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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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1. **Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Chair Melnyk convened the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 3:30 p.m. on the 12th day of March 2024.
In addition to Superintendent Robertson, the following School Board members were present in the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs (arrived at 3:32 p.m.), and Ms. Weems (arrived at 3:35 p.m.)
Chair Melnyk noted members of the public will be able to observe the School Board meeting through live streaming on schoolboard.vbschools.com/meetings/live, broadcast on VBT Channel 47, and on Zoom; welcomed members of the public both in person and online.
 - A. **School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** Ms. Owens mentioned the Policy Review Committee (PRC) meeting was rescheduled to March 21 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Melnyk mentioned the VSBA email regarding legislative items; Ms. Riggs shared additional information, spoke with Mr. Joel Andrus, possibly setting up a meeting, presenting to the School Board in April, request to share the email from VSBA with School Board member; mentioned School Board meeting dates for April are April 16 and April 30 due to Spring Break.
 - B. **Budget/CIP Workshop #5:** Crystal Pate, Chief Financial Officer, and Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer, provided the School Board information on the Proposed School Operating Budget for FY 2024/25 and Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2024/25 - FY 2029/30; Ms. Pate began the presentation and reviewed the presentation agenda: administration's amended recommendations to City Council's two cent reduction, State budget update, proposed final FY25 budget, proposed final 2024/25 – 2029/30 CIP; two cent reduction equates to a loss in revenue of approximately \$5.7 million; previous one cent reductions remain the same at \$3 million; based on feedback from the School Board, Pay-to-Play was removed; new two cent reduction items - cut Unified Insights: \$198,772, staff cuts: \$789,630, cut 8.5 central office positions: \$664,117 (noted no staff will lose current job, as cuts will be through normal attrition); total two cent reduction: \$2,648,542; State budget update – General Assembly (GA) passed a budget on March 7, waiting for calc tool from VDOE, GA provided raises of 3% in each year of the biennium for teachers and removed the one-time bonus, additional funding for At Risk and English language learners, provided \$500,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year to VBCPS to support the establishment of a school for students residing in Region 2; planning for additional State funding – fund the cost of a 3% raise for all staff, eliminate planned cuts or reductions, implement one of the other compensation options provided by SEGAL, consider other ideas from the School Board; reviewed the proposed FY 2024/25 Operating Budget balancing; reviewed the following dates: today – approve budget, March 26 – VBCPS presentation to the City Council, April 17 – General Assembly is scheduled to reconvene to consider Governor's proposed amendments and/or vetoes, April/May – School Board meeting/City Council (possibility to amend budget for any additional funding), by May 15 – City Council approves Municipal budget.

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The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding the operating budget; options for additional funding; 3% increase for SOQ positions (State), 3% increase for non-SOQ positions (VBCPS); recommendations from staff regarding additional funding; music and art programs; courses based on enrollment and allocations; decrease in enrollment; teachers not losing jobs; staffing allocations, student selections, master schedule; Wellness Day; Virtual Virginia; landscaping/maintenance cycles; summer programs at schools and maintenance; increases in maintenance.

Mr. Freeman continued the presentation; reviewed the proposed FY24-25 CIP funding summary; shift from new construction to maintenance; approximately \$44 million for maintenance, approximately \$19 million for new construction; Mr. Freeman read the additional language added to the pages of the CIP: *Total Project Cost/new construction amount is partly based on 2023 Educational Specifications. Educational Specifications and the associated designs will be reviewed under a separate process with the School Board which may result in a change in square footage and cost. New Construction projects will not go out for bid without School Board approval separate from this CIP;* moving forward: future School Board meetings – review educational specifications and current design of priority school, receive direction for the School Board for area to explore reductions, staff develop options based upon School Board guidance to reduce the size of the design, return to the Board with recommendations reflecting Board guidance; proceed towards 100 percent design; target 2026 for start of construction.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding additional funds and use for CIP; square footage of current building and square footage of proposed new construction; loss of buying power; funding maintenance projects (HVAC, roofing, foundation, etc.); appreciate added verbiage to CIP; revenue source for schools; State funding for construction; and reasonable size for schools.

- C. All in Virginia Update: Danielle Colucci, Chief Academic Officer, provided the School Board an update on the utilization of All in Virginia funding; high-intensity tutoring (70%), Virginia Literacy Act (VLA) (20%), chronic absenteeism (10%); as of March 1, 23-24 VBCPS All In funded tutoring: VBCPS All in Tutoring – 26,718 hours, Imagine Math – 165,893 hours and 364,129 lessons, Zearn – 5,505 lessons; as of March 1, 23-24 VBCPS funded tutoring: Title I tutoring – 7,596 hours, FEV tutoring – 3,210 hours and 4,604 support logins, academic support tutoring – 12,017 hours; absenteeism: *EveryDay Labs*, attendance ambassador program, Student Response Team (SRT), in-person flexible instructional time; Virginia Literacy Act (VLA) 2024-25: Virginia Language and Literacy Screening (VALLS), 2024 Standards of Learning; spending update: tutoring: approximately \$1 million, absenteeism \$389,000, VLA in process.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding SRT process; follow through with parents; tracking chronic absenteeism; flexible tutoring; number of days to be considered chronically absent; instructional time/make-up time; waivers; approving waivers, working with principals; and motivation to have students in school, improvement of grades.

- D. Changing Date of School Board Regular Meetings: Kamala Lannetti, School Board Attorney, discussed with the School Board whether moving School Board regular meeting dates to a different day of the week is an option for the future; background summary - the City's Communications Officer has been meeting with School Administration staff about the Memorandum of Understanding between the City Council and the School Board and the need to update the MOU to address current practices, funding issues, new technology and changes to the City Communication's Office staffing and budgeting; demands on the Communications Office's staff time have increased and ensuring appropriate staffing for both City and School Division broadcasting needs is proving challenging; the City's Communications Officer has inquired whether the School Board would consider changing the day of the week for regular School Board Meetings to a different day than the City Council meets; changing the day of the week is one solution that would free staff to be available for School Board Meetings as well as City Council Meetings; the City's Communication Officer needs to provide recommendations to the City regarding options to address Department needs.

The presentation/discussion continued with questions and comments regarding adjusting the schedule; current demands of the City's Communications Department; suggestion of Thursday for School Board meeting day; cable and streaming services; request for staff input; in favor of exploring idea; relationship with City; need to keep cable services; timeline to inform City; willing to have the conversation; City Council meetings and public comments at the City; and staffing.



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- 2. **Closed Session (as needed):** There was no Closed Session during the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session.
- 3. **School Board Recess:** Chair Melnyk adjourned the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 5:23 p.m.
- 4. **Formal Meeting (School Administration Building #6 – School Board Room) 6:00 p.m.**
- 5. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Melnyk convened the meeting of the School Board at the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber at 6:00 p.m. on the 12th day of March 2024 and thanked the members of the public joining the meeting in person and online.

In addition to Superintendent Robertson, the following School Board members were present in the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.

- 6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
- 7. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition**
 - A. **Outstanding Assistant Principal – Thoroughgood Elementary:** The School Board recognized Megan Thompson, Assistant Principal, Thoroughgood Elementary School. The Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals has selected Megan Thompson to represent the commonwealth for the National Outstanding Assistant Principal award.
 - B. **VHSL Individual Gymnastics All Around Competition Champion – Kellam High School:** The School Board recognized Sofia Catlin, student at Kellam High School, as the 2024 Region 5A All Around Gymnastic Champion. She also placed second on bars and third on beam at the VHSL Individual Gymnastic Competition.
 - C. **State Champion Gymnastics Team and State Champion Uneven Bars – Ocean Lakes High School:** The School Board recognized the Ocean Lakes High School gymnastics team as the Class 5 Team State Champion Gymnastics Team. Senior, Julia Lee won the statewide uneven bars event and was third in the floor event.
- 8. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the agenda as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.
- 9. **Superintendent’s Report (second monthly meeting) and recognitions (first and second monthly meetings):** There was no Superintendent’s report presented at the meeting.

Administrative Recognitions – Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments which were approved at the February 27, 2024 School Board meeting: Laura D. Celentano, Assistant Principal, Fairfield Elementary School as Principal, Brookwood Elementary School; Shana N. Remian, Ph.D., Assistant Principal, Kellam High School as Principal, Virginia Beach Middle School; and Bethany A. Bayliss, Administrative Assistant, Kempsville Middle School as Assistant Principal, Kellam High School.

- 10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - A. **February 13, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting:** Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the February 13, 2024 regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the February 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Anderson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the February 13, 2024 minutes as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.
 - B. **February 20, 2024 Special School Board Meeting:** Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the February 20, 2024 special School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Anderson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brown. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair

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Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

- C. February 27, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting: Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the February 27, 2024 regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the February 27, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Franklin. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the February 27, 2024 minutes as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

11. Public Hearing Regarding Appointment of Interim School Board Member – District 4

There were eighteen (18) in person speakers and one (1) online speaker regarding appointment of Interim School Board Member – District 4. Also, the applicants being considered for the Interim School Board Member District 4 appointment spoke at the public hearing: Dr. Alveta Green, Ms. Anissa Bowden, Ms. Shannon Kendrick, and Ms. Georgia Allen.

12. Public Comments (until 8:00 p.m.)

There were fifteen (15) in person speakers (including four (4) student speakers) and one (1) online speaker; items discussed were music and arts programs; orchestra classes; chorus classes; history classes; library books; freedom of speech; cuts to music and arts; budget; SEON and CIP; work of Ms. Pate and budget staff; teacher salary; benefits; cost of living; new hires and retention; Wellness Days; ODS and programs; electives; reducing staffing; calendar; student enrollment; allocations based on enrollment; consolidating classes; maintaining schools; position cuts; and real estate assessments.

The Public Comments concluded at 7:55 p.m.

13. Information

- A. Textbook Adoption: 4-5 Elementary Language Arts: Lorena Kelly, Ph.D., Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning presented the School Board information regarding the following elementary language arts textbook for grades four through five as recommended by the Elementary Language Arts Textbook Adoption Committee for implementation in the fall of 2024.

Course Title	Textbook	Publisher	Copyright
4-5 Elementary English Language Arts	<i>Into Reading</i>	<i>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</i>	2020

Reviewed the textbook adoption process; top two recommendations: *Benchmark Advance* and *Into Reading*; strengths of *Benchmark Advance*: wide bank of resources for novice and veteran teachers, materials cover a range of science and social studies topics, connects assessment and instruction; strengths of *Into Reading*: wide bank of resources, modules are organized around big ideas and contain lessons for students to develop skills, content is structured with themes and topics through connected texts that support interactive discussion; implementation costs – *Benchmark Advance*: \$1,710,016.30 (total implementation cost) and *Into Reading*: \$951,740.60 (total implementation cost); final recommendation: *Into Reading*; use VLA funding. There was a brief discussion regarding types of resources (digital and hard copy); and funds from the State for purchase.

- B. New Course:

- 1. English 10 AP Seminar: Thomas Quinn, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, provided the School Board information regarding the proposed course, *English 10: AP Seminar* and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2024-2025 school year; Virginia Department of Education approved the College Board AP Seminar course to be a substitute for English 10; format: year long, credit: 1, staffing: existing staff; no additional staffing will be required; existing secondary English resources and curriculum provided by the College Board will be used; teachers will need to be trained in AP Seminar; reviewed objectives. The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding student options; course enrollment; replaces English offering, not elective; seminars in 11th and 12th grade; Capstone



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- Diploma; cost to add course; cost of training teachers for course; number of students to make a class (17); timeline for teacher training; and schools with trained teachers.
2. Career Strategies Seminar: Sara Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education, provided the School Board information regarding the proposed course, *Career Strategies Seminar*, and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2024-2025 school year; one-credit elective course for juniors and seniors; grade levels: 11 and 12, format: year long or 4X4, credit: 1, staffing: existing staff, budget impact: none; course divided into four units: review of career exploration, leadership development, the internship, exhibition of learning and transition plan; there was a brief discussion regarding who would be teaching the course; similar course at the Legal Studies Academy and Entrepreneurship and Business Academy; request from high schools for course; and no additional costs for course.
 - C. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 School Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Crystal Pate, Chief Financial Officer and Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer, provided the same information as presented in the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session, see agenda item #1B. After the presentation, there were questions and comments regarding chorus classes; Cox High School music program; course enrollment; staffing, allocations; teacher to student ratio; decline in enrollment; building utilization; transparency with budget; music and arts; high schools without an academy; funding for recovery school, involvement/interest from other school districts; upcoming workshop topic on recovery school; non-educational partner for recovery school; information for state regarding recovery school; reversion funds; debt services; Board direction for reversion funds; students choosing between courses; staffing guidelines; course verification form; new courses presented; and funding for maintenance.
- 14. Return to public comments if needed:** As noted under Agenda item #12, Public Comments concluded at 7:55 p.m.
- 15. Consent Agenda:** Chair Melnyk read the following items on the Consent Agenda:
- A. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board approve Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding review, amendment, and repeal of certain policies as reviewed by the PRC at its February 15, 2024 meeting.
 1. Policy 2-42/School Support Process: The PRC reviewed this policy to remain complaint with the required five (5) year review period. There are no recommended changes to this policy.
 2. Policy 2-50/ Appointment/Reappointment and Reclassification: The PRC recommends minor scrivener's changes and removing the Editor's Note to remain consistent with previous policy changes.
 3. Policy 5-45/Use of Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor or Alternative Nicotine Products: The PRC recommends adding language to the first paragraph in order to comply with Executive Order 28 regarding parental notification of student overdoses and updating the legal references to include VDOE's Best Practices regarding Executive Order 28.
 4. Policy 6-69/Psychological Services: The PRC reviewed this policy to remain complaint with the required five (5) year review period. There are no recommended changes to this policy.
 5. Policy 7-43/Fund-Raising by Students: The PRC reviewed this policy to remain complaint with the required five (5) year review period. There are no recommended changes to this policy.
 - B. Renaissance Academy Alternative Education Program: Year-One Implementation Evaluation: Recommended that the School Board approve the administration's recommendations that were proposed in response to the Renaissance Academy Alternative Education Program: Year-One Implementation Evaluation Report.
 - C. Recommendation of General Contractor: Holland Road Annex Scratch Cooking with HVAC: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with Spacemakers Inc. for Holland Road Annex Kitchen Scratch Cooking Improvements + HVAC Improvements in the amount of \$1,294,288.00.

Chair Melnyk called for any objections from the School Board voting on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Franklin. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Riggs. The

motion passed, 8-0-0. The School Board Clerk noted Ms. Owens and Ms. Weems were not present in the School Board Chamber during the vote on the Consent Agenda.

16. Action

A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 personnel report. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Franklin that the School Board approve the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions as listed on the March 12, 2024 personnel report. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the March 12, 2024 personnel report: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 8-0-0. The School Board Clerk noted Ms. Owens and Ms. Weems were not present in the School Board Chamber during the vote on the Consent Agenda.

There were no administrative appointments.

B. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board approve Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding review, amendment, and repeal of certain bylaws as reviewed by the PRC at its February 15, 2024 meeting.

1. Bylaw 1-12/Oath of Office: The PRC recommends updating the legal references.

Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve Bylaw 1-12/Oath of Office. Ms. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Culpepper. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion to approve Bylaw 1-12/Oath of Office: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 8-0-0. The School Board Clerk noted Ms. Owens and Ms. Weems were not present in the School Board Chamber during the vote on Bylaw 1-12/Oath of Office.

2. Bylaw 1-13/Orientation/In-Service Programs: The PRC recommends adding “or as required by law or regulation” to section A.2.

Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve Bylaw 1-13/Orientation/In-Service Programs. Mr. Culpepper made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to approve Bylaw 1-13/Orientation/In-Service Programs: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 9-0-0. The School Board Clerk noted Ms. Weems were not present in the School Board Chamber during the vote on Bylaw 1-13/Orientation/In-Service Programs.

C. Resolution Regarding School Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding School Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mr. Callan made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brown. Chair Melnyk asked Vice Chair Franklin to read the resolution.

Vice Chair Franklin read the following resolution:

School Operating Budget for FY 2024/25

WHEREAS, the mission of 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 has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan and school improvement priorities to guide budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has studied the proposed FY 2024/25 Operating Budget in view of state and federal requirements, the strategic plan, priorities, community expectations, competitive compensation for employees, and the best educational interests of its students; and



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WHEREAS, the proposed Operating Budget for the Instructional Experience-based Step Pay Scale provides a 1.5% experience step for all eligible employees on the scale with no adjustment to the entry-level salary, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Operating Budget for the Unified Experience-based Step Pay Scale provides a 1% step increase for all eligible employees with 1-14 years of experience, and a 1.5% step increase for all eligible employees with 15 and above years of experience; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Operating Budget also recommends increasing the entry-level hourly rate for grade 7 on the Unified Experience-based Step Pay Scale to \$15, aimed at strengthening the division's efforts to recruit and retain bus assistants, cafeteria assistants, and custodian I employees; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy provides 46.75% of certain general fund revenues to meet obligations of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the total funds requested for the Operating Budget from the City of Virginia Beach to the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach are \$526,781,515, and

WHEREAS, the debt service payment is estimated to be \$50,071,611, leaving a balance of \$476,709,904 to allocate between the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the \$476,709,904 be allocated as follows: \$473,709,904 to the Operating Budget, and \$3,000,000 to Schools' Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) for the CIP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That federal funds of \$14,744,107, state funds of \$455,947,171, and other local funds of \$4,457,538 be added to the Operating Budget, bringing it to a total of \$948,858,720; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$948,858,720 from the City Council of Virginia Beach for the School Board Operating Budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests an appropriation of \$206,951,119 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds comprised of categorical grants for \$136,146,902; Green Run Collegiate for \$4,873,251; and other special revenue funds in the amount of \$65,930,966; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$1,155,809,839, for the total of all funds (\$948,858,720 for the Operating Budget plus \$206,951,119 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds); 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 the Mayor, each member of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

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Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the resolution regarding School Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

- D. Resolution Regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 through Fiscal Year 2029-2030: Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 through Fiscal Year 2029-2030. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Chair Melnyk asked Vice Chair Franklin to read the resolution. Vice Chair Franklin read the following resolution:

Capital Improvement Program for FY 2024/25 - FY 2029/30 Budget Resolution

WHEREAS, the mission of Virginia Beach City Public Schools, 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 has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan and school improvement priorities to guide budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the primary funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are charter bonds, public facility revenue bonds, and reversion funding; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy provides 46.75% of certain general fund revenues to meet obligations of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy allocates funds first to Debt Service, while the balance is used for the Operating Budget and the CIP; and

WHEREAS, \$3,000,000 will be allocated to Schools' Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) for the CIP; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has comprehensively reviewed all sources of funding, projected various scenarios and prioritized the needs of the Operating and CIP budgets; and

WHEREAS, total project cost/new construction amounts are partly based on 2023 Educational Specifications; and

WHEREAS, Educational Specifications and the associated designs will be reviewed under a separate process with the School Board which may result in a change in square footage and cost; and

WHEREAS, new construction projects will not go out for bid without School Board approval separate from this CIP; and

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach adopts a CIP program of \$793,904,737 (as shown on the attached School Board Funding Summary and Project Summary dated March 12, 2024), and be it

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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 the Mayor, each member of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

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There was a brief comment regarding costs and square footage of new construction; appreciate changes made to CIP resolution; moving forward with maintenance projects; support for the CIP. Without further discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the resolution regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 through Fiscal Year 2029-2030: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

17. Committee, Organization or Board Reports: Ms. Owens mentioned the PRC (Policy Review Committee) meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 14 has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Einstein Lab; Vice Chair Franklin mentioned she attended the GCAC (Gifted Citizens Advisory Committee), making progress with the 5-year plan, also attended the SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee), providing resources to homeschooler and private schools, assisted technology representative, tools for students; Chair Melnyk mentioned the State of the City address is tomorrow.

18. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters: At 9:38 p.m., Vice Chair Franklin made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs 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, 2, 7, 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.
2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any such student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student, parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.
7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. 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.
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. School Board Member – District 4 Appointment: review of applications, choose applicants to interview, review of interview and appointment process and timelines.
- B. Amendment to student discrimination appeal resolution.

Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 9:43 p.m.

School Board member Ms. Brown joined the Closed Session at 9:44 p.m.



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

- B. Amendment to student discrimination appeal resolution: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.
- A. School Board Member – District 4 Appointment: review of applications, choose applicants to interview, review of interview and appointment process and timelines: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

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

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. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Mr. Culpepper. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

Chair Melnyk mentioned the vote on the amended resolution student discrimination appeal 10/25/23. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Ms. Owens. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the amended resolution student discrimination appeal 10/25/23: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There was one (1) abstention: Ms. Manning. The motion passed, 9-0-1.

Chair Melnyk mentioned the vote to affirm that the School Board will interview all four candidates that were presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Franklin. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor to affirm that the School Board will interview all four candidates that were presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

19. Adjournment: Chair Melnyk adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kimberly A. Melnyk, School Board Chair