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Superintendent

### **Regular School Board Meeting MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, August 15, 2017**

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 4:32 p.m. In addition to Superintendent Spence, all School Board members were present upon the arrival of Ms. McLeod at 4:57 p.m.
  - A. **School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:**
    1. **Acknowledgements:** Noting the following acknowledgements did not qualify for presentation during the School Board’s formal meeting, Chairwoman Anderson stated she felt it was important for them to be broadcast and therefore scheduled the opportunity during the School Board Administrative Matters workshop:
      - a. **Mermaid Project:** Mark Rosenfield provided an overview of how students from the arts program at Virginia Beach Middle School were involved in a project to develop a name and accompanying story for a mermaid sculpture purchased by Cheryl McLeskey, president and CEO of the development company McLeskey and Associates, LLC, and placed at Rudee Inlet. He reported Lilja McKendry submitted the winning entry that inspired the name “Ocean Spirit.”
      - b. **Special Olympics – Little Feet Meet:** Isabelle Shepard, 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Great Neck Middle School, shared information regarding Special Olympics and the Little Feet Meet before introducing her daughter, Megan Shepard who is a 2009 Cox High School graduate, 2015 world games gold medalist, and Special Olympics Global Messenger, who thanked Superintendent Spence for his support.



- c. United Way SY17 Campaign: Kurt Hofelich, United Way Board Vice-Chair and President of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, acknowledged the division's generosity of students and teachers during the SY17 campaign resulting in United Way contributions of approximately \$334,000 with over \$54,000 from student donations.

Acknowledgements concluded at 4:51 p.m.

- B. Teacher Professional Learning Focus for 2017-18: Amy E. Cashwell, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer, presented an overview of the Teacher Professional Learning focus for the two job-embedded professional learning days in SY18 to foster student agency by focusing on various elements of the student disposition within Transformation Learning. Discussion concluded at 5:15 p.m.

In response to Chairwoman Anderson's call for reports by School Board members, there was a request made for a workshop to be scheduled to discuss comments and concerns raised at the Virginia Board of Education Public Hearing regarding proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation, implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, and State Board's comprehensive plan. Superintendent Spence advised of efforts to relay concerns regarding changes through the state association and working directly with the State Superintendent's Office. Noting the State had already voted on changes, he suggested the focus of a workshop be to explain the changes and discuss opportunities to influence guidance.

The workshop concluded at 5:20 p.m.

2. **Closed Meeting**: Vice Chair Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board recess into a closed meeting 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 discuss contract amendment for a specific administrator.

The motion passed unanimously and the School Board entered into a closed meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Individuals present for discussion: School Board members; School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney; and Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board.

The School Board reconvened in an open meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Certification of Closed Meeting: Vice Chair Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, 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

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business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion passed unanimously.

- School Board Recess:** The School Board recessed at 5:51 p.m. to reconvene in the School Board Room at 6:00 p.m. for the formal meeting.

#### **FORMAL MEETING**

- Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairwoman Anderson called the formal meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In addition to Superintendent Spence, all School Board members were present.
- Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
- Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition**  
**Meritorious Budget Award:** The School Board recognized the division's Department of Budget and Finance for earning the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International for the 2016-17 budget year presented to school divisions that demonstrate excellence in budget presentations after a rigorous review by professional auditors based on stringent criteria.
- Superintendent's Report:** In his tradition of recognizing the newest member(s) of the *Compass Keepers Club*<sup>1</sup>, Superintendent Spence featured Lynnhaven Middle School's Jelica Calderon, and Ocean Lakes High School's Alex Preston, two out of 90 students from a pool of 30,000 applicants from across the globe selected to take part in the summer Joint Science and Technology Institute in Washington, DC.  
  
In closing, Superintendent Spence commented on recent events in Charlottesville, expressing disappointment as a proud University of Virginia (UVA) alumnus, and acknowledging the potential anxiety of freshman from the Class of 2017 who will be beginning orientation at UVA on Saturday. He commended the division's work in celebrating and appreciating the diversity in the city, working to leverage the strengths of that diversity to make the division more understanding and united in comparison to the UVA campus and community which willingly and lovingly embraces young people. He encouraged all to be inspired, to keep hope, and focus on the good work being done every day in classrooms - work that must continue to be the changing tide in the country with students showcasing the power of a united community and a united country.
- Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Agenda Items:** None
- Approval of Minutes:** August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting: Ms. McLeod made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Edwards, that the School Board approve minutes from their August 1, 2017 regular

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the Compass Keepers Club are students, staff or community supporters who truly represent Virginia Beach City Public Schools with dedication, determination, passion and drive



meeting as presented. The motion passed (ayes 10, nays 0; 1 abstention – McDonald who was not in attendance at the August 1 meeting).

10. **Adoption of the Agenda:** There being no proposed changes to the published agenda, Ms. Manning made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the School Board adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
11. **Consent Agenda:** None
12. **Action**
  - A. **Personnel Report/Administrative Appointments:** Ms. Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs, that the School Board approve the appointments and accept the resignations, retirements and other employment actions as listed on the Personnel Report dated August 15, 2017 inclusive of one administrative appointment as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously, and Superintendent Spence introduced Allison M. Bock, Ph.D., current Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Minnesota, as the new Program Evaluation Specialist in the Department of Planning, Innovation and Accountability effective August 28, 2017.
13. **Information:**
  - A. **Program Evaluation Schedule 2017-18:** Heidi L. Janicki, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evaluation in the Department of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability, presented the proposed schedule of program evaluations that will be conducted during the 2017-18 school year in accordance with School Board Policy 6-26. She first provided a review of evaluation reports to be presented in the fall based on the prior year's schedule to include Year 1 evaluation of the K-12 School Counseling Program, Year 1 evaluation of the Entrepreneurship and Business Academy, comprehensive evaluation of An Achievable Dream Academy, Year 2 evaluation of the Digital Learning Anchor Schools initiative, final comprehensive evaluation of Green Run Collegiate, and longitudinal study update of Academy and Advanced Academic programs. An overview of the process for selecting programs was provided along with the proposed evaluation schedule for the 2017-18 school year to include final comprehensive evaluation of An Achievable Dream Academy, Year 2 evaluation of the Entrepreneurship and Business Academy, Year 2 evaluation of the K-12 School Counseling Program, final longitudinal study update of Academy and Advanced Academic programs, evaluation readiness report for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, evaluation readiness report for the LEAD Aspiring Administrators' program, and evaluation readiness report for Student Response Teams (SRT).
  - B. **Special Education Advisory Committee New Appointments:** Sandra Hermann, member of the Special Education Advisory Committee, presented recommendations for Sheri Hight, Brent Ibata, Lori Shedlock and Denise Glatt to be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee. Lori Shedlock was recommended to serve as a community



representative and Sheri Hight was recommended to serve as a consultant. Ms. Hermann then responded to School Board inquiries regarding diversity and district representation.

- C. Policy Review Committee Recommendations: School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney, presented an overview of the following Policy Review Committee recommendations regarding review, amendment and/repeal of certain policies as reviewed by the committee at their June 21, 2017 meeting.
1. New Policy 3-71 Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act Projects
  2. Revised Policy 6-47 Interscholastic Competition
  3. Revised Policy 6-56 Field/Class Trips to separate the International Travel section to be captured in new Policy 6-7
  4. New Policy 6-57 International Travel
  5. Revised Policy 6-87 Governor's School for the Arts

**14. *Standing Committee Reports:*** None

**15. *Conclusion of Formal Meeting:*** The formal meeting concluded at 6:44 p.m.

**16. *Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda Items:*** The School Board heard comments from Robert Lincoln who presented information for the School Board to consider implementing a new athletic program called Poleball designed to reduce sports-related injuries.

**17. *Recess into Workshop:*** None

**18. *Closed Meeting:*** Vice Chair Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the School Board recess into a closed meeting pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraphs 1 and 7 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended for the following purposes:

- A. 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 discuss petition to revoke Collegiate Professional Teaching License CP-0641268.
- B. Legal Matters: Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board or consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7); namely to discuss personnel matters.

The motion passed unanimously and the School Board recessed at 6:51 p.m. to reconvene in Room 113 where they entered into a closed meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Individuals present for discussion:



Personnel Matters and Legal Matters: School Board members; John A. Mirra, Chief Human Resources Officer; School Board Legal Counsel, Kamala H. Lannetti, Deputy City Attorney; and Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board.

The School Board reconvened in an open meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Certification of Closed Meeting: Vice Chair Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, 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 unanimously.

- 19. *Vote on Remaining Action Items:*** Vice Chair Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs, that the School Board approve a resolution to recommend the License Holder's Teaching License be revoked. The motion passed unanimously, and the resolution was adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING PETITION TO REVOKE COLLEGIATE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING LICENSE NO. CP-0641268**

**RESOLVED:** That on August 15, 2017 the School Board considered at a hearing the Superintendent's Petition to Revoke Collegiate Professional Teaching License No. CP-0641268, the supporting exhibits submitted by the School Administration and the License Holder, it is;

**RESOLVED:** That the School Board determined that it recommends that the License Holder's Teaching License be revoked for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Petition to Revoke Collegiate Professional Teaching License; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the License Holder, School Board Legal Counsel, the Employee Relations Specialist, and the Chief Human Resources Officer, who is directed to place a copy of this Resolution, and the exhibits and transcripts in a confidential file that will only be released only for authorized purposes.

- 20. *Adjournment:*** There being no further business before the School Board, Chairwoman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

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Beverly M. Anderson, School Board Chair