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[00:00:00] welcome to the January 9th Henrico County School Board work session. Dr. Cashwell. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board, and the audience. We'll begin our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, which will be followed by a moment of silence. As you're able, if you would please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. If you would Remain standing as you're able for a brief moment of silence.

[00:00:42] And you may be seated. Thank you. I'd like to begin today's meeting with a brief update on school operations as water restoration efforts continue across our county.

[00:01:04] First and foremost, I want to say thank you to our families, our students, our employees, for your patience, and of course your resilience during this very unexpected start to the new year. While we prepare for January weather events, this week's water-related challenges could not have been anticipated.

[00:01:25] I am extremely grateful to Henrico Department of Public Utilities, the county manager, and the entire Henrico County team who have worked tirelessly for days to address the regional water issues. I spoke with the county manager earlier today and he confirmed that significant progress is being made.

[00:01:45] Still, the boil water advisory remains in effect through tomorrow. Therefore, all of our Henrico County public schools and offices will remain closed on Friday, January 10th. We cannot safely provide meal service, operate drinking fountains and water bottle refill stations or support other operational services at this time.

[00:02:08] Again, therefore, we do remain closed tomorrow, Friday, January 10th. Brooklyn Middle School, Wilder Middle School, and Tucker High School remain available as needed for community shower and water distribution sites.

[00:02:25] And I wanna give special thanks to our school-based and central office teams for standing up those sites overnight. Additionally, Henrico County Public Schools employees and even some of our students are volunteering to distribute water throughout the county.

[00:02:41] Our family and community engagement and equity and diversity and opportunity staff continue to help deliver water to neighborhoods with no or low pressure water service. Also today, the family and community engagement staff are partnering with Feed More to give more meal kits to Henrico County Public Schools students and families who are in the greatest need.

[00:03:03] The school board and I understand this extended closure has been difficult for many families and that water services are essential for the safety and the health of our students and our staff. assured we're doing all that we can to get our students back to school as quickly as possible and know that many of our staff and families are experiencing tremendous hardship and challenges on their own throughout this very difficult time. We want to thank you for your understanding as we have navigated these challenges together. Madam Chair. Thank you Dr. Cashwell. The next item on the

[00:03:40] agenda is the approval of the agenda. Is there a motion? I'm here to approve the agenda for today's meeting is there a second second thank you the agenda has been approved I'm sorry all in favor say aye aye any opposed now the agenda has been approved dr. cashwell thank you pursuant to chapter 7 title 22.1 of the code of Virginia I'll conduct the election of a new chair for the school

[00:04:14] board for 2025 at this time the school board chair will be for the calendar year 2025 and thereafter until his or her successor is elected and qualified are there any nominations for the position of school board chair dr cashwell i move to approve the nomination of mrs marcy shea to serve as chair of the school board for the calendar year 2024 and thereafter until his or her successor is elected and qualified 2025.

[00:04:56] Mrs. Atkins has nominated Marcy Shea. Are there any other nominations? Hearing no other nomination, the nominations are closed. Is there a motion on the nomination of Marcy Shea as chair?

[00:05:12] I move to approve the nomination of Marcy Shea to serve as chair of the school board for the calendar year 2025 and thereafter until his or her successor is elected and qualified. All those in favor of the motion say aye.

[00:05:31] Aye. Are there any opposed? Are there any abstentions? The motion passes. Congratulations, Madam Chair. Marcy Shea. Thank you so much to my colleagues for this honor.

[00:05:51] I wanna take a moment to thank Ms. Atkins for her thoughtful and diligent leadership over the last year. It was a historic year with her serving as the first black woman to be the chair of the Hemringo County School Board. She has patiently led us through complex topics this year.

[00:06:10] Alicia, we thank you for your service of the last year. I'm proud to present you with a plaque on behalf of the board and the division.

[00:06:26] The next item on the agenda is the reorganization of the county school board of Henrico County. This has quite a few parts that we will go through. The first is the election of the school board vice chair. It is now my pleasure and privilege to conduct the election of the vice chair of the school board for the calendar year 2025 and thereafter until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

[00:06:52] Are there any nominations for the position of school board vice chair. - Madam Chair, I would like to nominate Madison Irving as vice chair of the school board calendar year 2025 and thereafter.

[00:07:09] - Hearing a nomination for Mr. Irving, are there any other nominations? Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed. Is there a motion on the nomination of Mr. Madison Irving as vice chair?

[00:07:30] - So moved. - Moved by Ms. Atkins. those in favor of the motion say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions the motion passes congratulations mr. vice chair at this time I am pleased to conduct the election of the individual individual to serve as the clerk to the school board by school board policy nominations for this office will come from our superintendent of schools dr. cashwell do you wish to make a

[00:08:08] nomination for the clerk of the school board yes madam chair it is my pleasure to nominate miss tiffany burton as clerk to the school board for the calendar year 2025 and thereafter until her successor is elected and qualified hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed is there a motion on the nomination of miss burton as clerk to the school board i move to approve the nomination of ms burton as clerk to the school board for the calendar year 2025 and thereafter until her successor is elected and qualified thank you mr irving

[00:08:43] all those in favor of the motion say aye aye any opposed any abstentions the motion passes congratulations and thank you for your tireless service the next item in our reorganization is the superintendent's designee in accordance with the code of virginia section 22.1-76 the school board is required to approve a designee of the division superintendent to attend meetings of the school board in the absence or inability of the superintendent to attend. Dr. Cashwell do

[00:09:22] you have a recommendation? Yes it is my pleasure to recommend that the chief of school leadership be designated as my designee to attend school board meetings and in the event that the chief of school leadership is unable to attend the chief of staff is named as a secondary designee to attend school board meetings in my absence or my inability to attend. Is there a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation that the chief of school leadership and in their absence the chief of staff be designated as the superintendent's designee so moved thank you mr or was that mr irving thank you mr irving um all those in favor of the motion say aye aye any

[00:10:01] opposed any abstentions the motion passes uh thank you dr cashwell and our chiefs that are our designees um the next item is the establishment of meeting dates uh dr cashwell do you have a recommendation? I do board members it's my recommendation that the board establish the second and fourth Thursdays of each month as the meeting days of the County School Board of Henrico County Virginia to comply with chapter 7 title 22.1 of the code of Virginia noting that meeting dates may be added or changed throughout the year as necessary. Is there a motion to

[00:10:39] approve the second and fourth Thursdays of each month as the meeting days of the county school board of henrico county virginia i move to approve the second and fourth thursdays of each month as the meeting days of the county school board of henrico county virginia thank you miss atkins is there a second second um all those in favor of the motion say aye aye any opposed any abstentions the motion passes um while we do not vote on our committee assignments A copy will be included in board docs of the school board member committee

[00:11:17] assignments for the next year. To my knowledge, there are no changes or adjustments from last year. Any questions, comments on that, colleagues? All right, and that concludes our reorganization for this year. The next item on the agenda is the consent agenda, which is quite lengthy, mostly school improvement grants. Colleagues, are there any items from the consent agenda that you would like to remove from the block for discussion or individual action? Hearing none, is there a motion for the

[00:11:56] consent agenda? I move the school board accept, adopt, approve, and or award items 4.01 through 4.20 on the consent agenda as presented. Thank you, Ms. Kinsella. Is there a second? Second.

[00:12:14] seconded by Mr. Irving. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? The ayes have it. The consent agenda has been approved. The next item on the agenda is a written public forum. Citizens had the opportunity to submit written comments to the school board for public record. This was distributed to each board member before the meeting. Colleagues, did you all receive a copy of the written comments? Thank you. The next item on the agenda is unfinished business. Colleagues, you have any unfinished business to be presented? Hearing none. The next item on the agenda is new

[00:12:54] business. Colleagues, do you have any new business items to present to the board? Hearing none. The final item on the agenda is the announcement of meeting dates. The next meeting dates are a work session at 3 p.m. at New Bridge Auditorium and a monthly meeting at 6 30 p.m. at New Bridge Auditorium on January 23rd, 2025. Times may be adjusted as needed. This meeting is hereby adjourned.



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