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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 27, 2024

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center

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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 27th day of August 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, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.
The following School Board Member was not in attendance at the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session: Ms. Manning.
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: sign-up sheets for September meetings with Dr. Robertson and September school visits; September 20th Air Show event and to RSVP to the School Board Clerk; the need to appoint a School Board Member to the Governance Committee; Appendix C within the Bylaw regarding tracking attendance at meetings; and request for clarification regarding if Ad Hoc Committees were included.
 - B. **Summer Learning Review:** Lorena Kelly, Ph.D., Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning and Thomas Quinn, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning provided the School Board a review of the 2024 summer learning experiences implemented in elementary and secondary to provide students with a strong instruction foundation for the upcoming school year; Dr. Kelly started the presentation; reviewed the elementary summer learning opportunities: summer learning camp (select sites), tutoring and summer learning opportunities (site-based), summer learning boost; shared data regarding summer learning camp – percentage of students who attended 9 or more of the 12 instructional days, Language Arts and Mathematics data: Language Arts - students demonstrating growth in phonetic principles (89%-90%), phonological and phonemic awareness (88%-92%); growth in Language Arts (various areas, ranges from 72%-91%); Mathematics – students demonstrating growth in number sense (81%-83%), computation (84%-85), computation - grades 3-5 average of 80% or more; additional elementary summer learning opportunities: STEM Adventure Camp for current fourth graders in Title I schools, United Way Enrichment Summer Camp at select Title I schools, new “Ready, Set, Kindergarten” Camp at select Title I schools; mentioned there were 805 launches at the summer learning boost site; extended school year (ESY) services: special education and/or related services provided beyond the typical school year, consideration of ESY services is a part of the IEP process, total of 1,320 students.

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Mr. Quinn continued the presentation and reviewed the secondary summer learning opportunities; summer school for retake courses – June 25-July 30; summer school for first time courses – June 18-August 6; shared repeat course pass rate data, overall enrollment pass rate (93%); first time course takers: 1,847 total registrations, 1,802 registrations ended with a passing grade, overall pass rate (97.6%); 86 graduates for summer graduation; preparing for fall: 530 secondary students accessed Canvas for math Boost opportunities and 176 secondary students accessed Canvas for science Boost opportunities; mentioned the AVID Science Summer Bridge Program, Star Talk, and summer performing Arts Camps; shared a video of summer learning camps; and noted more than 7,000 students participated in summer learning opportunities.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding ESSER funds for programs; number of launches this year compared to last year; ESY students; early graduation, first-time course takers; Virginia Beach Digital Campus, list of courses offered; IEP considerations for ESY; and learning boost sites.

- C. ParentSquare Expansion Plan: Nicole Livas, Chief Communications and Community Engagement Officer, and David Schleck, Public Relations Coordinator provided the School Board information regarding the expanded use of the ParentSquare/AlertNow platform at six pilot schools for the 2024-25 school year in Virginia Beach City Public Schools; key topics: VBCPS messaging platforms, advantage of ParentSquare, details about pilot program rollout; Ms. Livas started the presentation and reviewed the agenda topics; expanding ParentSquare will: improve communications, provide a centralized platform, easier to communication up-to-date information; provided a brief background of messaging platforms; shared advantages of ParentSquare: allows two-way messaging, automatically translates messages into families' preferred language.

Mr. Schleck continued the presentation and mentioned the pilot program schools (New Castle ES, North Landing ES, Landstown MS, Princess Anne MS, Landstown HS, and Kellam HS); expanded features at pilot schools: teachers post messages which generates an email to parents, calendar for class and school events, classroom event sign-ups/RSVPs, and direct messaging; overview of training at the pilot schools, noted it takes about 10 minutes for teachers to log into account and learn how to send messages to parents; reviewed the three steps for parents to get started with ParentSquare; expectations of pilot schools: increase in messaging sent through ParentSquare, implement fillable form feature at least twice during school year, participate in mid-year and end-of year meetings/surveys; next steps with pilot program: regular communication between pilot schools, Department of Communications and Community Engagement and Department of School Leadership, mid-year and end-of-year assessment, decision on whether to expand further for 2025-26 at no additional cost.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding training teachers; notifications and alerts; streamline places to get information; multiple places parents are receiving information; cost savings; and translation capability of ParentSquare.

2. **Closed Session:** At 4:54 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 3, 7, 8, and 19, as amended, to deliberate on the following matters:
3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
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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19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

Namely to discuss:

- A. Status of LRA sale and request for ROE.
- B. Updates on security protocols with VBPD.
- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases and discussion of settlement proposal from probable claimant.
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters: settlement request for student liability claim, status of opioid related settlement, and status of other 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. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 4:57 p.m.

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

B. Updates on security protocols with VBPD: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., Superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, Chief of Staff; Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer; Melisa A. Ingram, Executive Director, Office of Facilities Services; Thomas A. DeMartini, Director, Office of Security and Emergency Management; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

Mr. Thomas A. DeMartini left the Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

A. Status of LRA sale and request for ROE: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., Superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, Chief of Staff; Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer; Melisa A. Ingram, Executive Director, Office of Facilities Services; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

Ms. Melisa A. Ingram left the Closed Session at 5:14 p.m. Mr. Jack Freeman left the Closed Session at 5:15 p.m.

- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases and discussion of settlement proposal from probable claimant; and
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters: settlement request for student liability claim, status of opioid related settlement, and status of other litigation matters: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, School Board Attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., Superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, Chief of Staff; and Regina M. Toneatto, School Board Clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Ms. Kendrick 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 for Certification of Closed Session: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

Chair Melnyk called for a motion for the Right of Entry Agreement. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kendrick. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion for the Right of Entry Agreement: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

3. **School Board Recess:** Chair Melnyk adjourned the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 5:32 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 27th day of August 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. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.
The following School Board Member was not in attendance at the formal meeting: Ms. Manning.
6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition:** There were no awards presented at the meeting.
8. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chair Melnyk called for any modification to the agenda as presented. There was a brief question regarding a resolution and if it would be on the agenda; Chair Melnyk mentioned it was for informational purposes for the School Board Members and would be voted on in the future. Without further discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kendrick. 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. Kendrick, 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):**
Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Robertson shared the following information: 1) the Department of Teaching and Learning held the second annual summer conference August 6 at Kellam High School, the goal of the conference was to empower educators to use innovative and aligned learning experiences in their teaching practices, with a focus on future-ready learners; 2) August 7 was the first-ever Assistant Principals Conference, the theme was “CoacheLLLa: Leading, Learning, and Living Our Best Lives”, more than 250 assistant principals, administrative assistants, academic coordinators, and deans attended the event; 3) the Office of Student Support Services worked with AIDNOW and other community partners to help families at the Jump Start event August 8 at

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Larkspur Middle School; 4) New Teacher Orientation - August 12, the Superintendent and School Board Chair welcomed our first-year teachers and educators who are new to VBCPS, the three-day event was organized by the school division's Office of Professional Growth and Innovation; and 5) the Back-to-School Care Fair was held on August 17, more than 7,000 people attended, the community came together to distribute and administer: 3,500 backpacks, 128 haircuts, 116 physicals, 261 vaccines, and 315 vision screenings, a heartfelt thank you to all our partners and VBCPS Departments.

Administrative Recognitions – Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments which were approved at the August 13, 2024 School Board meeting: Curstin A. Williams, Administrative Assistant, Woodstock Elementary School, as Assistant Principal for Pembroke Elementary School; Maureen N. Allison, Administrative Assistant, Landstown Middle School, as Assistant Principal for Princess Anne Middle School; Joi N. Boone, Assistant Principal, Lynnhaven Middle School, as Coordinator for An Achievable Dream Academy, Lynnhaven Middle School; and Meghan R. Siemieniak, Administrative Assistant, Virginia Beach Middle School, as Assistant Principal for Great Neck Middle School. He also introduced Kelly A. Swanner, Math Coach, Kempsville High School, as Coordinator, Student Leadership for Office of Student Leadership, who was approved at the July 23, 2024 School Board meeting.

10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. August 13, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting: Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the August 13, 2024 regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the August 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Kendrick 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 the August 13, 2024 meeting minutes as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Weems. There was one (1) abstention: Ms. Riggs, was not present for the entire meeting. The motion passed, 9-0-1.

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

There were five (5) in person speakers; topics discussed were ODS and budget; ODS selection process; 5-year plan for gifted; public education for everyone; SMART Week and gun storage; shared letter to City Council from Human Rights Commission, racist comments on social media; TIDE Coalition; qualities of an excellent teacher; book materials; graphic books; and process to challenge books.

The Public Comments concluded at 6:27 p.m.

12. **Information**

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

1. Policy 2-42/School Support Process: The PRC recommends changing the time period for the Office of Planning, Innovation and Accountability from an annual survey to a biennial survey based on the recommendation of Senior Staff.
2. Policy 3-5/Budget/Generally: The PRC recommends a scrivener's change in the title.
3. Policy 3-6/Budget: Preparation and Approval: The PRC recommends changing the number of days' notice given for a public hearing from ten (10) to seven (7) days to align with Virginia Code § 22.1-92 and adding Section E to align with Virginia Code § 22.1-93. There was a brief discussion for clarification on the change of the number of days and state law.
4. Policy 3-8/Small, Woman-Owned, Service Disabled Veterans and Minority-Owned Business Participation in School Division Procurements: The PRC recommends updating the title to the Department of Procurement.
5. Policy 3-90/Contract Execution Policy for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects: The PRC recommends minor scrivener's and formatting changes, removing the Editor's Notes and updating language to match current practices.
6. Policy 4-10/Conditions of Employment: The PRC recommends adding language to clarify the probationary period for instructional staff.

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7. Regulation 6-72.1/Student Evaluation and Grading/Class Rank: During the July 2024 PRC meeting, members of the committee asked staff to bring a draft policy surrounding the weighted grading changes. The School Board has the ability to formulate policy to direct regulations. Rather than changing the policy on this topic, the PRC agreed to bring the regulation forward for the board for review and approval. There was a discussion regarding the Governor's School for the Arts (GSA); half bonus credit; when to implement, need guidance from the School Board; weighted grades; rigor of GSA; Dual Enrollment; grade point average (GPA) and competing with other districts; student course selection; to implement immediately; communications/messaging out to families and students; and where to find information on website.
- B. Program Evaluation Schedule for 2024-2025: Heidi Janicki, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evaluation, Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability presented the School Board the schedule of program evaluations that will be completed by the Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability (PIA) during the 2024-2025 school year; reviewed evaluations conducted in 2023-2024; mentioned Policy 6-26; 2024-2025 Program Evaluation Schedule: *Renaissance Academy Alternative Education Program* – Year 3 outcome evaluation, *Behavioral and Mental Health Supports for Students* – Year 2 outcome evaluation, *An Achievable Dream Academy* – comprehensive evaluation, *Scratch Cooking Initiative* – evaluation readiness report, and *Pre-Kindergarten Program* – evaluation readiness report.
- C. Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted Update: Crystal Lewis-Wilkerson, Ed.D., Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs presented the School Board information regarding the Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted; Danielle Colucci, Chief Academic Officer provided a brief introduction and overview; Dr. Lewis-Wilkerson continued the presentation; purpose of presentation – provide the School Board the proposed draft plan and review the most significant differences with the proposed plan; reviewed actions steps taken for draft plan development; mentioned the School Board retreat, July 9 – reviewed data, reviewed costs, and received input on options in critical areas of the draft plan; shared components of plan and highlighted significant changes; Part III: Screening, Referral, Identification, and Placement Procedures, overview of administrative recommendations and rationale; Part VI: Evidence of Appropriate Service Options, overview of administrative recommendations and rationale; reviewed 2024-25 ODS total seats and proposed 2025-26 ODS total seats; administration recommendation for implementation 24/25 SY: Grade 2 students may be referred for testing for gifted identification and may apply for ODS; Identification process changes: shift identification process from grade 1 to grade 2 (this year will be the only year we would not screen all students in grade 2, as their screening took place last year), interview for grades 6-12, CoGAT used when an application is submitted for identification or ODS for students; use new selection process for ODS enrollment for the 25/26 school year; administration recommendation for implementation 25/26 SY: ODS will serve grades 3-8, screening will shift to grade 2 students; next steps: continue to gather community input, return to the School Board for action on September 10.
- The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding satellite facility; expanded seats, converted science lab for classroom; field trips and clusters; sharing resources and developing lessons; citizen emails about plan; GCAC recommendations; testing students; highest rated applicants, how to decide; and number of students with highest ratings.
- D. New Construction Guidance and Direction: Jack Freeman, Chief Operations Officer provided the School Board information on the two schools listed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for new construction: CIP 1-015 Princess Anne HS Replacement Project and CIP 1-028 Williams ES/ Bayside 6th Grade Replacement Project; presentation was follow up to the *New Construction Guidance and Direction* on August 13, 2024 School Board Workshop, as well as various other workshops related to the CIP and the new construction projects; reviewed next steps, topic for action (September 10); reviewed history of projects; mentioned steps regarding new construction priority school (Williams ES/Bayside 6th replacement project or Princess Anne HS replacement project); need for direction from the School Board; reviewed long-range facilities master plan (07/08 priority schools recommendation, 17/18 facility condition); overview of deferred maintenance: Princess Anne HS: 14 building systems being monitored to prevent failure, including roofs, HVAC (32 units), fire systems, and pump station components, estimated cost is twice as much as Williams ES over next 14 years; Williams ES: 12 building systems being monitored to prevent failure, including roofs, plumbing, sewer, HVAC systems (8 units), and exterior brick, estimated cost is half as much as Princess Anne HS over next 16 years;

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reviewed debt service analysis; Williams ES/Bayside 6th replacement: \$105.5 million, requires an average annual incremental increase in the debt service budget for five consecutive years beginning in FY2030 of approximately \$2.0 million; Princess Anne HS replacement: \$288 million, requires an average annual incremental increase in the debt service budget for seven consecutive years beginning in FY2028 of approximately \$3.8 million; shared long-term cost comparison debt affordability of both schools; mentioned inflation – consumer price index and producer price index for new school construction sector; shared data on historic and projected inflation rates; student years impact: Williams ES – 2 grade levels and 400 +/- students, 15% of student's 13-year career as a VBCPS student; Princess Anne HS – 4 grade levels and 1,700 +/- students, 31% of student's 13-year career as a VBCPS student; Bayside 6th Grade Campus – 1 grade level and 450 +/- students, 8% of student's 13-year career as a VBCPS student; deferred maintenance: Bayside 6th Grade Campus: 10 building systems being monitored to prevent failure including electrical, doors, roof, HVAC (3 units) and windows, history of tri-campus model; student transitions every two years; and reviewed next steps.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding replacement project scenarios; fiscally responsible; debt affordability of both schools; educational factors; zoning of students; other options; cost savings; funding debt services; monitoring of building systems; school facility condition index; need another option; Tri-Campus model; PPEA; transitions of elementary school students; calculating facility conditions; bringing another option to the School Board; and not voting on a project at the September 10 School Board meeting.

13. Return to public comments if needed: As noted under Agenda item #11, Public Comments concluded at 6:27 p.m.

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

A. Resolutions:

1. National Hispanic Heritage Month: Recommended that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month.
2. Suicide Prevention Week: Recommended that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing September 9-13, 2024 as Suicide Prevention Week.

B. Religious Exemption(s): Recommended that the School Board approve Religious Exemption Case No. RE-24-01, RE-24-02, RE-24-03, RE-24-04 and RE-24-05.

C. Annual Service Contract:

1. Geotechnical Engineering/Materials Testing Services: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with the following Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing firms:
 - GeoEnvironmental Resources, Inc. (GER)
 - Geotechnical Environmental Testing Solutions, Inc. (GET)
2. Architectural/Engineering Services: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with the following A/E firms:
 - HBA Architecture & Interior Design
 - Woolpert Inc.
 - Dills Architects
 - RRMM Architects

Chair Melnyk called for any objections from the School Board voting on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk asked for the resolutions to be read. Ms. Anderson read the following resolution:

**National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15 - October 15, 2024**

WHEREAS, one of our nation's greatest strengths is its vast diversity, which enables Americans to see the world from many viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the cultures and contributions of both Latino and Hispanic Americans; and

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WHEREAS, Latino and Hispanic Americans embrace a deep commitment to family, community and education, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to the shaping of the country and our City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month observance theme, "[Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together](#)," invites us to reflect on the contributions Latino and Hispanic Americans have made in the past, and will continue to make in the future; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach recognizes the importance of culturally responsive education that embraces multicultural diversity within our school division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all citizens to support and participate in the various school activities available during National Hispanic Heritage Month; and be it

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

Ms. Brown read the following resolution:

**Resolution
Suicide Prevention Week
September 9-13, 2024**

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of deaths in the United States and the third leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 and 19; and

WHEREAS, suicide is now the 10th leading cause of death in the state of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, suicide strikes without regard to locality, socio-economic status, ethnicity, religious preference, or age; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, education, and community involvement are known to be the most crucial factors in preventing suicide; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach is focused on ways to educate students, families, and school staff about suicide and prevention of suicide; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, through sustained and dedicated efforts, has implemented programs for all employees and students that recognize a deep commitment at all levels to raise awareness of suicide and its prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach designates the week of September 9-13, 2024, as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That strategies and activities to address suicide prevention and suicidal behaviors be ongoing in Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and be it

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

After the resolutions were read, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Owens made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kendrick. Chair Melnyk called for a vote. 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. Kendrick, 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 August 27, 2024 personnel report. Ms. Owens made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brown that the School Board approve the appointments and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions as listed on the August 27, 2024 personnel report. 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 August 27, 2024 personnel report: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0. There were no administrative appointments.

16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports: There were no committee, organization, or board reports.

17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters: None.

18. Adjournment: Chair Melnyk adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kimberly A. Melnyk, School Board Chair