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School Board Special Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Drive, P.O. Box 6038, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

In accordance with the Schedule of School Board Meetings approved by the School Board at their January 13, 2026 Organizational/Regular Meeting and pursuant to Bylaw 1-46, and Virginia Code § 2.2-3707, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., at the School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

The purpose of the special meeting is for the School Board:

1. To convene in closed session pursuant to the exemptions from open meetings allowed by Section 2.2-3711, Part A, Paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for

PERSONNEL MATTERS: 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 pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) (1); namely to discuss: 1) the Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.

2. To vote in open session on any matters related to the closed session, as needed.

The Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting is anticipated to run for several hours. The public may be present for the Open Session portions of the Special Meeting. The public may also view the Open Session portions of the Meeting through the Zoom link below:

Attendee link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Nsc4FAKLS8OyFRf-spO_w

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Brown convened the special meeting of the School Board at the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber at 4:01 p.m. on the 2nd day of June 2026. Chair Brown stated in accordance with the Schedule of School Board Meetings approved by the School Board at their January 13, 2026 Organizational/Regular Meeting and pursuant to Bylaw 1-46, and Virginia Code § 2.2-3707, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach will hold a special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting is for the School Board:

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1) the Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.

2) To vote in open session on any matters related to the closed session, as needed.

The Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting is anticipated to run for several hours. The public may be present for the Open Session portions of the Special Meeting. 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. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk (arrived at 4:04 p.m.), and Ms. Rogers. The following School Board Members were not present at the meeting: Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Dwyer.

2. Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

- 3. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for the vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the agenda as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair

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Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 8-0-0. Note, School Board Member, Ms. Melnyk was not present at the meeting during the time of the vote.

4. Closed Session: At 4:04 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, Paragraph 1, 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.

Namely to discuss:

- A. The Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract.
- B. To vote in open session on any matters related to the closed session, as needed.

Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to recess into Closed Session: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

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

- A. **The Superintendent's evaluation and matters related to the Superintendent's contract:** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, 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.

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At 4:06 p.m., Superintendent Robertson left the Closed Session. At 4:14 p.m., Superintendent Robertson returned to the Closed Session. He left the Closed Session at 4:20 p.m.

The following School Board Members left and returned to the Closed Session:

Ms. Melnyk left at 4:33 p.m. and returned at 4:36 p.m. Mr. Bohenstiel, and Ms. Rogers left at 4:37 p.m. and returned at 4:39 p.m. Dr. Green left at 4:44 p.m. and returned at 4:46 p.m. Mr. Callan left at 4:49 p.m. and returned at 4:51 p.m. Mr. Cummings left at 4:52 p.m. and returned at 4:55 p.m. Ms. Rogers left at 5:00 p.m. and returned at 5:02 p.m. Mr. Bohenstiel left at 5:02 p.m. and returned at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Callan left at 5:26 p.m. and returned at 5:28 p.m. Ms. Melnyk left at 5:48 p.m. and returned at 5:50 p.m. Note, Ms. Melnyk left the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Mr. Bohenstiel left at 5:56 p.m. and returned at 5:59 p.m. Ms. Rogers left at 6:00 p.m. and returned at 6:01 p.m.

The School Board took a break from 6:04 p.m. until 6:10 p.m.

The School Board reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session: Vice Chair Weems read the following:

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. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel. 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. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 8-0-0.



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5. *Vote on any matters related to the Closed Session (as needed):* Vice Chair Weems read the following:

Motion that the School Board approve the Superintendent's 2026 evaluation as agreed upon by the School Board in Closed Session. The Chair is authorized to communicate the results of the evaluation to the Superintendent.

Dr. Green made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were eight (8) ayes in favor of the motion that the School Board approve the Superintendent's 2026 evaluation as agreed upon by the School Board in Closed Session. The Chair is authorized to communicate the results of the evaluation to the Superintendent: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 8-0-0.

6. *Adjournment:* Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair