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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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- 1. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Chair Melnyk convened the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 2:10 p.m. on the 26th day of March 2024.

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, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens (arrived at 2:15 p.m.), Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The following School Board member attended via Zoom: Mr. Culpepper.

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 VBTV Channel 47, and on Zoom; welcomed members of the public both in person and online.

- A. Interviews of Candidates for Interim School Board Member District 4: Chair Melnyk mentioned the candidates for Interim School Board Member District 4: Shannon Kendrick, Dr. Alveta Green, Anissa Bowden, and Georgia Allen. The candidates randomly drew numbers for their order and were interviewed separately as follows: Dr. Alveta Green (2:11 p.m.); Shannon Kendrick (2:32 p.m.); Anissa Bowden (2:55 p.m.); and Georgia Allen (3:26 p.m.)

After the interviews, the School Board recessed at 3:51 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. 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, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The following School Board member attended via Zoom: Mr. Culpepper.

- B. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports: Chair Melnyk mentioned the sign-up sheet for April one-to-one meetings with Superintendent Robertson.
- C. Building Utilization Committee Report to School Board: The School Board received information from the 2023-24 Building Utilization Committee (BUC); summarizing their annual assessment of school attendance zones, student membership, housing trends, student membership projections, and building utilization, as prescribed by School Board Policy 5-14; there are no recommended changes to school attendance zones; Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer provided a brief introduction and Ronald Berkebile, Demographer/GIS Manager continued the presentation; mentioned Policy 5-14: School Attendance Zones; BUC objectives: review the enrollment trends and capacity data, consider the data's impact upon facilities and attendance zones, if needed – determine rezoning needs and make recommendations, determine optimal facility utilization, limit adverse impacts upon students and schools; SY 23-24 student enrollment: 63,132 students in grades K-12, additional 1,776 students in grades ECSE, PK-VPI, or part of the SECEP Program, total students: 64,908; reviewed historical factors; 28.6% elementary school students (PS-5) with additional programmatic



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needs; reviewed historical and projected student enrollment; peak SY 97-98: enrollment 77,591 (K-12); -10.2% decline over 12 years; SY 09-10 enrollment 69,499; -8.0% decline over 13 years; small growth projected in 24/25 through 28/29; reviewed building utilization zones and concentration; division wide: capacity -6.6%, aggregately schools are within the acceptable utilization range of +/- 10% of optimum capacity.

Elementary schools: 28,462 students grades K-5, capacity -6.3%, within the acceptable utilization range; middle schools: 14,381 students grades 6-8, capacity -4.8%, within the acceptable utilization range; mentioned Salem Middle School – over capacity; high schools: 20,289 students grades 9-12, capacity -6.7%, within the acceptable utilization range; BUC requests – school rezoning analyses (Point O’View Elementary School, Thoroughgood Elementary School), school closure impact upon the operating budget.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding capacity of Virginia Beach Middle School, Corporate Landing Middle School; rezoning; Policy 5-14; number of buildings; Point O’View Elementary; projected student enrollment; high school data, Cox High School, First Colonial High School; Larkspur Middle School; academies at high schools, high schools without an academy; information back to the School Board in the Fall regarding school rezoning, Point O’View Elementary, Thoroughgood Elementary, impact on operating budget, and if possible, capacity of Virginia Beach Middle School and Cox High School.

- D. Curriculum Updates: Thomas Quinn, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning and Lorena Kelly, Ph.D., Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning provided the School Board curriculum updates regarding the implementation of the new mathematics and English Language Arts Standards of Learning provided by the Virginia Department of Education; Mr. Quinn began the presentation; reviewed list of items/factors that impact teachers; new Fall 2024-2025: 2024 English Standard of Learning, 2023 Mathematics Standards of Learning, new curricular materials update, course guides update, Gradebook update (Student Information System), elementary report card update, Virginia Literacy Act; 2023 Mathematics SOL revisions – adopted by Virginia Board of Education on August 31, 2023, to be fully implemented during the 2024-2025 school year; mathematical understanding, reviewed data cycle Grade K – Algebra II; 2023 Mathematics Standard of Learning – improve vertical articulation, include data analysis, support connection of concepts within a course, embed the Mathematics Process Goals, increase rigor and depth; reviewed samples of middle school and high school Mathematics course sequences options.

Dr. Kelly continued the presentation; draft 2024 English Standard of Learning – to be presented to the Virginia Board of Education on March 28, 2024, to be implemented during the 2024-2025 school year; reviewed Scarborough’s Reading Rope Model – language comprehension, word recognition, and skilled reading; comparison of 2017 English Standards of Learning strands and draft 2024 English Standards of Learning strands; shared draft standard changes (sample comparison) – reading fictional text (2017) and draft reading literary text (2024); reviewed samples of middle school and high school English course sequence options; school support for implementation: Department of Teaching and Learning math crosswalk resources, professional learning, etc.; Science and Social Studies: K and 1st Grade – updated units, 2nd Grade to 12th Grade – varying levels of adjustment, January 2025 expected approval of new standards (Science), 2023 History and Social Studies Standard – awaiting update; mentioned some impacts on division, schools, and community. The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding changes – from VDOE not VBCPS; English Standard of Learning; professional learning, created a read map, waiting for information on new English SOLs; flexibility and understanding during/for changes; budget cuts, staff to help with professional development, additional funds for coaching and implementation; History and Social Studies; Grade 7 Math, Algebra II; concerns for teachers; course flow chart; Dual Enrollment; and team teaching.

- E. Forecast of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda Topics FY24 – Fourth Quarter (April, May, June 2024): Donald E. Robertson, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent provided the School Board the Administration’s forecast of agenda topics to be presented at School Board meetings during the fourth quarter (April, May, June) of the 2023-2024 school year; noted it is a working document and subject to change; highlighted some upcoming topics; April 16 – Bettie F. Williams/Bayside 6 discussion, Workforce Development recommendations; April 30 – Mental Health Update, Water Testing Program, Planning for the Local Plan for the Gifted; May 14 – Budget Update – FY 2024-2025, DARE, Recovery School Update, Division-wide Literacy Plan; May 28 – Weighted Grades, Capital Improvement Plan, Academic Support Update; June 10 – Employee Input Process Survey results; June 25 – Equity Update; there was a brief discussion regarding weighted grades (include Governor’s School) and possibility of having presentation sooner.



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- 2. **Closed Session:** 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 5:25 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 26th 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, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The following School Board member attended via Zoom: Mr. Culpepper.

6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

7. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition**

- A. American Association of Teachers of Japanese Nengajo Contest winner - Brandon Middle: The School Board recognized Daelen Stevenson, eight grade student at Brandon Middle School, who won the American Association of Teachers of Japanese Nengajo Contest. Nengajo are holiday card that are a part of Japan’s New Year’s festivities. Daelen won in the Computer-Generated category.
- B. VHSL Class 5 100 yd backstroke swimming state champion - Frank W. Cox High School: The School Board recognized Alex Lineberry, Cox High School student, as Class 5 Swimming State Champion in the 100-yard backstroke. He is a team captain, enrolled in a dual credit class, and part of the Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow.
- C. VHSL Class 5 individual state wrestling champion - Kellam High School: The School Board recognized Brodie Altman, a junior at Kellam High School, as the 2024 VHLS Class 5 132-pound state champion as well as the 2024 Region 5A 132-pound wrestling champion. He is a two-time Fargo National Qualifier for Team Virginia.
- D. VHSL Class 6 individual state wrestling champions - Landstown High: The School Board recognized two VHSL Class 6 state champion wrestlers from Landstown High School, Naasir Edmonds and Michael Phoutasen. In February, Naasir became the VHSL Class 6 wrestling state champion in the 285-pound weight class. He was a two-time regional champion, and a state finalist last year. Michael is the VHSL Class 6 state champion in the 138-pound weight class. He earned a place in the state tournament by virtue of his second-place finish at the regional tournament.
- E. VHSL Class 5 individual state wrestling champions - First Colonial: The School Board recognized the following students from First Colonial High School: Leonard Ashley, Schey Huff, and Thomas Stofka as the VHSL Class 5 State Wrestling Champions. Leonard Ashley was the state champion in the 165-pound weight class. Schey Huff was the state champion in the 215-pound weight class. Thomas Stofka made history as the first three-time state champion in FC history. Thomas was also named the Virginia High School 3a-4a Wrestler of the Year by the Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.
- F. VHSL Class 5 individual and team state wrestling champions - Frank W. Cox High School: The School Board recognized the following individual state champions from Cox High School: Seth Pringle, Caleb Rafall, and Rudy Wagner. Seth Pringle had a tremendous season this year at 106 pounds; ach round at state, he started the team off with a big win. Caleb Rafal won the state championship in the 126-pound weight class. Rudy Wagner won in the 190-pound weight class.
The School Board recognized the Cox High School wrestling team for their state championship. 5A regional title. The team had 12 state qualifiers after winning their fourth consecutive 5A regional title.

- 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 Ms. Weems. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) eyes 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.



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9. Superintendent's Report (second monthly meeting) and recognitions (first and second monthly meetings):

Superintendent Robertson shared the following information: 1) Students from 16 of our elementary, middle and high schools participated in the Eastern Region KidWind Challenge at the Advanced Technology Center on March 4. This is part of a national initiative where students research renewable energy, think creatively about solutions to problems, and work collaboratively to build wind turbines. Of the 46 teams at this regional competition, half of them were from Virginia Beach; 2) Our elementary students and their families learned about the cycle of drinking water recently during the "Tour de Water" at Landstown High School. Our friends at Virginia Beach Public Utilities helped families use their STEM skills to explore water infrastructure and water usage in our homes and schools; 3) About 250 pieces of our students' work were displayed at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art to celebrate Youth Art Month. Many of our families and staff attended receptions at the museum on March 12th and 13th; 4) Our students and staff are having a lot of fun celebrating National Reading Month. They are dressing up as their favorite book characters and inviting visitors to come and read to them. Pembroke Elementary hosted a literacy pajama party. The school's "Exceptional Mustangs" participated in adapted literacy activities that use communication devices, and the Virginia Beach Public Library offered free library cards; and 5) Students at Shelton Park Elementary recently embarked on a heartwarming mission: celebrating kindness by collecting unopened cereal boxes for local food pantries. They generated extra fun by crafting a "Kindness Domino Train" using those very cereal boxes (shared a video of event).

There were no Superintendent recognitions presented at the meeting.

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. March 5, 2024 Special School Board Meeting: Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the March 5, 2024 Special School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the March 5, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Anderson 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 March 5, 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. March 12, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting: Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the March 12, 2024 Regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Riggs 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 March 12, 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 Comments (until 8:00 p.m.)

There were twelve (12) in person speakers and two (2) online speakers (including one (1) student speaker); topics discussed were guns in schools; securely storing fire arms; speaking on behalf of candidate for District 4; letter to parents regarding secure gun storage; student safety; responsible gun ownership; public service; music in schools; Fine Arts electives; AP English Class 10; fiscal responsibility; recovery school; education for all students; and review of policies.

The Public Comments concluded at 7:02 p.m.

12. Information

- A. Interim Financial Statements – February 2024: Daniel Hopkins, Director of Business Services, presented the following financial information to the School Board: as of February the overall revenue trend remains acceptable; received the General Assembly's adopted budget on March 9, 2024, budget still needs to be approved by the Governor; key changes impacting our school division: sales tax decreases by \$8.5 million, State Basic Aid increases by \$3.7 million, net decrease from our current budget is \$4.6 million; the ADM went down from Governor's budget by 517 students; federal revenues are showing a favorable trend at the end of

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February; received Impact Aid payments of approximately \$14.3 million year-to-date; other sources of revenue year-to-date through February are favorable at this point in the fiscal year; sales tax receipts will be at an unacceptable level by the end of the year; year-to-date through February, approximately \$8.2 million lower than the same time last year; expenditures and encumbrances remain acceptable at this point in the fiscal year; there was a brief discussion regarding sales tax; and General Assembly reconvening date.

- B. Local Special Education Annual Plan – Application and Report for the Virginia Department of Education: Roni Myers-Daub, Ed.D., Executive Director of Programs for Exceptional Children provided the School Board information regarding the 2024-25 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application; annual review – required by Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 20047 (IDEA 2004), VDOE *Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia* (effective Jan. 25, 2010); reviewed by local special education advisory committee (SEAC), local School Board (for approval); assurances: a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) will be available, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be maintained, children with disabilities will be educated with children without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate, policies and procedures are designed to prevent over-identification or disproportional representation; components of application: Local Jail Education Program (JEP), Maintenance of Effort (MOE), Proportionate Set-Aside (PSA), Title VI-B Grant Funds; 2024-25 proposed Part B Section 611 and 619 budget - Section 611 budget: total \$16,645,704.00 and Section 619 budget: total \$545,580.00; SEAC review and input from Mrs. Meghan Ashburn, Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – to bring forward to the School Board.

The presentation continued with comments regarding the SEAC – thank you to all the members for the work; reviewed a topic from last SEAC meeting regarding the tools and resources available; assisted technology; educational materials in different formats; visual impairment, laser printer; and the work of the committee.

- C. Technology and Career Education Carl Perkins SY 2025 Grant: Sara Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education, provided the School Board information about the Local Plan and Budget for the 2024-2025 Carl D. Perkins V Grant for Career and Technical Education; supports over 33,000 student seats, 1671 CTE course sections; noted, the school division must submit the application no later than April 30, 2024; reviewed annual performance summary and measures (four-year graduation rate, academic proficiency in: English reading, mathematics, science, post-program placement, nontraditional program concentration, program quality); for the 2022-2023 school year – CTE programs met requirements in all areas; proposed Perkins V Local budget submission for 2024-25: estimate of \$1,117,858.91; provided an overview of each budget category (indirect costs, industry credentialing proctors, professional development, student leadership development, equipment, instructional materials, software, industry certifications, STEM initiatives): staffing: CTE new hire incentives and part-time STEM tutor.

13. Return to public comments if needed: As noted under Agenda item #11, Public Comments concluded at 7:02 p.m.

14. Consent Agenda: Chair Melnyk read the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. Resolutions:

1. National Month of the Military Child: Recommended that the School Board approve the resolution in observance of April as Month of the Military Child.
2. Mathematics Awareness Month: Recommended that the School Board approve the resolution recognizing the month of April as Mathematics Awareness Month.
3. School Library Media Month and National Library Week: Recommended that the School Board approve the attached resolution recognizing the month of April as “School Library Media Month” and the week of April 7-13 as “National Library Week.”

B. Recommendation of General Contractor:

1. Birdneck Elementary School Ceiling Replacement – Phase 2: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with VIRTEXCO Corporation for the Birdneck Elementary School Ceiling Replacement Phase 2 in the amount of \$1,348,000.
2. Christopher Farms Elementary School Roof Replacement: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with TST Roofing for the Christopher Farms Elementary School Roof Replacement in the amount of \$3,088,107.



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3. King’s Grant Elementary School Scratch Cooking Kitchen Upgrade with HVAC: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with VIRTEXCO Corporation for the Scratch Cooking Upgrades and HVAC Improvements for King’s Grant Elementary School in the amount of \$902,000.
4. Rosemont Elementary School Scratch Cooking Kitchen Upgrade with HVAC: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with Conrad Brothers of Virginia Inc. for the Scratch Cooking Upgrades and HVAC Improvements for Rosemont Elementary School in the amount of \$843,871.
5. Landstown Elementary School and Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement – Phase 1: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with E&P Electrical Contracting Co, Inc. for the Landstown Elementary School & Landstown Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement in the amount of \$1,425,800.
6. Brandon Middle School Stage Rigging: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with E&P Electrical Contracting Co, Inc. for the Brandon Middle School Stage Rigging Replacement in the amount of \$1,329,950.
- C. Arrowhead Elementary Public Utility Easement: Recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to execute a public utility ingress / egress easement at Arrowhead Elementary School to be dedicated to the City of Virginia Beach for the use of Arrowhead Susquehanna Pump Station Replacement.
- D. Lynnhaven Middle School Public Utility Easement: Recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to execute a public utility easement at Lynnhaven Middle School to be dedicated to the City of Virginia Beach for the use of improvements related to the Achievable Dream Academy addition.
- E. Deed of Dedication of Easement – Indian Lakes Elementary School: Recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to execute a public utility easement at Indian Lakes Elementary School to be dedicated to the City of Virginia Beach for the use of Pump Station 441 Force Main Replacement.
- F. Textbook Adoption: 4-5 Elementary Language Arts: Recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to execute a public utility easement at Indian Lakes Elementary School to be dedicated to the City of Virginia Beach for the use of Pump Station 441 Force Main Replacement.

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

- G. New Course:
 1. English 10 AP Seminar: Recommended that the School Board approve the proposed course, *English 10: AP Seminar* and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2024-2025 school year.
 2. Career Strategies Seminar: Recommended that the School Board approve the proposed course, *Career Strategies Seminar*, and corresponding course objectives for implementation in the 2024-2025 school year.

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 Mr. Callan. Chair Melnyk asked for the resolutions to be read.

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Ms. Anderson read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
National Month of the Military Child
April 2024

WHEREAS, approximately 16,000 students enrolled in Virginia Beach City Public Schools are military-connected with the majority having at least one parent serving on active duty or in the reserves of the Armed Forces; and
WHEREAS, military-connected youth and their family have unique needs and face distinct challenges due to high mobility, lengthy deployments of one or both parents and the stresses of loved ones serving in times of combat; and
WHEREAS, the school division reaffirms its commitment to providing support, resources and enriching programs to enhance the educational experiences of military-connected youth; and
WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach City Public School Board's Compass to 2025 strategic plan creates opportunities to actively engage military-connected parents and families in supporting student achievement and outcomes for success; and
WHEREAS, April has been recognized by the Department of Defense since 1986 as the Month of the Military Child;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes April as the Month of the Military Child, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all school staff to initiate, support and participate in special activities to recognize the exceptional role and unique sacrifices our military-connected youth make in our nation's best interest; and be it

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

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 26th day of March, 2024

Chair Melnyk read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
Mathematics Awareness Month April 2024

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 2024 as Mathematics Awareness Month in 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.

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Ms. Riggs read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
School Library Month
and National Library Week

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

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WHEREAS, school libraries provide students with innovative learning opportunities that support their growth toward future readiness as readers, writers, inquirers, researchers, critical thinkers, problem solvers, collaborators, and communicators; and

WHEREAS, school libraries promote information literacy and the enjoyment of reading, viewing, and listening for young people of all ages and all levels of development; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide resources that represent diverse 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 libraries, library media specialists and library media assistants 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 program and officially recognize the month of April 2024 as School Library Media Month and the week of April 7-13, 2024, 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.

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After the resolutions were read, Chair Melnyk called for a vote on the Consent Agenda. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) 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, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

15. Action

- A. **Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments:** Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the March 26, 2024 personnel report and administrative appointments. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson that the School Board approve the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions as listed on the March 26, 2024 personnel report along with the administrative appointments as recommended by the Superintendent. 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 March 26, 2024 personnel report and administrative appointments: 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.

Superintendent Robertson mentioned the following: Kristi M. Hingerty, Ed.D., Instructional Specialist, Department of Teaching and Learning as Assistant Principal, Fairfield Elementary School; Charlene D. Winley, Ed.D., Administrative Assistant, Green Run and Lynnhaven Elementary Schools as Assistant Principal, Green Run Elementary School; and Cheryl R. Woodhouse, Chief Human Resources Officer, Department of Human Resources as Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent. Superintendent Robertson took a moment to recognize Eugene Soltner, Ed.D., for his work as Chief of Staff.

- 16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports:** Ms. Riggs attended the ACCESS College meeting at Virginia Wesleyan University, discussed the FAFSA information, FAFSA signing nights; Ms. Weems mentioned the Workforce Development Committee, recommendations forthcoming to the School Board in April, Jericho Road Committee planning on meeting in June.

- 17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters:** At 7:42 p.m., Vice Chair Franklin made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Owens 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, 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

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higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.

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.
- B. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases.
- C. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.

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. Note: Mr. Culpepper was not present during the Closed Session due to participating via Zoom.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 7:46 p.m.

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

- B. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases, and;
- C. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters: School Board members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, 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: School Board members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, 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 8:38 p.m.

Note: Mr. Culpepper rejoined the meeting via Zoom.

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.



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Ms. Brown made the motion, seconded by Ms. Manning. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There was one (1) abstention: Mr. Culpepper (not present during Closed Session.) The motion passed, 9-0-1.

18. Vote on Appointment of School Board Member District 4: Chair Melnyk mentioned the voting process for the appointment of School Board Member for District 4; reviewed the candidates' names in the order of the interviews (Dr. Alveta Green; Shannon Kendrick; Anissa Bowden; and Georgia Allen); voting will stop when a candidate receives a majority vote.

Ms. Anderson made the following motion, to appoint Alveta Green as Interim School Board Member District 4. Ms. Riggs seconded the motion. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were four (4) ayes in favor of the motion to appoint Alveta Green as Interim School Board Member District 4: Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. There were six (6) nays opposed to the motion to appoint Alveta Green as Interim School Board Member District 4: Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Weems. The motion failed, 4-6-0.

Ms. Weems made the following motion, to appoint Shannon Kendrick as Interim School Board Member District 4. Ms. Manning seconded the motion. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were six (6) ayes in favor of the motion to appoint Shannon Kendrick as Interim School Board Member District 4: Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Weems. There were four (4) nays opposed to the motion to appoint Shannon Kendrick as Interim School Board Member District 4: Chair Melnyk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The motion passed, 6-4-0.

Chair Melnyk congratulated Ms. Shannon Kendrick as Interim School Board Member District 4.

19. Adjournment: Chair Melnyk adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kimberly A. Melnyk, School Board Chair