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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Drive, P.O. Box 6038, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
(757) 263-1000

- 1. Administrative, Informal, and Workshop:** Note, due to technical difficulties the meeting started after 4:00 p.m.

Chair Brown convened the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 4:38 p.m. on the 23rd day of June 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, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers.

- A. School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:** Ms. Rogers thanked all staff for the work done during the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Felton mentioned the practical nursing graduation and the other graduation ceremonies.
- B. Workforce Development Update:** Sara Lockett, Ed.D., director, Office of Technical and Career Education, provided the School Board information about current workforce development activities and plans for future expansion of workforce-connected programming. The update highlighted the continued progress in helping students move from early career awareness to exploration, planning, credential attainment, and work-based learning. The presentation highlighted \$111,000 in VDOE grant funding, a third welding program opening at Renaissance Academy and Adult Learning Center, and a new public safety partnership with VBPD and VBSP launching spring 2027. Students earned 16,649 industry credentials in 2025–2026, and work-based learning reached about 700 students logging 86,000+ hours for over \$1.03 million in economic impact. The update concluded by previewing expanded Fire and EMS programming and new middle school experiential learning partnerships.

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After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding CTE offerings in middle school; partnerships; VB Community Roundtable; Brock Center; CTE programs and upcoming welding program; VTfT Program (Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow); and spots available for the welding program.

- C. **Facilities Summer Projects:** Melisa Ingram, executive director, Office of Facilities Services, provided the School Board an update on facilities summer 2026 projects. The presentation outlined a wide-ranging effort to upgrade buildings and sustain division operations while students were away. The greatest efforts targeted critical building systems, with HVAC upgrades at ten sites and roofing projects at six, alongside foundation, window, door, and fire alarm work at several schools. Additional projects include advanced energy efficiency, ADA accessibility, athletics facilities, and a grant-funded welding lab. The presentation also outlined the Tri-Campus additions at Diamond Springs and Newtown elementary schools, a combined 29,700 square feet for about 1,290 students, and a wide range of preventative maintenance to ready buildings for the fall. There was a brief discussion regarding data center work in the School Administration Building.
 - D. **School Board Meetings First Quarter Forecast (July, August, September) 2026:** Superintendent Robertson briefly explained the first quarter forecast as a planning document for upcoming topics for School Board Meetings. The School Board Members were provided a copy of the quarterly forecast.
2. **Closed Session:** None during the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session. See Agenda Item #17.
 3. **School Board Recess:** Chair Brown adjourned the Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session at 5:31 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 6:01 p.m. on the 23rd of June 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, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers.
 6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
 7. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition**

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- A. Hampton Roads Workforce Top 20 Under 20 – Entrepreneurship and Business Academy at Kempsville High School, Landstown High School, Tallwood High School
- B. VHSL Class 6 Triple Jump Champion, Outdoor Track – Landstown High School
- C. VHSL Class 5 Pole Vault, 4 by 800 Relay, 1 Mile Race Champions, Outdoor Track – Kellam High School
- D. VHSL Class 5 Boys Soccer Champions – Kellam High School
- E. VHSL Class 5 Girls Soccer Champions – Kellam High School

The School Board recognized five VBCPS students named to the Hampton Roads Workforce Top 20 Under 20, Kyle Matthews of Landstown High School for winning the VHSL Class 6 outdoor track triple jump championship, and several Kellam High School student-athletes and teams for VHSL Class 5 state championships in outdoor track and boys and girls soccer.

8. **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. Mr. Cummings made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. There was a brief discussion regarding the agenda and Action Item #15C. Without further discussion, Chair Brown called for a 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 Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, and Ms. Felton. There were three (3) nays opposed to the motion to approve the agenda as presented: Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 8-3-0.

9. **Superintendent's Report (second monthly meeting) and recognitions (first and second monthly meetings):**

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent's Report recognized the Class of 2026, celebrated retirees and custodial staff, and shared upcoming division events and student opportunities. The report noted strong graduation outcomes, including more than 4,500 graduates, high rates of honors recognition and college enrollment, and significant scholarship offers and acceptances. A video was shared that featured the Next Wave Program as an example of a community partnership that provided students with confidence-building, health-focused and memorable learning experiences.

After the report, Superintendent Robertson recognized Jack Freeman, chief operations officer, his years of service to VBCPS.

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Administrative Recognitions: Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments, which were approved at the June 8, 2026 School Board Meeting: **Heidi L. Calma**, administrative assistant, Providence Elementary School, as assistant principal, Providence Elementary School; **Kayla T. Heath**, administrative assistant, Bayside and Seatack Elementary Schools, as assistant principal, Linkhorn Park Elementary School; **Simone N. Stallings**, Title I Coordinator of Curriculum and Intervention, Department of Academic Support, Chesapeake Public Schools, as assistant principal, Strawbridge Elementary School; **Imani R. Moorman**, administrative assistant, Virginia Beach Middle School, as assistant principal, Bayside Middle School; **Dorothy J. Varela**, administrative assistant, Ocean Lakes High School, as assistant principal, Princess Anne Middle School; and **Theresa Y. Jordan**, principal accountant, Office of Business Services, as coordinator, accounting, Office of Business Services.

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. **June 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes:** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the June 2, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the June 2, 2026 minutes as presented. Mr. Cummings 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 June 2, 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. There was one (1) abstention: Mr. Culpepper. The motion passed, 10-0-1.
- B. **June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the June 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the June 8, 2026 minutes as presented. Dr. Green 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 June 8, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Before the Public Comments, there was a discussion regarding voting on meeting minutes if a School Board Member was not present. Chair Brown mentioned a potential error regarding voting for the June 2, 2026 meeting minutes. Chair Brown made a motion to reconsider the June 2, 2026 special meeting minutes, Ms. Rogers seconded the motion. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to reconsider the June 2, 2026 special meeting minutes: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms.

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Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. There was one (1) abstention: Mr. Culpepper. The motion passed, 9-0-1. Note, Ms. Dwyer was not present for the vote.

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

There were eight (8) in-person speakers and one (1) online speaker. The topics included Policy 6-18; Chromebook usage; technology; ODS enrollment; grades and IEP; gifted program and budget.

The Public Comments concluded at 7:06 p.m.

12. Information

A. **Interim Financial Statements – May 2026:** Daniel Hopkins, director, Office of Business Services, provided the School Board with information on the interim financial statements. As of May 31, overall revenues remained acceptable for the fiscal year. State revenues reflected final budget adjustments, including a \$6.0 million SOQ Bonus. Federal revenues showed a favorable trend, supported by approximately \$15.2 million in year-to-date Impact Aid payments. Local revenue remained acceptable. Other revenue sources were favorable, driven in part by increased Stop Arm Enforcement revenue. Sales tax receipts remained acceptable and were approximately \$4.5 million higher than the same period last year, while expenditures and encumbrances also continued to trend at acceptable levels. After the presentation, there was a brief discussion regarding the Stop Arm Program.

B. **Gifted Community Advisory Committee 2025-2026 Report:** Crystal Wilkerson, Ed.D., director, Office of K-12 and Gifted Programs, and Brittany Horn, chairperson, Gifted Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC), presented the annual report to the School Board and reported that it had fulfilled its statutory responsibilities under Virginia Code 22.1-18.1 by reviewing the local plan and assessing implementation of the prior year's plan. The committee summarized its collaboration with district offices, family engagement efforts, site visits, and work with Teaching and Learning departments. For the 2026–27 school year, it recommended stronger district partnerships, clearer alignment of gifted resource teacher responsibilities with the 2024–2029 Local Plan, increased cross-programmatic collaboration, and prioritized staffing and funding for schools with lower identification rates, unique needs, or large gifted populations.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding collaboration, learning walks; staffing allocations and support; gifted student populations; middle school gifted services; ODS; gifted cluster model; alternative models; and overall recommendations.

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- C. ***Special Education Advisory Committee Report:*** Roni Myers-Daub, Ed.D., executive director, Office of Programs for Exceptional Children, and Meghan Ashburn, chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee, provided the School Board information regarding the 2025-2026 report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). During the 2025–2026 school year, the Special Education Advisory Committee advised the division on special education matters, including policy review and the Local Special Education Annual Plan. The committee focused on soliciting public comment and on the Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy, working to ensure dedicated seclusion rooms were not authorized in VBCPS. The SEAC recommendations included continued work on that policy, expanded educator training on students' academic and social-emotional needs and increased Pre-K access for students with disabilities.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding support for staff in general education setting; professional development for teachers; collaboration with other departments; and Policy 5-54 and Regulation 5-54.1.

- D. ***Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Renewal Dues:*** Chair Brown shared the background summary as provided on the coversheet in the agenda packet; noted the cost of the annual dues (\$13,279.73 for dues and \$500 for legal assistance fee). A brief discussion followed regarding the professional development provided for the school board attorney and school board clerk; training for School Board Members; and support for new School Board Members.
- E. ***State Budget Update:*** Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, presented an update on the state biennial budget conference report, which exceeded the Governor's proposal by funding 4% salary increases in each year of the biennium and adding nearly \$2.0 billion in public education funding. The report included major investments in special education, school construction, At-Risk support, per-pupil operating funds, and early childhood initiatives. The presentation outlined the Administration's recommendations for possible additional funds — covering PAYGO, grant replacement, high-impact tutoring, the Virginia Literacy Act, and several HR priorities. It was noted that the House and Senate had reached a budget agreement awaiting the Governor's signature and explained that final division-level impacts would depend on updated VDOE calculation tools and Direct Aid distributions.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the salary increase; overall funding for education; support for students; administration's recommendations; HR priorities; and impact of salary increase.

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F. **Revenue Sharing Formula:** Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, reviewed proposed revisions to the Revenue Sharing Formula, which governed how the City and Schools coordinated funding. The revisions developed following the City's May 7 proposal, a May 28 staff review, and subsequent refinement by School Board Chair Brown and Attorney Lannetti, focused on aligning health insurance premiums, clarifying notification requirements, and extending the agreement through June 30, 2028. There was a brief discussion regarding the revenue sharing formula; Chair Brown provided additional information; and health insurance.

13. **Return to public comments if needed:** As noted, under Agenda Item #11, the Public Comments concluded at 7:06 p.m.

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

A. **School Board Organizational Matters:**

1. **Superintendent's Designee in the Absence of the Superintendent:** Recommended that the School Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Cheryl R. Woodhouse, Chief of Staff, and Crystal M. Pate, Chief Financial Officer, as designees of the division superintendent to attend meetings of the School Board in the absence or inability to attend of the superintendent for the 2026-27 fiscal year pursuant to Code of Virginia § 22.1-76, ... approval of division superintendent's designee.
2. **Superintendent's Signature Authority:** Recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent's recommendation to extend the term of signature authority for Cheryl R. Woodhouse, Chief of Staff, and Crystal M. Pate, Chief Financial Officer, through June 30, 2027 to sign all Virginia Department of Education correspondence (VDOE), reports, documents, requisitions and other official correspondence in the absence of the division superintendent.
3. **Payroll Deductions:** Recommended that the School Board Authorize the following list of payroll deductions for the 2026-27 fiscal year pursuant to Board Policy 4-36 – Payroll Deductions; and its corresponding Regulation 4-36.1 – Payroll Deductions:

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| 1. Health Plans | 5. Long Tenn Disability Plan | 9. Garnishments |
| 2. Dental Plans | 6. Association Dues | 10. Federal Tax Liens |
| 3. Tax Sheltered Annuities | 7. United Way | 11. State Tax Liens |
| 4. Flexible Benefit Plans | 8. Deferred Compensation | 12. Local Tax Liens |

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13. State Education (Student Loans)	Payment(s) owed to the School	25. Administrative Processing Fees,
14. Child Support	Division	where applicable
15. Court Orders/Bankruptcies	21. VRS Service Buy Back	26. VRS Retirement - Member
16. Legal Resources	22. Workers' Compensation	Contribution Rate
17. Direct Deposit	Salary/Leave Adjustments	27. Virginia Beach Education
18. VRS Optional Life Insurance	23. Travel Advance and Other	Foundation
19. Salary/Leave Adjustments	Purchase Repayments	
20. Employee Authorized	24. Voluntary Benefits	

B. **School Board Committee Assignment Modifications for term ending June 30, 2027:** Recommended that the School Board approve the list of committee assignments for the term ending June 30, 2027.

C. **Religious Exemption(s):** Recommended that the School Board approve RE-26-21, RE-26-22 and RE-26-23.

After reading the items on the Consent Agenda, Chair Brown asked if there were any objections to voting on the Consent Agenda as presented. There was a brief question regarding the committee assignments. Hearing no objections, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel. 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.

15. Action

A. **Personnel Report / Administrative Appointments:** Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the June 23, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. Ms. Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bohenstiel, that the School Board approve the appointments, and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions, as listed on the June 23, 2026 personnel report along with the administrative appointments 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 June 23, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Superintendent Robertson mentioned the following appointments: **Pierre J. Dizon**, administrative assistant, Point O'View Elementary School, as assistant principal, Hermitage Elementary School; **Barbara A. Griffin**, administrative assistant, Newtown Elementary School, as assistant principal, Seatack

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Elementary School, An Achievable Dream Academy; **Adrienne Bracy**, administrative assistant, First Colonial High School, as assistant principal, Renaissance Academy; **Kimberly C. Nurse**, administrative assistant, Bayside High School, as assistant principal, Tallwood High School; and **Lauren C. Cave, Ed.D.**, interim human resources specialist, as human resources specialist, Department of Human Resources.

- B. **Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Renewal Dues:** Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the Virginia Beach School Boards Association (VSBA) annual renewal dues. Dr. Green 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 to approve the VSBA annual renewal dues. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

- C. **Rescind June 8, 2026 Vote on Substitute Motion to Policy 6-18, and if rescinded, vote on amended Policy 6-18:** Chair Brown called for a motion to rescind June 8, 2026 vote on substitute motion. Mr. Culpepper made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. A discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the policy and changes; revoting on topic; clarification on reasons to rescind the policy; staff preparing for next school year; use of Chromebooks; computer science standards; screen time; and PRC Committee.

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to call the question, which was seconded by Ms. Melnyk. Chair Brown explained the motion will require eight votes and there is no discussion on the call the question. She clarified the vote is to discontinue discussion. Chair Brown called for the vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to call the question: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk. There were two (2) nays opposed to the motion to call the question: Mr. Cummings, and Ms. Rogers.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion to rescind June 8, 2026 vote on substitute motion. The School Board Clerk announced there were six (6) ayes in favor of the motion to rescind: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Dwyer. There were five (5) nays opposed to the motion to rescind: Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed 6-5-0.

Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the amended Policy 6-18. Mr. Culpepper made the motion, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. A discussion followed regarding the amended Policy 6-18; Chromebook use in the library; library usage for SOL testing; additional staffing; working the schools; and unknown challenges.

Ms. Rogers made a substitute motion to refer Policy 6-18 to the Policy Review Committee for further review. Chair Brown clarified the motion on the floor is to send Policy 6-18 back to the Policy Review

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Committee. Dr. Green seconded the substitute motion. A brief discussion followed regarding sending the policy back to Policy Review Committee. Chair Brown called for a vote on the substitute motion. The School Board Clerk announced there were five (5) ayes in favor of the substitute motion to send Policy 6-18 back to Policy Review Committee: Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. There were six (6) nays opposed to the substitute motion to send Policy 6-18 back to Policy Review Committee: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Dwyer. The motion did not pass (failed), 5-6-0.

The discussion continued regarding the amended policy; screen time issue; negative impact of screen time; implementing the policy; and survey results. After the discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote to approve the amended Policy 6-18. The School Board Clerk announced there were six (6) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the amended Policy 6-18: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Dwyer. There were five (5) nays opposed to the motion to approve the amended Policy 6-18: Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 6-5-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes: Chair Brown mentioned a vote was needed to approve the minutes since the prior vote was only to reconsider the vote for the June 2, 2026 minutes. Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the June 2, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Cummings made the motion, seconded by Mr. Callan. Without discussion, Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the June 2, 2026 minutes as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohensiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. There were two (2) abstentions: Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Dwyer. The motion passed, 9-0-2.

- 16. *Committee, Organization or Board Reports:*** Mr. Bohensiel mentioned the Green Run Collegiate graduation and shared graduation statistics. Dr. Green mentioned meals for students over the summer and to see the School Division website for details. Ms. Rogers also mentioned the meals for students as well as the 2026 graduation ceremonies. Mr. Callan attended the JDC graduation. Ms. Felton mentioned the practical nursing graduation, the 2026 graduation ceremonies and thanked the administration for all their work. Vice Chair Weems mentioned the fifth grade and eighth grade ceremonies and the Policy Review Committee meeting, June 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the School Administration Building. Chair Brown and Ms. Melnyk shared thoughts on the 2026 graduations.

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17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters: At 10:00 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 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.

Namely to discuss:

- A. The School Board Attorney's evaluation.
- B. Update on Internal Auditor's evaluation.
- C. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases.
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.

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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. Culpepper, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 7-0-0. Note, the following School Board members were not present during the vote: Mr. Bohlenstiel, Mr. Cummings, Dr. Green, and Ms. Melnyk.

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

- A. ***The School Board Attorney's evaluation:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohlenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

The following School Board Members left and returned to the Closed Session: Ms. Rogers left at 10:10 p.m. and returned at 10:14 p.m.; Mr. Culpepper left at 10:15 p.m. and returned at 10:17 p.m.; and Mr. Cummings left at 10:16 p.m. and returned at 10:18 p.m.

- B. ***Update on Internal Auditor's evaluation:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohlenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

The School Board reconvened at 10:38 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.

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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 for Certification of Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

Vice Chair Weems made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve the School Board Attorney'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 School Board Attorney.

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 School Board Attorney's 2026 evaluation as agreed upon by the School Board in Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0-0.

18. Adjournment: Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair