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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, July 23, 2024

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- 1. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Chair Melnyk convened the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 4:00 p.m. on the 23rd of July 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. Kendrick (arrived at 4:13 p.m.), Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens (arrived at 4:20 p.m.), Ms. Riggs (arrived at 4:58 p.m.), and Ms. Weems.

Chair Melnyk stated members of the public will be able to observe the School Board Meeting through livestreaming on schoolboard.vbschools.com/meetings/live, broadcast on VBT Channel 47, and on Zoom; and thanked those that have joined us in person and online.

- A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports: Chair Melnyk mentioned the following items: New Teacher Orientation, August 12 at Bayside High School starting at noon; share any suggestions for the August 13 draft agenda by the end of meeting; discipline hearings; and space available for school tours of Princess Anne High School, Williams Elementary School, and Bayside 6 Grade Campus.
- B. Instructional Technology and Screen Time Update: Sharon Shewbridge, Ph.D., Director of Instructional Technology provided an update to the School Board related to Instructional Technology with a focus on screen time; provided background information regarding computer labs, computer carts and one-to-one initiative; VBCPS alignment: *Compass to 20215* – integrate supportive technologies into the instructional program delivery; VBCPS alignment: *Compass to 2020* – leveraging the learning management system and to increase flexible learning opportunities; VBCPS alignment: *Compass to 2025* – digital wellness and responsible use of technology; research based models to support planning – The TPACK Model and The SAMR Model; during pandemic – transition to virtual almost seamlessly, adopted new tools, focused on student needs, developed professional learning, emphasized a balance of non-digital learning tasks; return to face-to-face – enhanced technology skills for teachers, strengthened student technology skills, continued digital learning experiences and professional learning, educate students and parents on digital literacy and citizenship, ensure students were making in-person connections and having hands-on learning experiences; digital literacy focus areas: computer science, coding, digital citizenship, information literacy; shared examples of student computer usage (personalized learning projects, presentation creation, accessing online textbooks, tutoring and homework, etc.); reviewed data regarding Chromebook screen time for elementary, middle, and high school students; shared examples of instructional activities without a computer; yearly contests: Digital Citizenship Contest (4th year) and Podcast Contest (inaugural year); mentioned Code of

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Virginia 22.1-24.1; the goal of digital citizenship instruction is to develop students who are empowered, educated, safe, and future-ready; digital citizenship instruction – proactive and positive, comprehensive and systematic, age appropriate, turnkey for faculty to implement, monitored via division data collection. The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding one-to-one initiative; reading on grade level; navigational markers; screen time, passive and active screen time; mental health; reduce screen time and increase social interaction; reduce Chromebook usage; use of Chromebooks; hours of middle school usage; difference between home and school Chromebook use; textbook resources online; students taking home Chromebooks; spikes of use; digital citizenship; SOL testing on Chromebooks; and balance of both online textbooks and hard copy textbooks.

- C. Security Updates: David Din, Chief Information Officer, and Thomas DeMartini, Director of Security and Emergency Management provided the School Board an update regarding continuing improvements to physical and cyber security; Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer provided a brief introduction; Mr. DeMartini began the presentation with an overview of the presentation topics (physical security and cyber security); security desk ID checks – reinforcing current practices, training Security Assistants, exploring current expanded ID validation systems; locked doors/rooms – importance of securing sensitive areas/doors; key control – key accountability, access control, Division Services, high-level oversight at school level. Mr. Din continued the presentation; reviewed VBCPS digital environment, VBCPS has one of the largest digital environments in Virginia; Department of Technology follows two frameworks (National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) Cyber Security Framework and Zero Trust Framework); network security – non-VBCPS devices may not physically connect to our network, devices at one VBCPS facility may not communicate with devices at another VBCPS facility, perform weekly testing and monitoring, bi-annual disaster recovery tabletop exercises; access to systems and data – password requirements, multi-factor authentication, conditional access rules, Student Data Access Steering Committee; and every role has specific and broad security responsibilities.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding school visits; audits and comprehensive reviews; computer updates and issues that may arise; mitigating risks with updates; multifactor authentication; technical support for students and staff; help desk, wait time; security manual, reviewed during August trainings; upgrading Security Assistants; security assistant staffing in elementary schools; training substitutes; and utilizing permanent substitutes in schools.

2. **Closed Session:** At 5:15 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 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.

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Namely to discuss:

- A. Employee Grievance – dismissal of bus driver.
- 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 eleven (11) 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. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.

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

- A. Employee Grievance – dismissal of bus driver: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., Superintendent; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney, left the Closed Session at 5:19 p.m. and returned at 5:26 p.m.

The School Board reconvened at 5:26 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 Ms. Brown. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) 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. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Chair Melnyk read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION GRIEVANCE

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024 the School Board's appointed hearing officer held a hearing regarding a former bus driver's dismissal; and

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WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024 the School Board considered the findings of fact and recommendation, the exhibits and the transcripts from the June 11, 2024 hearing; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD, that:

1. The School Board upholds the hearing officer’s June 14, 2024 findings of fact and recommendation of the hearing officer.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Grievant, the School Board Attorney, the Director of Employee Relations, and Chief Human Resources Officer who shall place a copy of this Resolution together with a copy of the supporting documentation in the Grievant’s personnel file.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 23rd day of July 2024.

Chair Melnyk called for a motion. Ms. Kendrick made the motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the resolution: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

3. **School Board Recess:** Chair Melnyk adjourned the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 5:29 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 23rd day of July 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. Kendrick, 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:** There were no awards presented. Chair Melnyk mentioned VBCPS received an award from the VSBA (Virginia School Boards Association); Ms. Riggs provided additional details regarding the award - 2024 VSBA Food for Thought Competition – Healthy School Meals Winner (above 10,001 student population) for our Scratch Cooking Initiative. See agenda item #9 – Superintendent’s Report and recognitions.
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. Mr. Callan made the motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) 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. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.
9. **Superintendent’s Report (second monthly meeting) and recognitions (first and second monthly meetings):** Superintendent Robertson shared the following information: 1) hundreds of our instructional leaders gathered for the 2024 Summer Leadership Conference under the theme, “Leading with Purpose – Setting Sail for Success; 2) our Scratch Food initiative was the winner of the VSBA’s “Food for Thought Competition”, for our program titled, “VBScratch: Changing the School Food Perspective”; 3) Department of Communications & Community Engagement (DCCE) and Virginia Beach City Creative Services were nominated for an Emmy Award for the welcome-back-to-school video, the DCCE staff also received awards from the National School Public Relations Association for their writing and additional video work; 4) mentioned the School Board Retreat on July 9 and 10, topics discussed – school calendar, AI, gifted education, cell phone policy, new construction, budget priorities,

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accreditation, and accountability; 5) Back to School Care Fair on August 17 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center from noon to 4:00 p.m., families will enjoy information about various services to help for back to school.

Administrative Recognitions – Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments which were approved at the June 25, 2024 School Board meeting: Jennifer D. Freeman, Assistant Principal, Landstown Elementary School, as Principal for Linkhorn Park Elementary School; Amanda B. Loyd, Assistant Principal, Red Mill Elementary School, as Principal for Bayside Elementary School; Megan M. Thompson, Assistant Principal, Thoroughgood Elementary School, as Principal for Woodstock Elementary School; Andria J. Chambers, Ed.D., Assistant Principal, Landstown High School, as Principal for Bayside 6th Grade Campus; Richard J. Plank, Assistant Principal, Lynnhaven Middle School, as Assistant Principal for First Colonial High School; and Taylor D. Lovejoy, Assistant Principal, Brandon Middle School, as Coordinator, Secondary Social Studies, for Department of Teaching and Learning.

The following appointments were approved at the July 9, 2024 Abridged School Board meeting: Carrie D. Kelley, Administrative Assistant, Glenwood and Kempsville Elementary Schools, as Assistant Principal for Thoroughgood Elementary School; Hannah J. Pritchard, Administrative Assistant, W.T. Cooke Elementary School, as Assistant Principal for Red Mill Elementary School; Lauren A. Salas, Administrative Assistant, College Park and Thalia Elementary Schools, as Assistant Principal for Landstown Elementary School; and Olivia F. Snyder, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Landing Elementary School, as Assistant Principal for Hermitage Elementary School.

10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. July 9-10, 2024 School Board Retreat / Abridged School Board Meeting: Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the July 9-10, 2024 School Board Retreat/Abridged School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the July 9-10, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Anderson 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 motion to approve the July 9-10, 2024 minutes as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. There were two (2) abstentions: Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Manning. The motion passed, 9-0-2.

11. **Public Comments (until 8:00 p.m.)**

There were four (4) in person speakers and one (1) online speaker; topics discussed were artificial intelligence; ChatGPT; committee assignments, Policy Review Committee; parental rights; new construction; health premiums; budget; weapons in schools; Chaplain Program; School Board member; transgender students; ODS; Chromebook usage; gifted program; satellite sites for gifted; gifted budget; and adding a class to ODS.

The Public Comments concluded at 6:32 p.m.

12. **Information**

A. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board review Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding review and amendment of certain bylaws and policies as reviewed by the PRC at its July 15, 2024 meeting. Kamala Lannetti, School Board Attorney presented the following:

1. Bylaw 1-15/Vacancies: The PRC recommends updating the Bylaw to align with recently passed legislation that requires public release of the resume and supporting documents of each applicant for a vacant School Board position. There was a brief discussion regarding sharing applicant's information; requirements by law; and prior procedures.
2. Bylaw 1-36/Open Meetings and Closed Meetings: The PRC recommends updating the Bylaw to align with recently passed legislation providing guidance on remote participation of a School Board Member for the care of a disabled family member and how that participation effects the quorum. There was a brief discussion regarding any limitations of time being a caregiver; certain period of time; subsection in bylaw; and School Board voting on matter.

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3. Policy 4-2/Employee Conduct: The PRC recommends adding language to the Policy regarding employees avoiding actions that show favoritism towards students, adding corrective actions to assist in improving employees' performance, and removing the Editor's Note to align with other recent policy changes.
 4. Policy 4-69/Research Involving Employees: The PRC recommends updating the Legal Reference section.
 5. Policy 5-40/Student-led Assemblies/ Demonstrations: The PRC recommends adding "take" to section C.3. in order to clarify the administrator's actions.
 6. Policy 5-50/Class Gifts/ Exchanging Gifts: There are no recommended changes to this policy. This policy is being reviewed to comply with the 5-year review period.
 7. Policy 5-58/Student and Staff Wellness: The PRC recommends minor scrivener's changes, removing the Editor's Notes to align with other recent policy changes, and updating the Legal References.
 8. Policy 5-67/Research Involving Students/ Research Review Committee: The PRC recommends adding language to include surveys requesting medical information of students to the list of surveys that require parental notification, removing the Editor's Notes to align with other recent policy changes, and updating the Legal References.
 9. Policy 5-73/Voter Registration: The PRC recommends adding language limiting who can provide voter registration programs for students to secondary social studies teachers approved by the Department of Teaching and Learning and the Voter Registration and Elections Office. There was a discussion regarding removal of language – "non-partisan"; voter registration program; social studies teachers and the official Voter Registration Office; outside groups coming into schools; approval of guest speakers in schools; how to register online to vote; overview of voter registration process; addition of the word "only" to the policy - ...and to allow only secondary social studies teachers...; not in favor of removing the verbiage "non-partisan"; and clarification on policy change.
 10. Policy 6-20/School Division Curriculum: The PRC recommends amending the language in this policy to allow the School Board to approve any curriculum objectives in addition to the Virginia Standards of Learning. The School Division does not currently have any learning objectives outside of the Virginia Standards of Learning but this change allows the School Board to maintain the authority to approve objectives should new learning goals be presented or necessary in the future.
- B. 2024-25 Calendar Revisions: Mathew Delaney, Chief Schools Officer, presented the School Board information on a recommendation for the inclusion of four adjusted dismissal days to the existing 2024-25 school calendar; reviewed required teacher trainings (Virginia Literacy Act, annual mandatory employee training, cultural competency training, seizure training, essential Department of Teaching and Learning session); reviewed recommended adjusted dismissal days for 2024-25: Friday, October 4; Wednesday, December 11; Thursday, March 13; Thursday, April 3; and provided information on each dismissal date. The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding number of hours to complete trainings; additional workload; students losing instructional time because of early dismissal days; any data from parents regarding early dismissal days; daycare issues; brief overview of the trainings and hours needed; possibility of only two early dismissal days instead of four; annual mandatory training; collaboration days; use of substitutes; preparing for substitutes, lesson plans; quality instruction; need to train teachers; state requirements; uncertainty surrounding trainings; communicating to parents about days; what other school districts are doing; timeframe to complete trainings; flex days; and recap from administration regarding revisions.
- 13. Return to public comments if needed:** As noted under Agenda item #11, Public Comments concluded at 6:32 p.m.
- 14. Consent Agenda:** Chair Melnyk read the following item on the Consent Agenda:
- A. Christopher Farms Elementary School Chiller/Boiler Replacement: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with JRC Services LLC for the Christopher Farms Elementary School Chiller/Boiler Replacement in the amount of \$1,410,144.

Chair Melnyk called for any objections from the School Board voting on the Consent Agenda item. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Anderson made the motion,

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seconded by Vice Chair Franklin. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) 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. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

15. Action

A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the July 23, 2024 personnel report and administrative appointments. 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 July 23, 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 eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the July 23, 2024 personnel report and administrative appointments: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Superintendent Robertson mentioned the following appointments: Richard A. Siemieniak, Administrative Assistant, Larkspur Middle School, as Assistant Principal for Lynnhaven Middle School; Margaret D. Wilson, Administrative Assistant, Kempsville Middle School, as Assistant Principal for Brandon Middle School; Keara A. Forbes, Administrative Assistant, Kempsville High School, as Assistant Principal for Landstown High School; Raymond G. Gatlin, Assistant Principal, Princess Anne Middle School, as Assistant Principal for Bayside High School; Ann M. Chowns, Instructional Specialist, K-12 School Counseling, Office of Student Support Services, as Coordinator, Guidance Services for Office of Student Support Services; Stephanie A. Enzmann, Employee Relations Specialist, Department of Human Resources, as Director, Employee Relations for Department of Human Resources; Wendy A. Lyle, Instructional Specialist, Title I, Department of Teaching and Learning, as Coordinator, Title I Programs for Department of Teaching and Learning; and Kelly A. Swanner, Math Coach, Kempsville High School, as Coordinator, Student Leadership for Office of Student Leadership.

B. School Board Committee Assignments FY 2025: Chair Melnyk mentioned the committee assignments would be until December 31, 2024 due to the upcoming School Board elections in November; committee assignments will be revised in January. Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the School Board Chair's recommendation for School Board Members to be assigned to School Board Committees, Organizations, and Boards from July to December. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson.

Ms. Weems made the following substitute motion – I move we amend the Policy Review Committee and have it to include Kathleen Brown, Jessica Owens, and Vicky Manning, and keep everything else the same, Mr. Callan seconded the substitute motion. A discussion followed regarding the substitute motion; PRC committee assignments, Chair Melnyk reached out to the current members; the current members wanted to stay on the committee to see work to completion; School Board retreat and policies; leave current members on the committee, not supporting substitute motion; citizens spoke tonight about committee assignments; current committee works well together; number of remaining PRC meetings; and importance of attending meetings. Without further discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were six (6) ayes in favor of Ms. Weems' substitute motion to amend the Policy Review Committee and have it to include Kathleen Brown, Jessica Owens, and Vicky Manning, and keep everything else the same: Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Weems. There were five (5) nays opposed to Ms. Weems' substitute motion: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Riggs. The substitute motion passed, 6-5-0.

16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports: Ms. Riggs mentioned she attended the 2024 National Student Pitch in Chicago, the Kempsville High School, Entrepreneurship and Business Academy team did an amazing job presenting and the team won a prize at the competition.

17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters: At 7:52 p.m. Vice Chair Franklin made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Kendrick 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, 7, and 8 as amended, to deliberate on the following matters:

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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.
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Namely to discuss:
 - A. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases.
 - B. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.

Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) 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. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

The School Board recessed in Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

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

- A. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases; and
- B. 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, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., Superintendent; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

Chair Melnyk left the Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

The School Board reconvened at 8:29 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

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Ms. Manning made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) 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. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

- 18. Adjournment:** Chair Melnyk adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kimberly A. Melnyk, School Board Chair