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Superintendent

School Board Organizational / Regular Meeting MINUTES **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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Chair Brown convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. on the 13th day of January 2026 and announced that the meeting would begin with a Closed Session. 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, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers.

Closed Session: At 3:01 p.m., Vice Chair Weems made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings, 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, 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.
7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.
8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

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Namely to discuss:

- A. Employee suspension hearing.
- B. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases.
- C. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.

Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The 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.

The School Board recessed into Closed Session at 3:04 p.m.

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

Employee suspension hearing: School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Dannielle Hall-Mclvor, senior school board attorney; Darnita L. Trotman, Ed.D., chief human resources officer; Stephanie Enzmann, director, Office of Employee Relations; Daniel Mazzio, III, Esq., Toscano Law Group; Page Larson; John Lane; Elizabeth Hale; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

At 3:29 p.m., the following individuals left the Closed Session: Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Dannielle Hall-Mclvor, senior school board attorney; Darnita L. Trotman, Ed.D., chief human resources officer; Stephanie Enzmann, director, Office of Employee Relations; Daniel Mazzio, III, Esq., Toscano Law Group; Page Larson; John Lane; and Elizabeth Hale.

At 3:44 p.m., Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney, returned to the Closed Session.

- A. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases; and
- B. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters: School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 3:59 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

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.

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Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Rogers. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Vice Chair Weems read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY HEARING
PAGE LARSON**

RESOLVED: That on January 13, 2026 the School Board held a hearing to determine whether to suspend Page Larson, teacher, after receiving verification that Ms. Larson had a Level 3 finding of Physical Neglect/Inadequate Supervision related to a November 2025 complaint regarding a student; and

RESOLVED: That the School Board received exhibits and testimony and heard arguments from Ms. Larson and the School Administration; and

RESOLVED: That the School Board suspends Ms. Larson without pay until either the School Administration determines that Ms. Larson may return to her current or a similar position or until the conclusion of any grievance procedures regarding the School Administration's recommendation to discipline or dismiss Ms. Larson from employment; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Ms. Larson and her legal counsel, the School Board Attorney, the Employee Relations Specialist, and the Chief Human Resources Officer, who is directed to place a copy of this Resolution, and the exhibits in Ms. Larson's personnel file.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 13th day of January 2026.

Vice Chair Weems made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. There was a brief discussion regarding the resolution and the second paragraph. Ms. Melnyk made a motion to strike the part of the resolution that references witnesses and testimony (second paragraph). The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Weems. Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

1. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:

A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports: Chair Brown mentioned the Special School Board budget meeting on January 20. Superintendent Robertson stated it is not yet determined if the meeting will be needed based on the outcome of tonight's meeting. Dr. Green mentioned scholarship opportunities and the 113th Founders Day for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (January 13); using the Scholarship Center to see the scholarship opportunities available.

B. Budget Workshop #2: The School Board received and reviewed detailed information regarding the FY 2026–2027 School Operating Budget, including departmental budget requests and allocations developed in accordance with each department's identified needs for the upcoming school year. The department presentations included Budget and Finance, Office of the Superintendent, Communications and Community Engagement and the Office of Technology. Superintendent Robertson provided a brief introduction and overview.

Department of Budget and Finance: Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, provided the School Board with an overview of the 2026–2028 budget cycle, summarizing key state budget dates, the rebenchmarking updates that adjusted SOQ-related costs, and the Local Composite Index. The presentation highlighted

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major components of the Governor's proposed budget—including compensation supplements, revised revenue projections, and increased investments in school construction. The School Board was reminded of the established process for handling member budget questions, and the department reviewed recent and proposed reductions, its organizational structure, and its guiding principles for financial stewardship. The briefing concluded with future considerations and anticipated adjustments.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the process for questions; improving efficiencies; request for a listing of positions; health insurance; and health fund balance.

Office of the Superintendent; Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability; and Office for Opportunity and Achievement: Cheryl R. Woodhouse, chief of staff, outlined how the departments aligned their financial planning with the division's Compass to 2030 implementation and emphasized the district's ongoing commitment to preserving student-centered services, maintaining legal and safety compliance, and sustaining essential supports for schools. The presentation reviewed the department's organizational structure, which consisted of 23 full-time employees across three offices. The core functions of each office were outlined including division leadership; strategic planning and accountability; assessment training and data support; program evaluation; research and survey administration; and initiatives supporting student belonging, community partnerships, student voice, and inclusive environments. The department's FY 2025/26 amended budget totaled \$4,722,209 and that the proposed FY 2026/27 budget was \$4,554,701, reflecting a decrease of \$167,508 (-3.55%). Future considerations included the need to monitor workload impacts, explore automation to strengthen efficiency, plan for sustainability in essential functions, and adjust as needed if additional revenue became available.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding budget breakdown for staff and other expenses; reductions of budget; and survey tools.

Department of Communications and Community Engagement: Nicole Livas, chief communications and community engagement officer, presented its operating budget, outlining its guiding financial stewardship principles, organizational structure, and major responsibilities across Communications and Family & Community Engagement. The department reported 21.4 FTEs and a budget of \$3.65 million, with work spanning communication platforms, multimedia and video production, crisis communications, community partnerships, and Education Foundation programs. The proposed FY2026/27 budget totaled \$3.54 million, reflecting a reduction of \$109,272 and one FTE, a 2.99% decrease from FY 2025/26. The department also identified anticipated needs related to sustaining key functions, adapting to shifting communication demands, exploring automation tools to improve efficiency, and reviewing contracts for stronger return on investment.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the Virginia Beach Education Foundation (VBEF); staffing; FTE reduction; cost of media platforms; and how many are using platforms.

Department of Technology: David Din, chief information officer, presented its budget, highlighting its role in supporting instruction, operations, and communication across a large and complex K-12 technology environment. The department reported a budget of \$20.1 million and 82.5 positions, reflecting a 1.44% reduction while still funding essential systems such as student information, payroll, cybersecurity tools, subscriptions, network infrastructure, and device support.

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The presentation noted rising technology costs—particularly increases in Microsoft and Google subscriptions—and escalating cybersecurity threats. Despite these challenges, the department focused on organizational excellence, staff support, operational reliability, and strong security practices. Looking forward, it emphasized priorities such as system reliability, responsible modernization, automation, and stewardship of resources to ensure long term stability and sustainability.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the use of Chromebooks; use of textbooks; screentime use; staffing costs; cost of subscriptions; technology and early childhood learners; automation and cost savings; budget reduction; and cost savings of computers, if not used in early childhood.

2. **Closed Session:** There was no Closed Session at this time. There was a Closed Session prior to the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session.
3. **School Board Recess:** Chair Brown 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:** Superintendent, Donald E. Robertson, Jr., Ph.D., serving as Chair pro-tem called the School Board Annual Organizational meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of January 2026. The following School Board Members were present in the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber: Mr. Bohenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Weems.
6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance:** After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Frank W. Cox High School Mixed Chorus sang the National Anthem.
7. **School Board Organizational Matters:** After reviewing the nomination and voting procedures to be used for the election of School Board Chair and Vice Chair, and without any objections, motions, or questions, Superintendent Robertson called for nominations in the election of School Board Chair.
 - A. **Election of School Board Chair:** Mr. Cummings nominated Ms. Melinda Rogers for School Board Chair. Mr. Culpepper nominated Ms. Kathleen Brown for School Board Chair. Ms. Weems supported the nomination of Ms. Brown for School Board Chair. Ms. Melnyk briefly commented to the nominees for Chair, the request for the Chair to be more transparent with the Policy Review Committee. There being no other nominations for School Board Chair, votes were cast with the following results: Ms. Rogers received five (5) votes: Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. Ms. Brown received six (6) votes: Mr. Bohenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Dwyer, and Ms. Weems. Superintendent Robertson announced that Ms. Kathleen Brown was elected Chair by majority vote and declared the School Board Chair for the 2026 calendar year. Superintendent Robertson passed the gavel to Chair Brown to proceed with the meeting.
 - B. **Election of School Board Vice Chair:** Chair Brown called for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Rogers nominated Mr. Matt Cummings for School Board Vice Chair. Mr. Callan nominated Ms. Carolyn Weems for School Board Vice Chair. There being no other nominations for School Board Vice Chair, votes were cast with the following results: Mr. Cummings received five (5) votes: Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. Ms. Weems received six (6) votes: Mr. Bohenstiel, Ms. Brown, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Dwyer, and Ms. Weems. Chair Brown announced Ms. Carolyn Weems was elected Vice Chair.
 - C. **Appointment of Clerk and Deputy Clerk:** Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Regina M. Toneatto as Clerk of the School Board and Nina Wadowski as Deputy Clerk of the School Board for the 2026 calendar year.

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Mr. Culpepper made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Weems. There was a brief discussion regarding the appointments for Clerk and Deputy Clerk and expressed appreciation for their service and support to School Board operations. Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Regina M. Toneatto as Clerk of the School Board and Nina Wadowski as Deputy Clerk of the School Board for the 2026 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

- D. Schedule of Meetings: January 2026 through June 2027: Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the schedule of School Board meetings from January 2026 to June 2027 as presented. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Superintendent Robertson noted and recommended there is no need to have the January 20, Special School Board meeting relating to the budget. There was a brief discussion regarding the February 17, Special School Board meeting and if it could be moved; it is too early to make the decision. Chair Brown stated the current motion on the floor is to accept the calendar as presented. The discussion continued regarding the November School Board meetings and the meeting scheduled for November 24 before the Thanksgiving holiday; request to move the meeting date; suggested moving the meeting to Monday, November 23. Chair Brown called for a motion to remove the January 20, 2026 special meeting and move the November 24 meeting to November 23, 2026. Dr. Green made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Weems. Chair Brown restated the motion on the floor – to approve the calendar as presented except for the January 20 Special meeting and the November 24 meeting will be moved to November 23 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the schedule of meetings calendar as presented with the modification of removing the January 20 Special Meeting and moving the November 24 meeting to Monday, November 23. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

8. ***Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition:*** There were no awards this evening.
9. ***Adoption of the Agenda:*** Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Bohenstiel made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. Chair Brown mentioned Policy 5-54 and moving it either at the Adoption of the Agenda or during Action. Chair Brown opened the floor for any motions. Ms. Melnyk made a motion to move Policy 5-54/Physical Restraint and Seclusion, move it off the agenda and send it back to the PRC (Policy Review Committee). The motion was seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to move Policy 5-54 off the agenda and sent it back to the PRC. The vote passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Chair Brown noted that the adoption of the agenda motion is on the floor. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote to approve the agenda as presented and modified. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of motion to approve the agenda as presented and modified. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

10. ***Superintendent's Report (second monthly meeting) and recognitions (first and second monthly meetings)***
Administrative Recognitions: Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments, which were approved at the December 9, 2025, School Board Meeting: **Tova L. Hayes**, administrative assistant, Glenwood and Lynnhaven Elementary Schools, as assistant principal of Newtown Elementary School; **George "Steve" Loder, Jr.**, administrative assistant, College Park and Holland Elementary Schools, as assistant principal of Lynnhaven Elementary School; **Megan K. Smith**, administrative assistant, John B. Dey and Thoroughgood Elementary Schools, as assistant principal of Malibu Elementary School; and **Cheritta F. Pridgen**, assistant principal, Corporate Landing Middle School, as assistant principal of Landstown High School.

11. ***Approval of Meeting Minutes***

- A. December 9, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting: Chair Brown called for any modifications to the December 9, 2025 regular School Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the December 9, 2025, minutes as presented. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the December 9, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

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

There were eight (8) in-person speakers (including two (2) student speakers). The topics included red cards; immigration rights and resources; Policy 6-26; special needs students and culinary skills, mobile kitchen program; student assemblies; Policy 5-40; understanding student needs; budget; value staff; recruitment and retention; health fund; School Chaplain Program; moral compass; student resilience; letter from the Special Education Advisory Committee; returning policy to PRC; competitive salary for staff; staffing shortages; and compensation.

The Public Comments concluded at 6:53 p.m.

13. Information

- A. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board review recommendations regarding the amendment of certain policies as recommended by the Policy Review Committee at its December 8, 2025 meeting. Kamala Lannetti, school board attorney, reviewed the following:
1. Policy 3-95/Public Charter Schools: The PRC recommends formatting changes, inclusion of statutory amendments and scrivener's changes. A discussion followed regarding Green Run Collegiate; support from community section of policy; application process; fundraising; release from policies and regulations section of policy; concerns regarding resources; and need for policy.
 2. Policy 5-40/Student-led Demonstrations: The PRC recommends adoption of a new Policy 5-40 to address Student-led Demonstrations. A discussion followed regarding the review of the policy; First Amendment Rights; prior policy; civic engagement; what defines a demonstration, needs more clarity and definitions; legal sufficiency; safety; work on policy; feedback from students; and work done by PRC on the policy. Ms. Melnyk made a motion to return Policy 5-40 back to the PRC. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion. A discussion continued regarding Policy 5-40.

After the discussion finished, Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion to move Policy 5-40 to go back to the PRC. The School Board Clerk announced there were six (6) ayes in favor of motion to return Policy 5-40 to the PRC: Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. There were five (5) nays opposed to the motion to return Policy 5-40 to the PRC: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Dwyer. The motion passed, 6-5-0.

3. Policy 5-49/Interscholastic Competition: The PRC recommends amending Section B to clarify that the Superintendent or designee will make decisions on appeals regarding transfers or eligibility when the VHSL rules allow either the School Board or the Superintendent to be the appeal decider.
 4. Policy 6-26/Evaluation of New and Existing Programs: The PRC recommends formatting changes, removal of reference to the PPMC, and removal of the final sentence in Section E.
 5. Policy 6-44/School Counseling: The PRC recommends no changes.
 6. Policy 6-77/Literacy and Response to Intervention Screening and Services: The PRC recommends no changes.
- B. Accreditation and Accountability Results for VBCPS – Student Achievement Results: Tracy LaGatta, director, Office of Student Assessment, provided the School Board information on 2025-2026 Accreditation and Accountability Results for Virginia Beach City Public Schools based on 2024-2025 data.

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The presentation summarized Virginia's updated two-part school classification system, which separated compliance-based accreditation from the performance-focused School Performance and Support Framework (SPSF). All VBCPS schools were fully accredited for 2025–2026. The presentation then outlined the performance-focused SPSF, which assigned schools a 0–100 score based on mastery, growth, and readiness indicators. The framework weights varied by school level, with mastery carrying the greatest weight. The division's initial 2025–2026 performance results showed that most VBCPS schools fell into the *On Track* category, though several were *Off Track* or in *Needs Intensive Support*.

Federal designations showed 21 VBCPS schools identified for Targeted Support and Improvement, largely due to the performance of students with disabilities, which caused category reductions for several schools. Final SPSF results aligned closely with statewide distributions. The school division outlined coordinated support strategies to improve student outcomes and noted upcoming increases in SOL cut scores, which would be phased in beginning in 2026–2027.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the new criteria and how it affects ratings; sharing information with parents; VDOE information page; SOL tests; accommodations for students; scores and subgroups; recommendations and receiving updates on outcomes; school support meetings; SOL benchmarks; new assessments based on new standards; additional supports; and funding.

- C. FFY 2024 Title I, Part A Application and Reallocation: Laura Silverman, director, Title I Programs, provided the School Board information released by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) on December 18 regarding the FFY 2024 Title I, Part A Reallocation of funds and approve the submission of the application to VDOE by January 23, 2026. VBCPS had been awarded \$150,814 in Bypass funds to support equitable services for eligible private school students, with expenditure and reimbursement deadlines in 2026. The division planned to use the funds for tutoring, instructional supplies, family engagement materials, and technology. The Virginia Department of Education had set January 23, 2026 as the submission deadline for the required Bypass Reallocation Application.

After the presentation, Chair Brown noted the item is also on the Consent Agenda due to the deadline.

- 14. Return to public comments if needed:** As noted, under Agenda Item #12, the Public Comments concluded at 6:53 p.m.
- 15. Consent Agenda:** Chair Brown read the following items on the Consent Agenda:
- A. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board approve recommendations regarding the amendment of certain policies by the Policy Review Committee at its November 25, 2025 December 18, 2025 meetings.
1. Policy 3-40/Design-Build and Construction Management Delivery Methods: The PRC recommends adopting a new policy that allows Design-Build and Construction Management delivery methods for the procurement and construction of certain capital improvement projects.
 2. Policy 7-51/Use of School Board Equipment: The PRC recommends amendments to clarify when School Division equipment may be used outside entities.
- B. Bayside High School Fire Alarm Replacement: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with E&P Electrical Contracting for the Bayside High School Fire Alarm Replacement in the amount of \$1,419,500.

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- C. Ocean Lakes High School Tower Lease Amendment: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a First Amendment to Communication Tower Lease Agreement with VB-S1 Assets, LLC to the existing cell tower at Ocean Lakes High School.
- D. FFY 2024 Title I, Part A Application and Reallocation: Recommended that the School Board approve information released by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) on December 18 regarding the FFY 2024 Title I, Part A Reallocation of funds and approve the submission of the application to VDOE by January 23, 2026.

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. Cummings made the motion, seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chair Brown 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.

16. Action

- A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Rogers, that the School Board approve the appointments, and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements and other employment actions as listed on the January 13, 2026 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 eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the January 13, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Superintendent Robertson mentioned the following appointments: **Tara B. Yurik**, administrative assistant, Virginia Beach Middle School, as assistant principal of Corporate Landing Middle School; and **Brian J. Loehn**, coordinator, security and emergency management, Office of Security and Emergency Management, as Director of Transportation, Office of Transportation and Fleet Management Services.

- B. An Achievable Dream Academy: Comprehensive Evaluation Recommendations: Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the administration's recommendations that were proposed in response to the An Achievable Dream (AAD) Academy: Comprehensive Evaluation. Dr. Green made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. There was a brief discussion regarding the MOU. Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eleven (11) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the administration's recommendations that were proposed in response to the An Achievable Dream (AAD) Academy: Comprehensive Evaluation. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.
- C. Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations: Recommended that the School Board approve recommendations regarding the adoption of a new Policy 5-54/Physical Restraint and Seclusion.
 - 1. Policy 5-54/Physical Restraint and Seclusion: Note, during the adoption of the agenda, it was voted upon to move Policy 5-54 off the agenda and sent it back to the PRC. The vote passed unanimously. See Agenda Item #9.

- 17. Committee, Organization or Board Reports**: Chair Brown mentioned the next scheduled School Board meeting is January 27, 2026. Vice Chair Weems mentioned the next Policy Review Committee (PRC) meeting is Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Melnyk mentioned the Governor's School for the Arts and SECEP (Southeastern Cooperative Educational Programs) meeting is January 27, 2026.

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18. ***Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters:*** None.
19. ***Adjournment:*** Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair