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School Board Special Meeting Proposed Agenda
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Holland Road Annex
2323 Holland Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23453
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

1. Call to Order and Attendance: Chair Riggs convened the Special Meeting of the School Board at 4:05 p.m. on the 6th day of June 2023 and stated in accordance with Bylaw 1-46, and Virginia Code § 2.2-3707, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has called for a special meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Holland Road Annex, 2323 Holland Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23453. The purpose of the special meeting is for the School Board:

1. To convene in 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, consideration, or 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:
 - 1) The Superintendent’s evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent’s contract; and
 - 2) The superintendent search process; and
 - 3) Consultation with legal counsel.
2. To vote in open session on any matters related to the closed session, if needed.

Chair Riggs also noted the Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting is anticipated to run for several hours. The public may be present for the Open Session portions of the Special Meeting. The Public may also view the Open Session portions of the meeting through Zoom.’

In addition to Superintendent Spence, the following School Board members were present in the Holland Road Annex/Einstein Lab: Chair Riggs, Vice Chair Weems, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Manning, Ms. Martin, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Owens. The following School Board members were not present: Mr. Callan, and Mr. Culpepper.

2. Adoption of the Agenda: Chair Riggs called for any modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Riggs called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Franklin made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Weems. Without discussion, Chair Riggs called for a vote to approve the agenda as presented. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the agenda as

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presented: Chair Riggs, Vice Chair Weems, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Manning, Ms. Martin, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Owens. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

- 3. Closed Session:** At 4:09 p.m., Vice Chair Weems made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk that the School Board recess into Closed Session in accordance with the exceptions to open meetings law set forth in Code of Virginia §2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraph 1, and 8 as amended, to deliberate on the following matters:

1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

Namely to discuss:

- A. The Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.
- B. The superintendent search process.
- C. Consultation with Legal Counsel.

Chair Riggs called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session: Chair Riggs, Vice Chair Weems, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Manning, Ms. Martin, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Owens. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

Individuals present for discussion in the order in which matters were discussed:

- A. The Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract: School Board members: Chair Riggs, Vice Chair Weems, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Manning, Ms. Martin, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Owens; Superintendent Spence; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

Superintendent Spence left the Closed Session at 4:16 p.m.

The School Board members took a short break from 5:12 p.m. to 5:21 p.m.

- B. The superintendent search process
- C. Consultation with Legal Counsel

School Board members: Chair Riggs, Vice Chair Weems, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Manning, Ms. Martin, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Owens; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session: Vice Chair Weems read the Certification of Closed Session:

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WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) 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 (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered.

Ms. Melnyk made the motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Chair Riggs called for a vote on the Certification of Closed Session. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session: Chair Riggs, Vice Chair Weems, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Manning, Ms. Martin, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Owens. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

4. ***Vote on any matter related to the Closed Session (if needed):*** There were none.
5. ***Adjournment:*** Chair Riggs adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Trenace B. Riggs, School Board Chair