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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center

2512 George Mason Drive
P.O. Box 6038
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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 22nd day of October 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, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.

The following School Board Member attended via Zoom: Ms. Brown (personal reasons/Virginia Beach) joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m. School Board Member, Ms. Manning was not present during the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session.

- A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports: Ms. Riggs mentioned the Legislative Committee and indicated if a School Board Member is on a committee, they need to attend the meeting(s) of the committee. Ms. Anderson mentioned the Sister Cities fundraiser event to raise money for the scholarship fund. Chair Melnyk distributed two sign-up sheets: November one-to-one meetings with Superintendent Robertson and November school visits with Superintendent Robertson.

Chair Melnyk mentioned the upcoming November 6 public hearing and opened the floor for discussion regarding the streaming of the meeting. Ms. Woodhouse, chief of staff, shared the logistical aspects and potential costs for the meeting. A brief discussion followed regarding broadcasting/streaming the meeting and logistics; public attending the meeting; other methods for public to share comments; administration's recommendation was not to live stream the meeting on November 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; support administration recommendation regarding the meeting.

Ms. Weems made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ms. Woodhouse and Dr. Robertson to move on with that meeting November 6. Ms. Kendrick seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the meeting being held at Bayside Middle School and the need for a quorum at the meeting. Without further discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. Ms. Weems restated the motion – to accept the administration's recommendation to meet at Bayside Middle on November 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion by Ms. Weems: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms., Weems. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

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- B. Department of Teaching and Learning Update: Danielle Colucci, chief academic officer, provided the School Board an update on the work of the Department of Teaching and Learning and summarized the support, services, and resources each office in the Department of Teaching and Learning provides to students, staff, teachers, administrators, and families. Ms. Colucci shared an overview including who we are, behind the scenes, in our schools and celebrations, of the following offices: elementary & secondary teaching & learning, career and technical education, programs for exceptional children, student support services, K-12 and gifted education, and instructional technology. Some upcoming community engagement events were mentioned: October 24 – Deaf Night at School, Corporate Landing Middle School; October 29 – College Night, Virginia Beach Convention Center; November 14 – Pre-K Family Discovery Night, virtual; November 20 – Title I Division Family Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting, Brock Environmental Center; February 20 – Onsite college admissions, location TBD; and May 28 – Military Signing Day – location TBD.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding the work done by the department; OPEC updates; cyclical review; and work done by student support services.

- C. Recovery School Update: Robert Jamison, executive director of Student Support Services, provided the School Board an update on the progress of the Region II Recovery School Steering Committee's work. The presentation outlined support from the General Assembly, a timeline of the completed tasks and next steps, and preliminary details for the proposed regional recovery school. The General Assembly appropriated \$1.5 million to be shared equally between Loudoun County and Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Of this amount, \$500,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year is provided to Virginia Beach City Public Schools to support the establishment of a school for students residing in Superintendent's Region II. The Regional Steering Committee progress was highlighted. The committee visited the Region I Recovery School, collaborated on aligning programs, and formed a partnership; developed a rationale and compiled regional statistics; agreed on a name for the recovery school – Harbor Hope Center – and secured a location. The committee defined the program's purpose, created a mission, developed a program description, and developed goals and objectives. Other progress included determining staff, an academic model, a clinical approach, operational hours, and a transportation plan.

The committee is in the process of developing an enrollment and application process, a recruitment and marketing plan framework, a program budget, and a tentative daily schedule. The next steps included December – present Steering Committee update Part II workshop to respective board; January-present comprehensive regional recovery school plan through information and action agenda; January/February – assess regional approval and adjust regional plan accordingly; and February-July – staff and prepare for 2025-2026 opening.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding budget impacts; application process; satellite opportunities; name of recovery school; staff for school; number of students; the school building site; recovery specialist; work being done by committee; discipline referrals by school divisions; academics and courses; timeline; access to supports; recovery and education – don't need to choose over another; Harbor Hope Center goals; new School Board Members, and updates to the School Board.

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 5:24 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 22nd day of October 2024 and thanked the members of the public for joining the meeting in person and online.

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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, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems.

The following School Board Member attended the meeting via Zoom: Ms. Brown (personal reasons/Virginia Beach).

6. ***Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance:*** After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Salem Elementary School 5th Grade Chorus sang the National Anthem.
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 modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the agenda 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 ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the agenda as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0. Note: Ms. Brown was not present via Zoom at the time of the vote.
9. ***Superintendent's Report (second monthly meeting) and recognitions (first and second monthly meetings):***
Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Robertson shared the following information: 1) Princess Anne High School's Fabulous Marching Cavaliers appeared on the "Today" show earlier this month. The students performed on national television and at Pharrell Williams' "Piece By Piece" movie premiere in New York City; 2) Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) was ranked the No. 5 school division in Virginia by Niche, a national school ranking service; 3) GEICO recently awarded \$15,000 to the Virginia Beach Education Foundation for the Beach Bags program, which helps families who are struggling with putting food on the table. The donation will provide at least 3,000 Beach Bags for Virginia Beach City Public Schools students over weekends and holiday breaks.; 4) upcoming reminders: October 23 – Cell Phone Family Connection from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Princess Anne High School, October 29 – College Information Night from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, October 30 – Cell Phone Family Connection from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kellam High School, and November 6 – Public Hearing regarding consolidating Bayside 6th Grade Campus and Bayside Middle School at 6:00 p.m. at Bayside Middle School; and 5) shared a video on how work-based and service learning helps our students be future-ready.
Administrative Recognition: Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointment, which was approved at the October 8, 2024, School Board meeting: Samantha R. Phillips, administrative assistant at Newtown Elementary School, as assistant principal for Lynnhaven Middle School.
10. ***Approval of Meeting Minutes***
October 8, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting: Chair Melnyk called for any modifications to the October 8, 2024, regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the October 8, 2024, minutes as presented. Ms. Riggs made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Franklin. Without discussion, Chair Melnyk called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the October 8, 2024, meeting minutes as presented: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0. Note: Ms. Brown was not present via Zoom at the time of the vote.
11. ***Public Comments (until 8:00 p.m.)***
There were seven (7) in-person speakers. The topics included school choice; school zones; family choice; vouchers; school calendar; pre-Labor Day option; adjusted dismissal days; early release days for elementary and middle schools; closing out school year and tasks to complete; library materials; inappropriate materials; policy to challenge books/materials; instructional days versus hours; Election Day; recovery school; and budget.

The Public Comments concluded at 6:37 p.m.

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12. Information

- A. Interim Financial Statements – September 2024: Daniel Hopkins, director of Business Services, presented financial information to the School Board for the period ending September 30, 2024. The overall revenue trend remained acceptable at this point in the fiscal year. Federal revenue showed an acceptable trend at the end of September and Impact Aid received payments of approximately \$4.7 million. Other sources of revenue are acceptable at this point in the fiscal year. Sales tax receipts are at an acceptable level and are approximately \$640,000 higher than the same time last year. The expenditures and encumbrances trend continues to remain acceptable. There was one question regarding clarification on enrollment numbers.
- B. Division Literacy Plan: Lorena Kelly, Ph.D., executive director of elementary teaching and learning, provided the School Board information regarding Division Literacy Plan as mandated by the Virginia Literacy Act (VLA). The various sections of the Division Literacy plan were reviewed. The sections reviewed were Section One – planning for comprehensive communication, Section Two – selecting high-quality instructional materials, Section Three – ensuring Virginia Literacy Act evidence-based reading research training, Section Four – monitoring student assessment and progress, Section Five – assessing division level progress, and Section Six – engaging parents, caregivers, and community. The next steps were reviewed, which included Biennial K-8 Division Literacy Plan, professional learning requirements, and sharing updates as provided by Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding tutors and filling those positions; student assessments; and retirees coming back as tutors.

- C. 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendar: Matthew Delaney, chief schools officer, provided the School Board information on the calendar development process, including a summary of survey data and the calendar process parameters. Staff reviewed the 2025-26 and 2026-27 calendar recommendation and shared the rationale for a pre-Labor Day calendar for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. School Board Policy 6-12, School Board Policy 6-13, and Code of Virginia 22.1-302 guide the school calendar development process. The calendar recommendation is that the School Board approve the pre-Labor Day calendars for 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. A monthly comparison of the pre-Labor Day start calendar was provided for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding the pre-Labor Day start; adjusted dismissal days; teacher workload, mandatory training; half-days for high school students during the last week of school; time teachers need at the end of the school year; Election Day as a flex day; number of school days; calendar parameters; final exams and retaking SOLs; other school division doing instructional hours instead of days; early release for high school students; graduation; suggestion of early dismissal for elementary and middle schools the last two days of school (Thursday and Friday); testing window; and the calendars to the School Board for Action on November 12.

- 13. Return to public comments if needed:** As noted under Agenda Item #11, the Public Comments concluded at 6:37 p.m.

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

- A. Resolutions:
 - 1. National Military Family Appreciation Month: Recommended that the School Board approve a resolution in observance of November as National Military Family Month.
 - 2. National Native American Heritage Month: Recommended that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing November as National Native American Heritage Month.
 - 3. National School Psychology Week: Recommended that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing November 11-15, 2024, as National School Psychology Week.

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4. American Education Week: Recommended that Virginia Beach City Public Schools recognizes the contributions of substitute teachers and education support professionals during the week of November 18-22, 2024, through the adoption of the American Education Week Resolution.
- B. Annual Field Trip Report SY 2023-24: Recommended that the School Board accept the 2023-2024 Field Trip Report.

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 Military Family Appreciation Month
November 2024**

WHEREAS, our country owes the daily freedoms to the members of the Armed Forces, their family members and loved ones who share in their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the exceptional service, strength and character of the approximately-20% military-connected youth and families of Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that military families face unique challenges due to deployment, reintegration, service in combat zones and frequent relocations based on duty assignments; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach reaffirms its commitment to providing the resources and programs to support military-connected youth academically, socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach City Public School Board's *Compass to 2025* strategic plan calls for the continued creation of opportunities for military families and community members to purposely partner with schools in supporting student achievement, aspirations and social-emotional development; and

WHEREAS, November is recognized as Military Family Month

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

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

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

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Ms. Weems read the following resolution:

**National Native American Heritage Month
November 2024**

WHEREAS, as the first people to inhabit North America, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and cultural heritage; and

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WHEREAS, Virginia began celebrating “American Indian Day” in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to seven federally recognized tribal nations, including the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe, and Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, as well as four additional state-recognized tribes, including the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, and Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Native American men and women contribute to all areas of life in Virginia and the City of Virginia Beach, including, but not limited to, government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and

WHEREAS, through the study of Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired — and continue to inspire — the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, through its core values and educational equity policy are committed to the cross-cultural competence within our school division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach officially recognizes the month of November 2024 as National Native American Heritage Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach encourages all citizens to support and celebrate American Indians in Virginia, whose abilities and contributions strengthen our city and schools’ diverse culture; 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. Owens read the following resolution:

National School Psychology Week
Nov. 11-15, 2024

WHEREAS, Virginia Beach City Public Schools psychologists support the development of academic and social-emotional skills for all students, thus allowing each student to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are valuable members of the multidisciplinary team serving schools, providing a wide range of services to students, parents and staff; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are actively committed to helping students recognize their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to their development and mental wellness; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social-emotional growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists work with teachers and other educators to help in meeting the individual needs of students; and

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WHEREAS, school psychologists use their expertise in child development, mental health, community resources, and crisis intervention to develop and implement interventions to support educational success.

WHEREAS, with this shared approach to supporting student learning and social-emotional growth, psychologists are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success and wellness in school and life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach recognize the second full week of November 2024 as National School Psychology Week 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.

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Ms. Riggs read the following resolution:

**American Education Week Resolution
Nov. 18-22, 2024**

WHEREAS, American Education Week is a time to honor and celebrate the dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment of all individuals who contribute to the success of our educational system, including substitute teachers, and education support professionals; and

WHEREAS, substitute teachers and education support professionals play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of schools, providing essential services, and supporting the overall educational experience of students; and

WHEREAS, substitute teachers often step in at a moment's notice to ensure that the continuity of education is maintained when the classroom teachers are absent, fostering a stable and productive learning environment; and

WHEREAS, education support professionals, including paraprofessionals, food services, custodial and maintenance services, security services, transportation services, and various other roles, are instrumental in providing invaluable assistance to educators and contributing to the development and well-being of students; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment of substitute teachers and education support professionals extend far beyond their job descriptions, as they often serve as mentors, role models, and advocates for the students they interact with; and

WHEREAS, during American Education Week, November 18-22, 2024, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach recognizes the contributions of substitute teachers and education support professionals to our education system and the future of our nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach recognizes the week of November 18-22, 2024, as American Education Week in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contributions of substitute teachers and education support professionals in Virginia Beach City Public Schools be recognized during instructional time in the presence of students on Education Support Professionals Day, November 20, 2024, and Substitute Educators Day on November 22, 2024, and be it

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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 motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Anderson made the motion, 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. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

15. Action

- A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the October 22, 2024, personnel report and administrative assignments. 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 October 22, 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 October 2, 2024, personnel report and administrative appointments. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Superintendent Robertson mentioned the following appointments: Aaron R. Popp, administrative assistant, Princess Anne and Three Oaks elementary schools, as assistant principal of W.T. Cooke Elementary School; Meghan M. Scott, instructional specialist, as coordinator of gifted education for the Office of K-12 and Gifted Programs; and Alicia D. Smith, coordinator of procurement services, as director of procurement services for the Office of Procurement Services.

- B. Budget Resolution Regarding FY 2023-24 Reversion and Revenue Sharing Formula Reconciliation: Chair Melnyk called for a motion to approve the budget resolution regarding FY 2023-24 reversion and revenue sharing formula reconciliation. Ms. Owens made the motion, seconded by Ms. Riggs. Chair Melnyk asked Ms. Anderson to read the resolution.

Ms. Anderson read the following resolution:

Budget Resolution Regarding FY 2023/24 Reversion and Revenue Sharing Formula Reconciliation

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2024, the School Board was presented with a summary of the unaudited financial statements for FY 2023/24 (year-ending June 30, 2024), showing the reversion amount to the city's General fund; and

WHEREAS, \$16,423,540 is the amount of School Operating reversion funds available (excluding debt service and revenues over/under budget); and

WHEREAS, \$5,327,022 is the amount remaining in debt service due to the timing of bond sales, increasing the School Operating reversion amount to \$21,750,562; and

WHEREAS, \$9,720,758 came in as additional revenue over the appropriated budget, increasing the School Operating reversion amount to \$31,471,320; and

WHEREAS, \$176,939 reverted from the Athletics fund and \$45,364 reverted from the Green Run Collegiate Charter School fund; and

WHEREAS, the total amount available for re-appropriation is \$31,693,623; and

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WHEREAS, the city is currently indicating FY 2023/24 revenue under budget of \$1,162,099 based on the Revenue Sharing Formula; and

WHEREAS, the net funding available for re-appropriation is \$30,531,524; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends the following for the available funds in the amount of \$30,531,524:

- \$10,031,524 to be re-appropriated to the FY 2024/25 Capital Improvement Program
 - \$5,327,022 to be transferred in the form of pay-as-you-go funding with a corresponding reduction in authorized but unissued Public Facility Revenue Bonds
 - \$1,500,000 to be transferred in the form of pay-as-you-go funding for project 1-020 Renovations and Replacements – Various Phase III
 - \$3,204,502 to be to be transferred in the form of pay-as-you-go funding for project 1-030 Payroll System Replacement
- \$10,500,000 to be re-appropriated to the School Reserve Special Revenue fund to be set aside for FY 2025/26 Capital Improvement Program projects
- \$10,000,000 to be re-appropriated to the Health Insurance fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach approves the recommended uses of reversion funds as presented by the Administration; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board requests that the City Council approve the re-appropriation of reversion funds shown above; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes of this Board, and the Clerk of the Board is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, each member of the City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

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After the resolution was read, there was a brief discussion regarding the insurance fund; increase in number of claims; and potential increase to premiums. Without further 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 budget resolution regarding FY 2023-24 reversion and revenue sharing formula reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

- 16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports:** Vice Chair Franklin mentioned the GRC Governing Board meeting and shared information about GRC. Ms. Weems mentioned the Technical and Career Education Advisor Council meeting, workforce development, and upcoming presentation to the School Board on November 12 regarding dual enrollment courses. Ms. Anderson shared information about the Sister Cities Student Ambassador, applications are available in the schools, opportunity for scholarship money, and due date for applications is January 31. Chair Melnyk mentioned two upcoming meetings: October 23, Legislative Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. and Building Utilization Committee Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters

At 8:03 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, 1, 2, 7, and 8 as amended, to deliberate on the following matters:

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1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.
2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any such student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student, parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.
7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.
8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

Namely to discuss:

- A. School Board Attorney evaluation.
- B. Updates on recent student matters.
- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases, if needed.
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.

Chair Melnyk called for a vote. He School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Note: School Board Member, Ms. Brown did not attend the Closed Session since she participated via Zoom.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 8:07 p.m.

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

- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases, if needed; and
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, 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; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

Note: Vice Chair Franklin left the Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. and returned at 8:24 p.m. School Board Member, Ms. Kendrick left the Closed Session at 8:42 p.m. and returned at 8:43 p.m.

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- B. Updates on recent student matters: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, 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; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

At 8:44 p.m., the following staff left the Closed Session: Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff.

- A. School Board Attorney evaluation: School Board Members: Chair Melnyk, Vice Chair Franklin, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney, returned to the meeting.

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.

Mr. Callan made the motion, seconded by Ms. Owens. 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, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Kendrick, Ms. Manning, Ms. Owens, Ms. Riggs, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

18. Adjournment: Chair Melnyk adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kimberly A. Melnyk, School Board Chair