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School Board Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

**School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Drive, P.O. Box 6038,
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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 8th day of September 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 4:01 p.m.), Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk (arrived at 4:45 p.m.), and Ms. Rogers. The following School Board Member attended via Zoom: Mr. Bohenstiel (personal reasons/Virginia Beach).
- A. ***School Board Administrative Matters and Reports:*** Chair Brown mentioned the sign-up sheet for the VSBA conference in November. Ms. Rogers mentioned commemorative celebrations for the months of July, August, and September. Kamala Lannetti, school board attorney, mentioned FOIA requests and a discussion followed on the topic.
- B. ***Benefits Update from Mercer:*** Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, and David Keough, senior principal, Mercer, provided the School Board an update. The update reviewed claims experience and cost projections for the Schools' self-funded plans using data through June 30, 2026. Claims trend moderated sharply, with per-employee costs up just 2.2% year-to-date versus 9.1% in 2025, as pharmacy remained the main driver at 4.0%.

High-cost claimant plan spend was essentially flat at \$13.2M. The Personify Health wellbeing partnership delivered measurable gains — most pronounced among high-risk members — and participants closed preventive care gaps faster than non-participants.

Projections improved relative to the March update. Calendar-year 2026 gross costs were projected at \$125.0M — \$1M better than the prior estimate — with the year-end health fund balance \$2.3M more favorable at \$6.6M. Costs were forecast to climb to \$137.1M in 2027 and \$149.4M in 2028 on an assumed 9% combined trend. On a fiscal-year basis, gross costs were projected at \$119.2M for FY2026, rising to \$141.9M by FY2028 with a healthier fund balance of \$18.0M.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding the BeWell program; health issues (diabetes), chronic health problems; cost of medications; costs to employees/affordable healthcare; data through the month of March; projections for 2028; and the health fund balance.

- C. **Vaping Update:** Walter Brower, Jr., Ed.D., senior executive director of high schools, presented a vaping update to the School Board, noting that 7.2% of U.S. secondary students used tobacco or nicotine products and that Virginia Beach ranked between #2 and #4 among Virginia's 13 largest divisions over four years. 123 Division data showed three-year declines of 23.4% in middle school referrals and 24.6% in high school referrals, with suspensions down about 21% and 24% respectively. Staff attributed the progress to education, curriculum, signage, and the Choices and SAIP programs, combined with restroom supervision, sweeps, digital pass tracking, and access restrictions.

The presentation reported that independent, non-vendor evidence for vape sensors was limited. The stronger evidence base favored counseling and education over suspension, consistent with the division's existing Choices and SAIP programs. The presentation concluded noting that by aligning school board policy, parent vigilance, and community compliance, we can establish a protective shield around our students and foster healthier learning environments.

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After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding student vaping; discipline reporting; restroom access; student health; parent education; community outreach, legislative engagement, and support services.

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 5:30 p.m.
4. **Formal Meeting (School Administration Building #6 – School Board Room) 6:00 p.m.**
5. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Brown convened the meeting of the School Board at the School Administration Building #6, School Board Chamber at 6:00 p.m. on the 8th day of September 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, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The following School Board Member attended via Zoom: Mr. Bohenstiel (personal reasons/Virginia Beach).
6. **Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Student, Employee and Public Awards and Recognition**
 - A. Boys VHSL Class 5 Doubles Champions – Cox High School
 - B. VHSL Class 5 National Guard Cup – Kellam High School
 - C. VHSL Claudia Dodson Sportsmanship, Integrity, and Ethics Award – Kellam and Cox high schools
 - D. National Procurement Institute (NPI) 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement – VBCPS Office of Procurement Services

The School Board recognized Cox High School students, Sam Dixon and German Gonzalez Mignot, for winning the VHSL Class 5 boys tennis doubles championship. Kellam High School

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was recognized for receiving the VHSL Class 5 National Guard Cup, and Kellam and Cox high schools for earning the VHSL Claudia Dodson Sportsmanship, Integrity, and Ethics Award. The Office of Procurement Services was recognized for receiving the National Procurement Institute's 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

8. ***Adoption of the Agenda:*** Chair Brown mentioned the following modification to the agenda – move School Division Services School Opening Update from Administrative, Informal, and Workshop session to Information Item #12A with the other items following sequentially (B, C, and D.) Chair Brown called for any additional modifications to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented and modified. Ms. Melnyk 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 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)***

Administrative Recognitions: Superintendent Robertson introduced the following appointments: **James S. Arnett**, teacher, Princess Anne Middle School, as assistant principal, Christopher Farms Elementary School; **Amy M. Gortz**, instructional coach, Norfolk Public Schools, as assistant principal, Red Mill Elementary School; **Latoya S. Gregg**, assistant principal, Samuel P. Morton Elementary School, Franklin City Public Schools, as assistant principal, Pembroke Elementary School; **Darcy Victory**, teacher, Landstown Elementary School, as assistant principal, Thalia Elementary School; **Shaheen Soorani**, assistant principal, Green Run High School, as principal, Brandon Middle School; **Antoinette "Melissa" Plaia-Shemwell**, administrative assistant, Green Run High School, as assistant principal, Green Run High School; **Kenneth D. Vaughan**, principal, Brandon Middle School, as principal, Bayside High School; **Caroline F. Myers**, teacher, Kempsville High School, as coordinator, TCE Administration and

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Marketing Program, Department of Teaching and Learning; and **Valarie N. Williams**, retired employee relations specialist, Department of Human Resources, as employee relations specialist, Department of Human Resources.

10. *Approval of Meeting Minutes*

A. ***August 11, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting:*** Chair Brown called for any modifications to the August 11, 2026 School Board Meeting minutes as presented. Hearing none, Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Green 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 August 11, 2026 minutes as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Bohenstiel, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, and Ms. Rogers. There was one abstention: Ms. Melnyk. The motion passed, 9-0-1.

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

There were seven (7) in-person speakers. The topics included ancient ice-storage structures; educational technology; ChatGPT; digital citizenship; graduation and conflicting schedules; reading intervention and elective opportunities; Chaplain Program; securing firearms, Be SMART program; teacher workload; professional development; and professional attire. The Public Comments concluded at 6:42 p.m.

12. *Information*

A. ***School Division Services School Opening Update:*** Note, due to time constraints, this item was moved from Workshop to Information during the Adoption of the Agenda.

See Agenda Item #8.

Benjamin Oakes, chief operations officer, along with directors from the various offices in the Department of School Division Services, and Frank Fentress, administrator, Park & Landscape Services, provided updates to the School Board.

Facilities Services covered 90+ sites, 11 million square feet, and 1,900 acres, running Capital Improvement work at over 30 schools — roofs, HVAC, fire alarms, solar, turf fields, and accessibility upgrades — and launching the Tri-Campus Additions project.

Maintenance Services completed 90 repair projects plus preventative maintenance, and expanded partnerships in work-order software, a planetarium renovation, a school solar array, and student trade placements. **Custodial and Distribution Services** deep-cleaned every building and processed over 6,000 work orders for deliveries, removals, and event support.

Transportation logged 8.3 million miles for 46,610 registered students across 581 routes, brought the Stop Arm Safety Program and the ZUM app fully online, and sustained driver training. **Food Services** served 9.09 million meals in FY 2025-2026, covered 22,000+ students at 38 CEP schools with reduced-price fees again waived, modernized two more kitchens, and expanded scratch cooking division-wide — reminding families that prior eligibility expires October 7, 2026.

Security and Emergency Management implemented the state Standard Response Protocol across guides, training, and dispatch procedures, and won FY 2027 grants funding 15 elementary security positions and an Emergency Preparedness Planner. **Park & Landscape Services** maintained grounds on a 16- to 18-day cycle, prepared fields for 1,346 games, and supported site infrastructure, athletics, and curriculum gardens.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding work order process, communication with schools, transportation staffing and safety measures, meal participation and eligibility, surplus procedures, and student internship opportunities. Board members expressed appreciation for staff efforts.

- B. **Policy Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations:** Recommended the School Board review recommendations regarding the amendment of policies as recommended by the Policy Review Committee at its August 11, 2026 meeting. Kamala Lannetti, school board attorney, reviewed the following:

1. **Policy 3-74/New Construction/Additions/Alterations: Naming of School or Parts Thereof, Commemorative Displays:** The PRC recommends amendments that allow flexibility in naming facilities, grounds and/or buildings and reserving the School Board's right to make exceptions to the policy.
2. **Policy 4-48/Leave of Absence for Employee and Professional Organization Officers:** The PRC recommends updating the policy to reflect new legislation. There was a discussion regarding reduction of leave and how it related to VRS creditable service.
3. **Policy 4-88/Holidays:** The PRC recommends adding Columbus Day to the list of potential staff holidays to be consistent in listing all Commonwealth of Virginia holidays. There was a discussion regarding the effect of the holiday on 12-month employees and custodians.
4. **Policy 5-30/Graduation Requirements/Diplomas/Certificates:** The PRC recommends amendments to reflect applicable legislation regarding who is eligible for diplomas and GEDs. There was a discussion regarding verbiage in Section C3 and making corrections to the section.
5. **Policy 5-38/Freedom of Speech and Expression – Students:** The PRC recommends minor scrivener changes.
6. **Policy 5-41/Student Dress and Grooming Codes:** The PRC recommends minor scrivener changes.
7. **Policy 5-46/Student Government/City-Wide Student Cooperative Association:** There are no recommended changes to this policy. It is being reviewed to conform with the 5-year review requirement.
8. **Policy 5-52/Cell Phone-Free Education – Cellular Phones and Personal Electronic Communication Devices:** The PRC recommends adding the term "Smart Devices" to the policy to reflect statutory language regarding such devices. There was a discussion

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regarding the phrase “other personal electronic communication devices” and if that includes iPods.

9. Policy 5-66/Student Directory Information: The PRC recommends adding language to align with legislation regarding immigration/citizenship status and the release of addresses of foster families.

10. Policy 7-57/Vehicles, Motorized Devices and Animals on School Grounds: The PRC recommends clarifying the use of motorized vehicles on School Division property, considering the rise in popularity of e-bikes. A discussion followed regarding the use of e-bikes on school grounds.

C. Standards of Learning (SOL) Pass Rates Based on 2025-2026 Performance: Daniel Miani, Ed.D., chief academic officer, and Scott Dunn, testing specialist, provided the School Board information regarding the SOL Pass Rates based on 2025-2026 performance. The division improved on 14 of 28 tests, held steady on 5, and declined on 9. 1 Reading held at 82 percent, math slipped to 78, science to 80, and history rose 4 points to 81 with gains on every test. Virginia Beach outperformed the state on 27 of 28 tests and led its Hampton Roads peers in all subjects except math.

Staff also reported that Virginia's new proficiency cut scores take effect in fall 2026, raising passing standards for reading and math over a four-year phase-in with a temporary Pass/Approaching level; communication to principals and families is underway. Stated priorities are elementary and middle school mathematics, early literacy, and support for students with disabilities, English learners, and Black students.

After the presentation, a discussion followed with questions and comments regarding updated SOL cut scores, the impact of the transition from a 400 to a 413 passing score; data results; professional development for teachers; staff workload concerns; appropriate benchmarks for evaluating SOL results; and communication to families regarding revised testing terminology.

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D. **Budget Calendar:** Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, provided the School Board information on the budget calendar for the FY 2027-28 Operating Budget and the 2027-28 – 2031-32 Capital Improvement Program. The calendar review began with a September kickoff on revenue outlook and direction, October budget requests, and fall milestones including reversion and the Five-Year Forecast on November 17. The review continued with a December 8 public hearing, state revenue estimates in late December, and five board budget workshops from January 12 through February 16. The Superintendent's Estimate of Needs and Capital Improvement Program were set for February 23, followed by two more workshops, a March 9 public hearing, School Board adoption March 23, presentation to City Council in April, and City Council approval no later than May 15. Mercer benefits updates recurred throughout.

13. **Return to public comments if needed:** As noted, under Agenda Item #11, the Public Comments concluded at 6:42 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 a certain bylaw and policies as recommended by the Policy Review Committee at its June 24, 2026 meeting.

1. **Bylaw 1-32/Adoption, Amendment, Repeal or Suspension – Policies:** Recommended changing the language in the appearance of formatting from underlining new language to red lettering to align with the requirements of Web Content Accessibility Guidelines regarding the use of underlining.

2. **Policy 3-30/Purchasing and Procurement of Goods and Services:** Recommended adding procurement of capital improvement and other facilities-related procurements to the policy to ensure that procurement practices are unified across all division departments.

3. **Policy 5-25/Student Placement:** Recommended updating the Legal References.

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4. **Policy 5-26/Course Load:** Recommended updating the Legal References.
 5. **Policy 5-27/Promotion, Retention and Acceleration:** Recommended adding the word “earning” to Section C. and updating the Legal References.
 6. **Policy 5-28/Reporting Student Progress:** Recommended adding clarifying language to Section D.
- B. **Program Evaluation Schedule for 2026-2027:** Recommended that the School Board approve the schedule of program evaluations that will be completed by the Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability (PIA) during the 2026-2027 school year.
- C. **New Courses:**
1. **Firefighting I and Firefighting II:** Recommended that the School Board approve new courses Firefighting I and Firefighting II to be offered at the Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center beginning in the Fall of 2027.
 2. **Law Enforcement I and Law Enforcement II:** Recommended that the School Board approve new courses Law Enforcement I and Law Enforcement II to be offered at the Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center beginning in the Fall of 2027.
- D. **Religious Exemption(s):** Recommended that the School Board approve RE-27-03; RE-27-04; and RE-27-05.

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 Dr. Green. Chair Brown called for a vote. The School Board Clerk announced there were nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 9-0-0. Note, Mr. Bohensiel was not present on Zoom during the vote.

15. Action

- A. **Personnel Report/Administrative Appointments:** Chair Brown called for a motion to approve the September 8, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. Dr. Green made the motion, seconded by Ms. Melnyk, that the School Board approve the appointments, and the acceptance of the resignations, retirements, and other employment actions, as listed on the September 8, 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 nine (9) ayes in favor of the motion to approve the September 8, 2026 personnel report and administrative appointments. The motion passed, 9-0-0. Note, Mr. Bohensiel was not present on Zoom during the vote.

Superintendent Robertson mentioned the following appointments: **Angelia T. Ragland**, instructional specialist, Department of Teaching and Learning, as assistant principal, Arrowhead Elementary School; and **Jennifer B. McGregor**, instructional specialist, Department of Teaching and Learning, as coordinator, Technology Academy, Landstown High School.

- 16. Committee, Organization or Board Reports:** Ms. Melnyk mentioned the Season of Nonviolence and its development in Virginia Beach. Ms. Rogers mentioned a partnership opportunity with George Mason University music faculty. Vice Chair Weems mention the Policy Review Committee Meeting scheduled for September 9 at 3:30 p.m. Chair Brown shared visiting schools on the first day of classes and thanked all staff for the great work starting the school year.
- 17. Return to Administrative, Informal, Workshop or Closed Session matters:**
Closed Session: At 8:57 p.m., Vice Chair Weems made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Callan, 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. Superintendent's Goals for 2026-2027.
- B. Status of pending litigation or administrative cases.

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- C. Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation and pending litigation matters.
- D. Authorization to retain Sands Anderson for outside legal counsel legal services regarding procurement and contracting matters.
- E. Settlement offers for two 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. Rogers. The motion passed, 8-0-0. Note, School Board Member, Ms. Melnyk was not present during the vote.

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

- B. ***Status of pending litigation or administrative cases;*** and
- D. ***Authorization to retain Sands Anderson for outside legal counsel legal services regarding procurement and contracting matters:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, 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; Crystal Pate, chief financial officer; Alicia D. Smith, director, Office of Procurement Services; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

At 9:09 p.m., the following staff members left the Closed Session: Crystal Pate, chief financial officer, and Alicia D. Smith, director, Office of Procurement Services.

- E. ***Settlement offers for two matters:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, 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.

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- 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, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers; Kamala H. Lannetti, school board attorney; Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent; and Regina M. Toneatto, school board clerk.

School Board Member, Mr. Cummings left the Closed Session at 9:15 p.m., and returned at 9:16 p.m. Donald E. Robertson, Ph.D., superintendent, left the Closed Session at 9:20 p.m., and returned at 9:23 p.m. School Board Member, Ms. Melnyk left the Closed session at 9:24 p.m., and returned at 9:25 p.m. School Board Member, Chair Brown left the Closed Session at 9:31 p.m., and returned at 9:33 p.m.

- A. ***Superintendent's Goals for 2026-2027:*** School Board Members: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, 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 9:53 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

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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 Dr. Green. 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. There was one (1) abstention: Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 8-0-1.

Vice Chair Weems made the following motion; I move to enter into an agreement with Sands Anderson to provide outside legal counsel services for procurement and contracting matters and authorize the School Board Chair and the School Board Attorney to handle all matters related to such agreement. Ms. Melnyk 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 read by Vice Chair Weems: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Weems, Mr. Callan, Mr. Cummings, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Felton, Dr. Green, Ms. Melnyk, and Ms. Rogers. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

18. Adjournment: Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina M. Toneatto, Clerk of the School Board

Approved:

Kathleen J. Brown, School Board Chair