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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center

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- 1. *Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:*** Chair Brown convened the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 4:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2025.

In addition to Superintendent Robertson, the following School Board Members were present in the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The following School Board Member was not in attendance: Ms. Felton (death in family).

School Board Administrative Matters and Reports: Chair Brown mentioned the April sign-up sheets for one-to-one meetings with Superintendent Robertson and school visits with Superintendent Robertson.

- A. Budget Update:** Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, provided the School Board information regarding the FY 2025-26 School Operating Budget and FY 2025-26 – 2030-31 Capital Improvement Plan. The topics covered in the presentation were State budget update, Part I and Part II of cost reductions, allocation of new State revenues, bonus options, and next steps. Governor Youngkin responded to General Assembly amendments March 24, 2025; Governor Youngkin's amendments provide \$166 million more than introduced in December. The cost reductions were reviewed and included the following: Part I cost reductions equal \$6 million and Part II cost reductions equal \$4.8 million.

The options were reviewed for any additional new State revenue that may be received. Option 1 includes increase instructional pay scale entry-level from 2% to 3% plus 1.5% step (4.5% total), remaining funding to reduce the vacancy allocation, one Wellness Day, and increase PAYGO. Option 2 includes increase instructional pay scale entry-level from 2% to 3.5% plus 1.5% step (5% total) and all other considerations remain the same. Option 3 includes the School Board making recommendations to administration based on available new revenue.

The two bonus options are: \$1,000 for all Standards of Quality (SOQ) funded positions or divide the state funding for a bonus among all eligible FTE (bonus approximately \$650.00). The next steps included submitting questions by Monday, March 31, 2025, General Assembly reconvened session is April 2, 2025, possible budget update for School Board on April 8, 2025, and April 22, 2025.

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The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding number of SOQ positions; TEA positions; amount of funds in PAYGO; challenges with CIP and Debt Services; feedback to the superintendent; Option 1 and 2 regarding pay raises; and support cap.

- B. Forecast of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda Topics FY25 Fourth Quarter – April, May, June 2025: Superintendent Robertson provided the School Board the administration's forecast of agenda topics during the fourth quarter (April, May, and June) of the 2024-2025 school year. The School Board Members reviewed the list. There was a brief question about retreat topics.

2. **Closed Session:** At 4:20 p.m., Vice Chair Weems made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Rogers 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, 2, 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. 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 student 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.
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:

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- A. Pending student investigations and complaints, including discrimination complaints at specific schools.
- B. Pending employee investigations, grievance hearings, and complaints.
- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases.
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.

Chair Brown 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 Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 4:25 p.m.

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

- A. Pending student investigations and complaints, including discrimination complaints at specific schools: School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff; Matthew D. Delaney, chief schools officer; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.
- B. Pending employee investigations, grievance hearings, and complaints: School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff; Matthew D. Delaney, chief schools officer; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.
- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases; and
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters: School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff; Matthew D. Delaney, chief schools officer; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

School Board Member, Dr. Alveta Green left the Closed Session at 4:52 p.m. Mr. Delaney, chief schools officer, left the Closed Session at 4:53 p.m.

- B. Pending employee investigations, grievance hearings, and complaints: School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; 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.

School Board Member, Dr. Alveta Green returned to the Closed Session at 4:55 p.m.

The School Board reconvened at 4:56 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session: Vice Chair Weems 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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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 Mr. Cummings. Without discussion, Chair Brown 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 Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

3. School Board Recess:

Chair Brown adjourned the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 4:58 p.m.

4. Formal Meeting (School Administration Building #6 – School Board Room) 6:00 p.m.

5. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Brown convened the meeting of the School Board at the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024.

In addition to Superintendent Robertson, the following School Board Members were present in the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The following School Board Member was not in attendance: Ms. Felton (death in family).

6. Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance: After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Great Neck Middle School Chorus sang the National Anthem.

7. Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition

- A. VHSL Class 5 State Champion Gymnastics Team – Kellam High School: The School Board recognized the Kellam High School gymnastics team as the VHSL Class 5 State Champion Gymnastics Team. They won the state championship with a team high score of 147.575, which was 1.45 higher than the second-place team.
- B. VHSL Class 5 Individual Gymnastics State Champion: Vault – Kempsville High School: The School Board recognized Violet Clonch, a freshman at Kempsville High School, as the VHSL Class 5 Individual Gymnastics State Champion – Vault. She became the first Kempsville gymnast to win a state championship since 2000.
- C. VHSL Class 5 Boys Indoor Track: 300 Meter Dash, 500 Meter Dash, 4 by 200 Meter Relay – Bayside High School: The School Board recognized the following athletes from Bayside High School as the VHSL Class 5 Boys Indoor Track State Champions, 4 by 200 Meter Relay: senior, Halim Hardnett; junior, Breon Hardnett; senior, Andrew Salvodon; and sophomore, Elijah Willoughby. They completed the relay in just over 1 minute, 28 seconds. Andrew Salvodon is also the state champion in the 300 meter and 500 meter.
- D. Educators Rising Virginia State Leadership Conference and Competitions – Cox, Salem, Tallwood high schools: The School Board recognized the following Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow who recently won first place at the Educators Rising Virginia State Leadership Conference. Aubrey

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Rockel, a senior at Salem High School, earned first place for an oral presentation about non-core teaching careers. Laila Bryant, a junior at Tallwood High School, won first place for children's literature. Erma Baily, a senior at Cox High School, earned first place for her career and technical education lesson plan. Alex Davis and Chase Parker, seniors at Cox High School, presented the Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow project titled, "A Day of Service."

8. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown noted the PRC (Policy Review Committee) had Policy 3-31/Purchasing Cooperative Procurement on the PRC meeting agenda, March 19, 2025, for further review and the policy will be on the April 8, 2025 School Board meeting agenda. Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Green made the motion, seconded by Ms. Rogers. Without discussion, Chair Brown 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 Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. 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) Students and staff continue to show their support for Virginia Beach police after the tragic loss of two officers last month. Kempsville and its feeder schools collected condolence cards and more than \$1,700 for the officers' families. At First Colonial High School's Legal Studies Academy, more than a dozen students stayed after school to assist the Virginia Beach Police Foundation.; 2) More than 30 VBCPS high school students recently visited Old Dominion University for an inside look into the world of cybersecurity. ODU's Coastal Virginia Center for Cyber Innovation hosted its first-ever high school exposition on March 7. Our students rotated between three breakout sessions presented by businesses and organizations that specialize in cybersecurity.; 3) It is National Reading Month, and our schools are engaged in a variety of activities to support literacy. Luxford Elementary kicked off reading month with its annual vocabulary parade. Students and staff dressed up as their favorite storybook characters at Rosemont Elementary, Strawbridge Elementary and many of our other schools. At Salem Elementary, young readers dressed in their pajamas and cuddled up with a book for "Flashlight Friday." Thanks to all our community members who are visiting our schools this month and sharing their love of reading.; and 4) Our students did a wonderful job representing the generosity of Virginia Beach by supporting Operation Smile during the recent Yuengling Shamrock Marathon at the Oceanfront. On race day, thousands of runners wore t-shirts designed by Alanton Elementary third grader Olivia Goddard, who won the event's t-shirt design contest. WTKR recently aired a story about Alanton Elementary's efforts to support Operation Smile. Creeds Elementary had the highest participation rate of our schools and Alanton Elementary registered the most students while raising close to \$2,000.

10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

March 4, 2025 Special School Board Meeting: Chair Brown called for any modifications to the March 4, 2025 special School Board Meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the March 4, 2025 minutes as presented. Ms. Melnyk made the motion, seconded by Ms. Rogers. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the March 4, 2025 minutes as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

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March 11, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting: Chair Brown called for any modifications to the March 11, 2025 regular School Board Meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2025 minutes as presented. Ms. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the March 11, 2025 minutes as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

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

There were nine (9) in-person speakers, including four (4) student speakers. The topics included ASL (American Sign Language) course elective; weighted grades for academy courses; internal lockdowns; training substitute teachers in lockdown procedures; school library; removing and limiting books; school safety town hall; SROs; resolutions; diversity, equity, and inclusion; starting teacher salary; state funding; unified pay scale; cost of living; attract and retain teachers; health care; Kellam High School; and education on empathy.

The Public Comments concluded at 6:46 p.m.

12. Information

- A. Interim Financial Statements – February 2025: Daniel Hopkins, director of Business Services presented financial information to the School Board for the period ending February 28, 2025. The overall revenue trend remains acceptable at this point in the fiscal year. We are waiting for the Governor to approve the budget. Federal revenues are showing an acceptable trend. We have received Impact Aid payments of approximately \$9.8 million year-to-date. Other sources of revenue are acceptable at this point in the fiscal year. Sales tax receipts are at an acceptable level. Year-to-date through February, we are approximately \$1.1 million higher than the same time last year. The expenditures and encumbrances trend continues to remain acceptable at this point in the fiscal year.
- B. Tri-Campus Planning: Melanie Hamblin, Ed.D., senior executive director of Elementary Schools and Melisa Ingram, executive director of Facilities Services provided the School Board information regarding transitioning the Tri-Campus from three schools into two schools. The presentation provided two potential options to best serve the educational needs of students. The most preferred educational option is two Pre-K through 5th Grade schools. The other option would be a Pre-K through 1st Grade school and a 2nd through 5th Grade school. Dr. Hamblin began the presentation and reviewed the preferred recommendation of two (2) Pre-K through 5th grade schools. The benefits of this option included continuity of education, sense of community, enhanced parent to school relationships, long-term success and growth, and teacher collaboration. The second option was one Pre-K through 1st Grade and one 2nd grade through 5th grade school. The benefits of this option included focus on the developmental stages of young children and no need to rezone.

Melisa Ingram continued the presentation and reviewed cost differences. The cost for additional space is estimated to be less than \$25 million, estimated to be a cost neutral decision from a CIP perspective, and the total number of students will define the total cost regardless of which option is chosen. The administration's recommendation is Option 1: two (2) Pre-K through 5th grade schools.

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The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding reducing the number of transitions for students; needs of the students; developmental needs; attendance zones; community input and implications; preserving the name of B.F. Williams; neutral cost of options; rezoning; need to involve community; staffing between schools; input session for community, make sure no conflicting events; and staffing.

- C. Building Utilization Committee Report to School Board: Ronald Berkebile, demographer/GIS manager, provided the School Board information from the 2024-25 Building Utilization Committee (BUC); summarizing their annual assessment of school attendance zones, student membership, housing trends, student membership projections, and building utilization, as prescribed by School Board Policy 5-14. Mr. Berkebile reviewed the list of current BUC Committee Members and mentioned Policy 5-14: School Attendance Zones. The maps of the School Board approved rezoning were reviewed. Data was shared regarding membership density, 2024-25 total VBCPS students supported (64,656 students), 2024-2025 student membership categories (K-12; ECSE and Pre-K; SECEP), long-term history and forecast population, and historic five-year membership. The historical data for portable attrition was shared, which included the elimination of 317 portables. The 2024-25 school capacity data was shared for elementary, middle and high school. It was noted that capacity data could be found in the CIP book (pages 29-34). The SY 2025-30 projections data was reviewed. The presentation continued with comments and questions regarding future rezoning.
- D. Local Special Education Annual Plan – Application and Report for Virginia Department of Education (VDOE): Roni Myers-Daub, Ed.D., executive director, Office of Programs for Exceptional Children, provided the School Board the 2025-26 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application. All school divisions are required to establish eligibility for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). As part of this, IDEA and the implementing federal and state regulations require that each local school division, in providing for the education of students with disabilities within its jurisdiction, have in effect policies and procedures that are consistent with the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) policies and procedures, which have been established in accordance with IDEA.

The proposed 2025-26 Local Special Education Annual Plan maintains funding for personnel, professional development, and materials/equipment. The 2025-26 proposed budget funding was reviewed for section 611 budget – approximately \$16.4 million and section 619 budget – approximately \$545,000. The components of the application included local Jail Education Program (JEP), maintenance of effort (MOE), proportionate set-aside (PSA), and Title VI-B grant funds. Mrs. Meghan Ashburn, Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) concurred with the plan and the recommendation is to move forward with the plan.

The presentation continued with a brief discussion regarding federal grants; special education and unfunded mandates; number of students receiving services; and percentage of federal funding.

- E. The Rising Costs of Student Activities: Leene Turnbull, director, Office of Student Leadership, provided the School Board information on the rising costs of our student activities programs which included three areas for the School Board to consider for action at the April 8th school board meeting. The three considerations included the following: increase in coaches/sponsor salaries and postseason play; increase in price of tickets and pass prices; and a proposal to expand ticket sales to athletics and activities previously not charged. Consideration 1 - Administration is seeking School Board approval to increase the supplement of coaches and sponsors by 10% AND to pay an

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additional stipend for coaches and sponsors whose teams advance to postseason play to begin in the 2025-26 school year. Consideration 2 - Administration is seeking School Board approval to increase the cost of tickets to begin in the 2025-26 school year. The proposed increased ticket prices are: high school – adult from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and student from \$4.00 to \$5.00; middle school – adult from \$3.00 to \$8.00 and student from \$2.00 to \$ 3.00. The proposed family pass increase is 10%.

Consideration 3 - Administration is seeking School Board approval to expand ticket sales to begin in the 2025-26 school year. The expansion of ticket sales would include for high school: field hockey, swim and dive, indoor & outdoor track, and JV soccer; and for middle school: track, soccer, scholastic bowl playoffs, one act play festivals, and debate playoffs. The following items were reviewed for future offsetting cost considerations review facility use and fees, explore ticket sales platforms, and explore security options for activities.

The presentation continued with questions and comments regarding paying for activities; keeping activities and not losing any; family pack options; staffing; revenue; labor costs; suggestion of monthly payment plan for family passes; other school districts and stipends; important to provide increase to coaches and sponsors, challenge getting coaches; middle school ticket increase, big increase from \$3.00 to \$8.00; looking at family pack fees; consideration to adjust middle school ticket increase to \$6.00; future updates to the School Board; and voting on three considerations separately at the next meeting.

- F. Carl D. Perkins Grant: Sara Lockett, Ed.D., director, Office of Technical and Career Education, provided the School Board information regarding the Local Plan and Budget for the 2025-26 Carl D. Perkins V grant for Career and Technical Education. It was noted that the school division must submit the application no later than April 30, 2025. The grant funding provides over 33,000 students seats in the 1,671 Career and Technical course sections for secondary students. Data was shared regarding the annual performance summary. The measures included four-year graduation rate, academic proficiency in English, reading, mathematics, and science, post-program placement, nontraditional program concentration, and program quality measured by: attaining a recognized postsecondary credential, participation in work-based learning, and technical skills attainment. A summary of the budget was provided and is based on an estimate of approximately \$1.2 million. The following budget categories were reviewed indirect costs, industry credentialing proctors, professional development, student leadership development, supplies (equipment, instructional materials, software, etc.), industry certifications, STEM initiatives, CTE new hire incentives, and part-time STEM tutor.

13. Return to public comments if needed:

As noted under Agenda Item #12, the Public Comments concluded at 6:46 p.m.

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

- 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 February 25, 2025 meeting.
1. Policy 3-30/Purchasing and Procurement of Goods and Services: The PRC recommends changing the word Purchasing to Procurement with respect to the title of the Director and adding "School" before Division to be consistent with language in other policies.

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2. Policy 3-74/ New Construction/Additions/Alterations: Naming of Schools or Parts Thereof, Commemorative Displays: The PRC recommends adding language to clarify that schools and existing buildings that have been replaced or have had a portion replaced will maintain the name of the school until the School Board votes to change it. The PRC also recommends adding language to allow the School Board and School Division to remove or alter any commemorative, memorial or ornamentation.

After reading the items on the Consent Agenda, Chair Brown asked if there were any objections to voting on the Consent agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Callan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Culpepper. Chair Brown 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 Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper,

Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

15. Action

- A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2025 personnel report and administrative appointments. Ms. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer, that the School Board approve the appointments, and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements and other employment actions as listed on the March 11, 2025, personnel report along with the administrative appointment as recommended by the Superintendent. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the February 25, 2025, personnel report and administrative appointments: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

Note, there were no administrative appointments this evening.

- B. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board approve Policy Review Committee (PRC) recommendations regarding the amendment of certain policies as recommended by the PRC at its February 25, 2025 meeting.

1. Policy 6-62/Computer Systems: The PRC recommends adding language to clarify the cost and replacement of computer systems issued to students and to remove the Editor's Note to align with recent changes to other policies.

Chair Brown called for a motion to approve Policy 6-62/Computer Systems as presented. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve Policy 6-62/Computer Systems as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 10-0-0.

- C. Budget Transfers: Chair Brown called for a motion to approve budget transfers as presented.

Ms. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve

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the budget transfers as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers.

The motion passed, 10-0-0.

- 16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports:** Dr. Green mentioned attending the Access Foundation quarterly meeting last Tuesday and met the new CEO, Ms. Bonnie Sutton the current CEO will be retiring; upcoming in April will be the Signing Day Event – more information is forthcoming; last Thursday, Dr. Green and Mr. Bohenstiel attended the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council meeting; and the Legislative Committee meeting scheduled for April 7 has been changed to April 11 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Melnyk mentioned tomorrow is the Governor’s School and SECEP regional board meetings, Ms. Melnyk was elected as vice president to both of the boards; shout out to Salem Middle School and Mr. Lewis Jackson for the afterschool civics program. Mr. Callan mentioned on March 19, he worked with the WHRO HRETA, there was a presentation on the degree of workforce development taking place; yesterday Mr. Callan met with the gifted committee group and had a school visit at Landstown Middle School.

Vice Chair Weems mentioned she and Dr. Green attended the Jericho Road Committee meeting last week and voted on a recommendation, information will be presented to the School Board on April 8; the Policy Review Committee met and there will be about fifteen policies coming to the School Board at the April 8 meeting; and the Attorney General is working on a documentary on opioids and want to feature Harbor Hope Center. Ms. Rogers shared she and Mr. Cummings saw the student presentations for Sister Cities scholarships, and there is a new student ambassador from First Colonial High School; and Kellam High School musical (Shrek) starts this week. Mr. Bohenstiel mentioned attending the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council meeting with Dr. Green, there were good discussions at the meeting; attended a pep rally at Cooke Elementary School on Friday and visited Providence Elementary School.

- 17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters:** None. The Closed Session was during the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop Session. See Agenda Item #2.
- 18. Adjournment:** Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair