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School Board Special Meeting MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2025

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center
2512 George Mason Drive
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** School Board Member, Ms. Weems convened the special meeting of the School Board at the School Administration Building, School Board Chamber at 10:38 a.m. on the 6th day of January 2025 and announced in accordance with Bylaw 1-46 and Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711 (1) & (4), the School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the School Administration Building #6, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

The purpose of this special meeting will be to convene in closed session pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for:

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. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some students, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided that the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.
4. The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

Namely to:

- A. Train the newly elected School Board Members on matters involving accessing computer systems and other confidential materials necessary for them to perform their duties as School Board Members.

The School Board will not be taking action at this special meeting and there will be no opportunity for public comment. The following School Board Members were present in the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber: Mr. Bohensiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Weems.



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2. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Ms. Weems called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Brown made the motion, seconded by Ms. Felton. Without discussion, Ms. Weems called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were seven (7) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the agenda as presented: Mr. Bohlenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 7-0-0.
3. **Closed Session:** At 10:40 a.m., Ms. Brown made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer, 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, Paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for:
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Namely to:
 - A. Train the newly elected School Board Members on matters involving accessing computer systems and other confidential materials necessary for them to perform their duties as School Board Members.
- Ms. Weems called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were seven (7) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session: Mr. Bohlenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:42 a.m.

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

- A. Train the newly elected School Board Members on matters involving accessing computer systems and other confidential materials necessary for them to perform their duties as School Board Members: School Board Members: Mr. Bohlenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Weems; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; David Din, chief information officer; Laura Daigle, coordinator, technical applications; Brayden Osborn, technology support technician; Ryan Bennis, technical services support supervisor; Kim Viado, technical services support supervisor; Matthew Circelli, network technician II; David Darrow, network technician II; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

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Kamala H. Lannetti left the Closed Session at 10:54 a.m. Brayden Osborn left the Closed Session at 11:28 a.m. and returned at 11:30 a.m. School Board Member, Mr. Cummings left the Closed Session at 11:35 a.m. and returned at 11:37 a.m. Ryan Bennis and Kim Viado left the Closed Session at 11:36 a.m. School Board Member, Ms. Weems left the Closed Session at 11:46 a.m. and returned at 11:48 a.m. Laura Daigle, Matthew Circelli, and David Darrow left the Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.

The School Board reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session: Mr. Cummings 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. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel. Ms. Weems called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were seven (7) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session: Mr. Bohenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Weems. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

4. Adjournment: Ms. Weems adjourned the special meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair