

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
(Interim School Board Member Interviews)  
Monday, February 22, 2021 (6:00 PM)**

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**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually.**

Upon roll being taken, the following persons were present:

Dr. Judith Brooks-Buck, *Chair*  
Phyllis Byrum, *Vice-Chair*  
Karen Jenkins  
Lorita Mayo  
Sherri Story

Also Present:           Dr. John B. Gordon III, *Superintendent* (attended via electronic device)  
Wendell M. Waller, *School Board Attorney* (attended via electronic device)  
Tarshia L. Gardner, *Clerk*  
Keesha L. Hicks, *Deputy Clerk*

Absent:                   Tyron Riddick

**6:00 P.M. – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Brooks-Buck.

**MOTION TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF VIRTUAL CLOSED MEETING  
DISCUSSIONS**

Attorney Waller read the following motion:

A MOTION IS NEEDED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING TONIGHT’S VIRTUAL CLOSED MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD. NON-SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE VIRTUAL CLOSED MEETING, EXCEPT FOR NON-MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WHOSE ATTENDANCE IN THE VIRTUAL CLOSED MEETING HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND DEEMED NECESSARY AS PROVIDED FOR BY VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3712, SUBSECTION F (1950) AS AMENDED, AND ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT’S VIRTUAL CLOSED MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL NOT MAKE USE OF ANY RECORDING DEVICES TO INCLUDE CAMERAS, COMPUTER STORAGE DEVICES, DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDERS SOUND RECORDING TECHNOLOGY OR TAPE-RECORDING DEVICES DURING THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Member Jenkins moved, and Member Mayo seconded the motion, to approve the motion as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 5   Nay: 0   Abstain: 0   Absent: 1 (Riddick). The motion Passed. 5 to 0.

**MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING**

Attorney Waller read the following motion:

A motion is needed to go into a Closed Meeting to discuss the following item and subject pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended:

The interview of prospective candidates for temporary appointment to fill a school board vacancy to represent the Sleepy Hole Borough on the Suffolk City School Board.

Which is authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Vice Chair Byrum moved, and Member Jenkins seconded the motion, to go into a closed meeting as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Riddick). The motion Passed. 5 to 0

**CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED MEETING**

Attorney Waller read the following motion:

A RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF THE CLOSED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3712 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of the City of Suffolk 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 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires a certification by the 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 Suffolk hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this resolution of certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the School Board of the City of Suffolk.

Vice Chair Byrum moved, and Member Riddick seconded the motion, to approve the Certification of the Closed Meeting as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Riddick) The motion Passed. 5 to 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board Chair adjourned the Special Meeting of the School Board at 8:40 p.m.

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Judith Brooks-Buck, Ph.D., *Board Chair*

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Tarshia L. Gardner, *Board Clerk*