile rating. The principal or school designee shall provide colleges and universities with an explanation of the Latin Honors system through the Virginia Beach City Public Schools' transcript profile for a student earning a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher to be considered an honor graduate; 3.5-3.75 awarded the Cum Laude distinction; 3.76-3.99 awarded the Magna Cum Laude distinction; and 4.0 and above the Summa Cum Laude distinction. Also proposed was the designation of Valedictorian and Salutatorian to no longer be utilized. Discussion concluded at 5:15 p.m.
- D. Quarterly Forecast of School Board Agenda Topics FY18, 4th Quarter – April through June 2018: Superintendent Spence presented Administration's forecast of agenda topics to be presented in the FY18 fourth quarter – April, May, June 2018.

The workshop concluded at 5:19 p.m.

2. **Closed Meeting:** None
3. **School Board Recess:** The School Board recessed at 5:19 p.m. to reconvene in the School Board Chambers for the formal meeting at 6:00 p.m.

FORMAL MEETING

4. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairwoman Anderson called the formal meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All School Board members were present along with Superintendent Spence.
5. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
6. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition:**
 - A. NASA Langley Student Art Contest Winners: It was announced this recognition will be rescheduled as honorees were unable to attend due to illness and a scheduling conflict.
 - B. Virtual Enterprises First Place Winners: The School Board recognized students in the Advanced Technology Center's Advanced Web Design class for winning several first place awards in the Virtual Enterprise (VE) International Mid-Atlantic Region Annual Business Plan Defense and Trade Show.



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- C. Educators Rising First and Second Place Winners: Nineteen Virginia Beach City Public School students were recognized by the School Board for having earned first and second place awards in the Educators Rising state competition.
- D. Girls Basketball State Champions: The School Board recognized Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team for winning the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 5 state championship.
- E. VHSL Class 5 Girls Basketball Player of the Year: Princess Anne High School's Brianna Jackson was recognized by the School Board for being named the VHSL Class 5 Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.
- F. VHSL Class 5 Girls Basketball Coach of the Year: Princess Anne High School's Darnell Dozier was recognized by the School Board for being named 2018 VHSL Class 5 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year.
7. ***Superintendent's Report***: Five things shared by Superintendent Spence in his report were related to the second annual Little Feet Meet that provides an opportunity for students with developmental disabilities to participate in developmentally-appropriate races, throwing events and jumping events with assistance from a general education peer; the Beach Bags food drive where donations exceeded all prior events; invitation to submit an application if interested in serving on any of the School Board Citizen Advisory Committees; notice of the division being selected by education design lab, *2Revolutions*, as the sole national partner district on a Carnegie Foundation project and opportunities for school communities to share thoughts on the work of the division for the development of a Future of Learning model that will serve as a model for school divisions nationwide; and, finally, a wish for students, staff and families to have a wonderful Spring Break.
8. ***Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Agenda Items***: None
9. ***Approval of Minutes***:
March 13, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting: Ms. Rye made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs, that the School Board approve the minutes of their March 13, 2018 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
10. ***Adoption of the Agenda***: Ms. Manning made a motion, seconded by Ms. McLeod, that the School Board adopt the agenda as published. The motion passed unanimously.
11. ***Consent Agenda***: After a review of items presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Vice Chair McDonald made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, and the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:
- A. Resolutions
1. School Library Media Month and National Library Week as follows:



**SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH AND NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, school library media centers function as the information centers of schools and provide for interdisciplinary and school-wide learning activities; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide the experiences necessary to prepare students to attain globally competitive skills; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs promote information literacy as well as the enjoyment of reading, viewing and listening for young people of all ages and all levels of development; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide resources and learning activities that represent a diversity of experiences, opinions and social and cultural perspectives, supporting the concept that intellectual freedom and access to information are prerequisites to effective and responsible citizenship in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach City School Board recognizes the vital role that school library media centers play in the educational process; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Beach Public Libraries and Virginia Beach school libraries have formed a unique partnership that provides for the sharing of resources and services to the mutual benefit of all patrons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Virginia Beach City School Board reconfirm its belief in the value of the school library media program and officially recognize the month of April 2018 as School Library Media Month and the week of April 8-14, 2018 as National Library Week, calling their significance to the attention of all Virginia Beach citizens; and be it

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

2. Mathematics Awareness Month as follows:

**MATHEMATICS AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION
APRIL 2018**

WHEREAS, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics recognizes April as Mathematics Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, mathematical literacy is essential for all, and the inclusion of such in mathematics education ensures a culture of equity where students are empowered by the opportunities math affords; and

WHEREAS, mathematics is an essential skill, both in life and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, mathematical reasoning, sense making, problem solving and communication are essential skills; and

WHEREAS, the language and processes of mathematics are basic to all other disciplines; and

WHEREAS, our expanding, technologically-based society demands increased awareness and competence in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, school curricula in mathematics provide the foundation for meeting the above needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT



RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach designate April 2018 as Mathematics Awareness Month in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourage all citizens, and especially our children and young adults, to continue mathematics studies and to understand how its application will relate to the occupations of the 21st century; and be it

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

- B. Policy Review Committee Recommendations
 - 1. Policy 2-42 School Improvement Process, amended to remove redundant language and align with the division's strategic plan
 - 2. Policy 4-57 Licensed Personnel – Contracts, amended to update legal references
 - 3. Policy 4-62 Evaluation – Licensed Personnel, amended to update legal references

12. Action

- A. Personnel Report: Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve the appointments and accept the resignations, retirements and other employment actions as listed on the Personnel Report dated March 27, 2018. The motion passed unanimously. There were no administrative appointments recommended.
- B. 2015-2020 Local Plan for Gifted Education Amendments: Ms. Rye made a motion, second by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve proposed amendments to the 2015-2020 Local Plan for Gifted Education. Amy E. Cashwell, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer in the Department of Teaching and Learning, noted there were no programmatic modifications; and explained amendments to update titles and change appeal procedures from two levels to one at the central level. The motion to approve proposed amendments passed unanimously.
- C. Policy Review Committee Recommendations:
 - 1. Bylaw Appendix B School Board Standing Rules: Vice Chair McDonald made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holtz, that the School Board approved proposed changes to Bylaw Appendix B – School Board Standing Rules – as presented. School Board's Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney, explained the modification to change the three-minute time allocated for citizens to address the School Board during the hearing of citizens and delegations at regular School Board meetings to four minutes each. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Bylaw 1-5 Legal Counsel: Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, that the School Board approve proposed changes to Bylaw 1-5 – Legal Counsel – to add language that 1) requires the School Board Chair to present the request to the School Board for determination of the scope of the opinion, and the manner in which the opinion will be provided to the School Board; and directs that



a copy be provided to the Superintendent unless specifically prohibited and, as protected by the attorney client privilege, only released otherwise with the consent of the full School Board. Several variations were presented in the form of substitute motions to address concerns raised by School Board members pertaining to language referring to determining the scope of the opinion, and whether release of the legal opinion should require unanimous or majority consent of the School Board. Ultimately, a motion to postpone action was proposed by Ms. McLeod and seconded by Ms. Weems, to allow the Policy Review Committee to review in light of concerns raised and return a recommendation for the School Board to reconsider. The motion passed (ayes 9, nays 2 – Edwards and Holtz)

3. Bylaw 1-47 Public Participation: Ms. Riggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve proposed amendments to Bylaw 1-47 – Public Participation – as presented. School Board’s Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of the modifications to change the title to Public Comment, omit language no longer applicable, and modify in association with the update proposed for Appendix B as it relates to the minutes allocated for citizens to address the School Board during a regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Bylaw 1-48 Decorum and Order – School Board Meetings: Ms. Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, that the School Board approve proposed amendments to Bylaw 1-48 – Decorum and Order: School Board Meetings - revised to update appropriate decorum and add information on other methods of communicating with the School Board. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Information**

- A. 2018-2019 Local Plan for Special Education: Veleka S. Gatling, Ph.D., Executive Director of Programs for Exceptional Children, presented the division’s Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application and Report to include an overview of the verification of adherence to a list of assurances delineated by the Virginia Department of Education for all public school divisions; and explained additional components in the area of the Local Jails Education Program, Maintenance of Effort (MOE), Proportionate Set-Aside (PSA) and Title VI-B Grant Funds. On behalf of the Special Education Advisory Committee, Dr. Brent Ibata, Committee Member, reported the Advisory Committee’s review and support for the plan as presented.
- B. Interim Financial Statements – February 2018: Crystal M. Pate, Director of Business Services, presented highlights of interim financial statements as of February 28, 2018. In reporting the overall revenue trend as acceptable, she explained the Governor’s proposed amendments to the FY18 Direct Aid Budget known as the Caboose Bill indicate a shortfall



in state revenue of approximately \$345,000 with no further impact expected based on subsequent amendments put forth by the House and Senate. She reported the next revision expected to state revenue will be based on confirmation of the March 31 Average Daily Membership (ADM) for calculation in the May and June timeframe. She advised federal revenues continue to remain acceptable with an additional payment received for fiscal year 2018 of approximately \$2.5 million for Impact Aid to be reflected in March 2018 financial statements. Sales tax receipts were reported on an acceptable trend at \$400,000 higher than the prior year-to-date with a slight increase in March of approximately \$230,000 over the prior year. Finally, expenditures and encumbrances were reported as acceptable at this point in the fiscal year.

14. **Standing Committee Reports:** As chair of the School Board's Legislative Committee, Vice Chair McDonald reported on updates to the Committee's meeting schedule adjusted to meet the timeline for proposals being developed for submission to the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) for their legislative positions. School Board members were invited to notify the Committee of suggestions as well.

As chair of the School Board's Audit Committee, Mr. Edwards reported on the recent Committee meeting noting there were no additional formal reports, only routine items inherent with changes in principals and bookkeepers. He noted personnel issues as a cause for things slowing down, and advised details were available upon request.

Ms. Riggs reported on behalf of the Steering Committee for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) advising of town meetings held and plans for a report to be presented to the School Board in June.

Additionally, Ms. Riggs reported on Sister Cities' activities to include the Cherry Blossom Festival where Emily Myers from the Global Studies and World Languages Academy at Tallwood High School was first introduced as the new youth ambassador.

15. **Conclusion of Formal Meeting:** The formal meeting concluded at 7:10 p.m.
16. **Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda Items:** The School Board heard comments from Kelly Walker, president of the Virginia Beach Education Association (VBEA), in appreciation for recent changes to professional development requirements, and to request the School Board consider strategies that makes employee compensation its top priority. The hearing concluded at 7:15 p.m.
17. **Recess into Workshop:** None
18. **Closed Meeting:** None
19. **Vote on Remaining Action Items:** None



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20. **Adjournment:** There being no further business before the School Board, Chairwoman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Beverly M. Anderson, School Board Chair