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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center
2512 George Mason Drive
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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 24th day of March 2026. 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. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer (arrived at 4:03 p.m.), Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk. The following School Board Member attending the meeting via Zoom: Ms. Rogers (illness). The following School Board Member was not in attendance: Mr. Culpepper.
- A. 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. There was a discussion regarding the upcoming School Board Retreat in July; some School Board Members may not be able to attend; suggestions for alternative dates for retreat; conflicts with the Administrative Conference; staff on vacation; and future discussion on the dates. Ms. Rogers mentioned commemorative celebrations for the month of March.
- B. Summer Learning Opportunities Update:** Lorena Kelly, Ph.D., Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning provided the School Board an update of the 2026 summer learning experiences implemented in elementary and secondary to provide students with a strong instructional foundation for the upcoming school year. The presentation outlined the Department of Teaching and Learning's 2026 Summer Learning

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Opportunities, highlighting a range of academic programs designed to support elementary and secondary students.

Elementary offerings included optional and invitation-based summer learning opportunities, structured Boost programming for select students, summer learning camps at designated sites, and expanded “Ready, Set, Kindergarten!” camps for rising kindergarten students. Secondary summer learning opportunities included SOL Fast Track tutoring, repeat and first-time courses, “Step Up” programs in English and mathematics, and asynchronous Boost offerings delivered through the Canvas learning management system.

The presentation also highlighted summer learning options for students with disabilities, emphasizing participation in general education settings when appropriate and the provision of ESY services as part of the individualized education program (IEP) process. Communication strategies for families included the use of the division website, flyers, school newsletters, ParentSquare, counselors, and social media to ensure broad awareness and access to summer learning resources.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding access to Boost; intentional learning; communication to families; special education students and programs available; Title I Schools; SOL tutoring; expanding opportunities for students; QR code; information on website; and transportation.

C. SB Meetings Fourth Quarter Forecast (April, May, June) 2026: Superintendent Robertson reviewed topics for the fourth quarter and highlighted the following upcoming presentations: state budget, workforce development, and achievement data. A discussion followed with questions and comments regarding student academic achievement; benchmark assessments; academic focus; equity dashboard; and retreat topics.

2. Closed Session: At 4:57 p.m., Vice Chair Weems 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 7, 8, and 19, as amended, to deliberate on the following matters:

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

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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.
19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § [2.2-3705.2](#), where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

Namely to discuss:

- A. Safety Protocols for April events.
- 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 eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk. The motion passed, 8-0-0.

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

- A. ***Safety Protocols for April events:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Matthew Delaney, chief schools officer; Jack Freeman, chief operations officer; Thomas Shattuck, director, Office of Security and Emergency Management; Dannielle Hall-McIvor, senior school board attorney; Simone S. Boothe, associate school board attorney; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

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At 5:07 p.m., the following staff left the Closed Session: Matthew Delaney, chief schools officer; Jack Freeman, chief operations officer; and Thomas Shattuck, director, Office of Security and Emergency Management.

B. ***Status of pending litigation or administrative cases;*** and

C. ***Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Matthew Delaney, chief schools officer; Jack Freeman, chief operations officer; Thomas Shattuck, director, Office of Security and Emergency Management; Dannielle Hall-McIvor, senior school board attorney; Simone S. Boothe, associate school board attorney; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 5:31 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.

Ms. Melnyk made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cummings. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton,

Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk. The motion passed, 8-0-0.

3. *School Board Recess:* Chair Brown adjourned the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 5:32 p.m.

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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 6:01 p.m. on the 24th day of March 2026. 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. Bohensiel (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk. The following School Board Member attended the meeting via Zoom: Ms. Rogers (illness/home). The following School Board Member was not in attendance: Mr. Culpepper.

6. Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

7. Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition

- A. VHSL Girls Swim and Dive: Team and Individual State Champions – First Colonial High School
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- C. VHSL Gymnastics: Team and Individual State Champions – Kempsville High School
- D. VHSL Wrestling: Team and Individual State Champions – Cox High School
- E. VHSL Gymnastics Individual State Champion – Kellam High School
- F. VHSL Wrestling Individual State Champion – Kellam High School
- G. VHSL Wrestling: Individual State Champion – Green Run High School
- H. VHSL Wrestling: Individual State Champion – Ocean Lakes High School
- I. VHSL Wrestling: Individual State Champions – Tallwood High School

The School Board recognized student-athletes and staff for notable VHSL state championship achievements. First Colonial High School’s girls and boys swim and dive teams as Class 5 state champions, with individual and relay winners acknowledged. Kempsville High School’s gymnastics team was recognized for securing the school’s first team state title since 2005. Cox High School’s wrestling program was recognized for earning a third consecutive Class 5 state team championship and for producing multiple individual state champions, while additional individual state champions from Kellam, Green Run, Ocean Lakes, and Tallwood high schools were honored for their performances and contributions.

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- 8. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chair Brown mentioned an amendment to Bylaw 1-36 and adding it to Information Item #12C – Bylaw 1-36 Amendment Proposal. The Consent Agenda Item #14A1 – Bylaw 1-36 will move to Action, Item #15D. Chair Brown called for any additional modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented and modified. 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 the agenda as presented and modified:
- Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, 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:** The report recapped engagement with city leadership at the March 5 State of the City address, highlighted student participation in the 17th Annual STEM Trifecta and the inaugural XPEDITION: PORT OF CALL career immersion experience, where more than 5,000 students took part in hands-on STEM and career exploration activities supported by community workforce partners. Key upcoming items were shared, including a family webinar on safe social media use, an educator and support staff hiring expo, and the Pearls of Wisdom fundraiser benefiting classroom grants and student-led environmental initiatives. It also reported staff participation in wellness and employee assistance programs and recognized a Renaissance Academy microgreens initiative that connected learning to healthier meal options for elementary students.
- Administrative Recognitions:** Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments, which were approved at the March 10, 2026, School Board Meeting: **Jason D. Mokar**, assistant director, Building Trades, Physical Plant Facilities Management Office, Salisbury University, as director, maintenance services, Office of Maintenance Services; and **Joseph S. Varbero**, security specialist, City of Virginia Beach, as coordinator, security and emergency management, Office of Security and Emergency Management.
- 10. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- A. March 3, 2026 Special School Board Meeting:** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the March 3, 2026 special School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the March 3, 2026 minutes as presented. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Dr. Green. 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 3, 2026 minutes as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair

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

- B. March 10, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting:** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the March 10, 2026 regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes as presented. Mr. Cummings 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 the March 10, 2026 minutes as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

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

There were three (3) in-person speakers. The topics included school calendar; April 21 Special Election; safety in schools; instructional days and instructional hours; transportation; student adjustments; childcare arrangements; voting locations in schools; safety practices; and demonstration of Scientific Method. The Public Comments concluded at 6:43 p.m.

12. Information

- A. FY 2026/2027 Operating Budget and FY 2026/27 – FY 2031/32 Capital Improvement Program Adoption:** Tiffany Jacobs, budget development director, Office of Budget Development, and Melisa Ingram, executive director, Office of Facilities Services, provided the School Board information regarding the FY 2026-27 School Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-27 through 2031-32 Budget Resolution. The presentation reviewed the proposed FY 2026/27 School Operating Budget and the FY 2026/27–2031/32 Capital Improvement Program, addressing School Board questions related to transportation costs, workforce development partnerships, and employee career advancement.

The operating budget overview included budget balancing strategies and an employee compensation summary, noting that salaries, wages, and benefits comprised the majority of the operating budget. The Capital Improvement Program was presented with an overview of funding sources and a funding summary, and key budget dates were outlined leading up to City Council approval.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding planetarium; bonus for SOQ staff positions; presentations were comprehensive; and a thank you to staff for all their hard work during budget season.

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B. Calendar Adjustments for Quarter 4: Thomas Shattuck, director, Office of Security and Emergency Management, provided the School Board information regarding a proposed adjustment to the fourth quarter of the School Calendar for SY 2025-26. The presentation explained the need to adjust the Quarter Four calendar due to safety concerns related to schools serving as polling locations and guidance from the Virginia Department of Education clarified that remote learning hours could not count toward required instructional days or hours. It recommended closing all schools on April 21 and extending the school day by ten minutes from April 13 through June 8 to maintain compliance with instructional requirements.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding additional 10 minutes to the school day; time at the end of the day, impacts if at the beginning of the day; impact to families; safety of students and staff, closing schools on April 21; 180-day calendar, School Board adopted calendar based on days; Bylaw 1-32; transportation; 10 minutes at the end of the day; schools closed for students and staff; reviewing the calendar, days versus hours; time at the end of the day is least disruptive; and food availability on April 21, connecting families to resources.

C. Bylaw 1-36 Amendment Proposal: Note, topic was added during the Adoption of the Agenda. See Agenda Item #8. Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney, provided information concerning the changes regarding remote participation (personal/medical); security issues; Bylaw 1-36, Section D (2) (b) – The Meeting Minutes will include the specific nature of the personal matter and the remote location from which the School Board Member participated, which may be noted by general description.

13. Return to public comments if needed: As noted, under Agenda Item #11, the Public Comments concluded at 6:43 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 approve recommendations regarding the amendment of certain bylaws and policy as recommended by the Policy Review Committee at its March 4, 2026 meeting.

1. **Bylaw 1-36/Open Meetings and Closed Meetings:** Note: Item was moved to Action Item #15D during the Adoption of the Agenda. See Agenda Item #8.
2. **Bylaw 1-37/Annual Organizational Meeting:** There are no recommended changes to this bylaw it is being presented in accordance with the 5-year review requirement.

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3. **Appendix C/School Board Standing Committee Procedures:** The PRC recommends changes to reflect procedures related to broadcasting meetings, Student Discipline hearings, and the annual election of the committee chair.
4. **Policy 2-59/Outside Legal Counsel:** The PRC recommends changes pertaining to the use and payment of legal fees of attorneys not employed by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach and/or Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

B. Local Special Education Annual Plan – Application and Report for VDOE: Recommended that the School Board approve the 2026-27 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application.

C. Pembroke Elementary School ADA Courtyard Renovations: Recommended that the School Board approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to execute a contract with Spacemakers, Inc. for the Pembroke Elementary School ADA Courtyard Renovations in the amount of \$646,645.00.

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. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk. 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. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

15. Action

A. Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments: Chair Brown called for motion to approve the March 24, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan, that the School Board approve the appointments, and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions, as listed on the March 10, 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 ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the March 24, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0. There were no administrative appointments.

B. FY 2026/2027 Operating Budget and FY 2026/27 – FY 2031/32 Capital Improvement Program Adoption: Vice Chair Weems read the following resolution, which was seconded by Ms. Dwyer:

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School Operating Budget for FY 2026/27

WHEREAS, the mission of Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS), in partnership with the entire community, is to empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan and school improvement priorities to guide budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has studied the proposed FY 2026/27 Operating Budget in view of state and federal requirements, the strategic plan, priorities, community expectations, competitive compensation for employees, and the best educational interests of its students; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Operating Budget for the Instructional Experience-based Step Pay Scale provides a 1.5% experience step for all eligible employees on the scale with a 2% increase plus \$1,000 to the entry-level salary, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Operating Budget for the Unified Experience-based Step Pay Scale provides a 1% step increase for all eligible employees with 1-14 years of experience, and a 1.5% step increase for all eligible employees with 15 and above years of experience; with a 3% increase to the entry-level salary, and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy provides 48.5% of certain general fund revenues to meet obligations of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the total funds requested for the Operating Budget from the City of Virginia Beach to the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach are \$559,522,641, and

WHEREAS, the debt service payment is estimated to be \$50,071,611, leaving a balance of \$509,451,030 to allocate between the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the \$509,451,030 be allocated as follows: \$504,451,030 to the Operating Budget, and \$5,000,000 to Schools' Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) for the CIP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That federal funds of \$15,494,107, state funds of \$515,077,422, and other local funds of \$5,457,538 be added to the Operating Budget, bringing it to a total of \$1,040,480,097; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$1,040,480,097 from the City Council of Virginia Beach for the School Board Operating Budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests an appropriation of \$178,158,274 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds comprised of categorical grants for \$103,308,858; Green Run Collegiate for \$5,062,922; and other special revenue funds in the amount of \$69,786,494; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach requests a Lump Sum Appropriation of \$1,218,638,371, for the total of all funds (\$1,040,480,097 for the Operating Budget plus \$178,158,274 for categorical grants and other special revenue funds); and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be spread across the official minutes of this School Board, and the Clerk of the School 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.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 24th day of March 2026.

Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote to approve the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

Vice Chair Weems read the following resolution, which was seconded by Ms. Dwyer:

Capital Improvement Program for FY 2026/27 - FY 2031/32

Budget Resolution

WHEREAS, the mission of Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is to empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive, and engaged citizen within the global community; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan and school improvement priorities to guide budgetary decisions; and

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WHEREAS, the primary funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are charter bonds, public facility revenue bonds, and reversion funding; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy provides 48.5% of certain general fund revenues to meet obligations of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City/School Revenue Sharing Policy allocates funds first to Debt Service, while the balance is used for the Operating Budget and the CIP; and

WHEREAS, \$5,000,000 will be allocated to Schools' Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) for the CIP; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has comprehensively reviewed all sources of funding, projected various scenarios, and prioritized the needs of the Operating and CIP budgets; and

WHEREAS, total project cost/new construction amounts are partly based on 2023 Educational Specifications, post 30% design, created with School Board input; and

WHEREAS, Educational Specifications and the associated designs will be reviewed under a separate process with the School Board, which may result in a change in square footage and cost; and

WHEREAS, new construction projects will not go out for bid without School Board approval separate from this CIP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach adopts a CIP program of \$947,329,209 (as shown on the attached School Board Funding Summary and Project Summary dated March 24, 2026), and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be spread across the official minutes of this School Board, and the Clerk of the School 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.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 24th day of March 2026.

Chair Brown shared a few comments regarding the CIP budget, cost of construction and maintenance, and supporting the resolution. Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote to approve the Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-27 through FY 2031-32. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10)

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ayes in favor of the motion to approve the Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-27 through FY 2031-32: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

C. *Calendar Adjustments for Quarter 4:* Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the adjustment to the fourth quarter school calendar for school year 25-26, based on the recommendations as presented. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Weems. Mr. Cummings made a substitute motion, to suspend the use of instructional days or the 180 school days to 990 hours for this one-time event. The substitute motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers.

A discussion followed regarding the substitute motion; virtual day would could towards student learning; neighboring school districts using hours instead of days; the impact of additional minutes to the school day; need for further discussion on topic; cannot support substitute motion; need for students to be in school; high accountability, high instruction; days versus hours; calendar with flexibility; retreat topic; Bylaw 1-32; and moving forward – building emergency days into calendar.

After the discussion, Mr. Cummings withdrew his substitute motion, Ms. Rogers agreed to the withdrawal. Chair Brown called for a vote on the withdrawal of the substitute motion by Mr. Cummings. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to withdraw the substitute motion: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

Chair Brown stated the return to the original motion, as presented – the adjustment to the fourth quarter school calendar for school year 25-26 based on the recommendation as presented. A brief discussion followed regarding the ten-minute recommendation; administration recommendation to add ten minutes to the end of the day, only on adjustment, transportation, logistics; and communication to parents regarding the adjustment.

Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote on the adjustment to the fourth quarter school calendar for school year 25-26 based on the recommendation, as presented. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion on adjustment to the fourth quarter school calendar for school year 25-26 based on the recommendation, as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

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D. Bylaw 1-36/Open Meetings and Closed Meetings: Note: Item was moved from Consent Agenda to Action during the Adoption of the Agenda. See Agenda Item #8.

Chair Brown called for a motion to approve Bylaw 1-36 as presented. Mr. Cummings made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Vice Chair Weems made the following substitute motion, which was seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve a substitute motion for Bylaw 1-36 which amends Section D (2)(b) to read as follows:

b. The meeting minutes will include the specific nature of the personal matter and the remote location from which the School Board Member participated, which may be noted by general description.

Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote to approve the substitute motion read by Vice Chair Weems. The School Board Clerk announced there were ten (10) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the substitute motion by Vice Chair Weems: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 10-0-0.

16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports: Ms. Melnyk mentioned the SECEP and Governor's School for the Arts meetings on March 25. If School Board Members would like to attend an event from the Governor's School, to let her know and she can get tickets. Dr. Green shared on March 13 that she and Mr. Callan attended the Interagency Adult Basic Education Advisory Committee meeting at the Adult Learning Center. Thank you to Landstown High School staff and students for hosting the quarterly meeting on March 17 for the Access Foundation Board. Mr. Bohenstiel mentioned the Green Run Collegiate Gala event. Vice Chair Weems mentioned the Policy Review Committee Meeting on March 25 at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Rogers attended the TIDE Belonging Breakfast and Workshop event on March 14.

17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters: At 8:03 p.m., Vice Chair Weems 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 7, 8, and 19, as amended, to deliberate on the following matters:

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

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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.
19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § [2.2-3705.2](#), where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

Namely to discuss:

- A. Safety Protocols for April events.
- 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 seven (7) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, and Ms. Melnyk. The motion passed, 7-0-0.

Note: Mr. Bohenstiel and Dr. Green were not present in the School Board Chamber when the vote was taken. School Board Member, Ms. Rogers, did not participate in the Closed Session due to attending the meeting via Zoom.

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

- B. ***Status of pending litigation or administrative cases;*** and
- C. ***Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters:*** School

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Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; Dannielle Hall-McIvor, senior school board attorney; Simone S. Boothe, associate school board attorney; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 8:39 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.

Ms. Melnyk made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion for Certification of Closed Session. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

18. Adjournment: Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair