

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
Thursday, March 10, 2022 ~ 5:00 P.M.
Colonel Fred Cherry Middle School, 7401 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held while practicing social distancing.

Board Members Present¹:
Dr. Judith Brooks-Buck, *Chair*
Phyllis Byrum, *Vice Chair*
Heather Howell
Karen Jenkins
Lorita Mayo
Tyron Riddick

Administrative Staff Present:
Dr. John B. Gordon III, *Superintendent*
Wendell M. Waller, *School Board Attorney*
Tarshia L. Gardner, *Clerk*
Keesha L. Hicks, *Deputy Clerk*

• **OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING/WORK SESSION**

➤ **Call to Order:**

Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck called the meeting to order. She reminded all in attendance of the requirement to wear a face covering while attending the meeting that was being held in a school building. Dr. Brooks-Buck also apologized to those in attendance for the delay in starting the meeting promptly at 5:00. The meeting start time was delayed because of the disruption caused by those who were unwilling to wear a face covering and had to be removed from the meeting room by uniformed police officers.

➤ **VKRP (Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program) Fall 2021 Division Report**

Dr. Gordon introduced Mrs. Catherine Pichon who presented the report.

She highlighted the following:

- The report showed stakeholders a picture of school readiness in four key areas — Literacy, Mathematics, Self-Regulation, and Social Skills.
- Forty-two (42%) percent of Virginia’s kindergartners started school below the expected level and required additional support to build foundational skills.
- Fall readiness rates were based on the expected skill level of a kindergarten student at the end of this academic year. Sixty-one (61%) percent of SPS students were categorized as ready. This is three (3%) percent above the state’s average.
- Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) is a measure of a student’s knowledge of important literacy skills which include phonological awareness, alphabet recognition, letter sounds, and spelling. Seventy-nine (79%) percent of SPS kindergarten students met or exceeded the PALS benchmark. Four (4%) percent of SPS students were above the state’s average.

¹ Before the start of the meeting, Board Member Sherri D. Story was escorted from the meeting room due to her failure to adhere to requirements of Suffolk Public Schools that all visitors to school facilities wear a face covering. The meeting was being held at Colonel Fred Cherry Middle School

- Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS) assesses early mathematical thinking. Eighty-two (82%) percent of SPS students met or exceeded the EMAS benchmark. Five (5%) percent of SPS students were above the state's average.
- Child Behavior Rating Scale (CBRS) is a teacher report measure of a student's behavior with peers and adults and their engagement with classroom materials and tasks. It includes two domains — self-regulation and social skills. Eighty-one (81%) percent of SPS students met or exceed the self-regulation benchmark. Two (2%) percent of SPS students were below the state's average. Eighty-six (86%) percent of SPS students met or exceeded the social skills benchmark. Two (2%) percent of SPS students were above the state's average.

Mrs. Pichon indicated that they are looking forward to the Spring Data Collection in pre-k and kindergarten as this will allow teachers, administrators, and division leaders to see how students have grown across the school year in Literacy, Mathematics, Self-regulation, and Social Skills.

Board Members were proud of the students and their progress and thanked the teachers, administrators, staff, and parents for working together to support the students. They felt that it was an indication that the students are learning which is contrary to a false narrative that was being painted. They are also looking forward to the spring scores.

- **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 discussion and/or consideration of the Student Appeal Number 21/22-2 where the discussion in an open meeting would involve the disclosure of information contained in a student's scholastic record.

Which is authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Vice-Chair Byrum moved and Member Riddick seconded the motion to approve the motion as read by Attorney Waller.

Upon a roll-call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

- **RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING**

The Board reconvened in the Public Meeting.

- **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

- Attorney Waller read the following motion:

**A RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF THE CLOSED MEETING OF
MARCH 10, 2022 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.

Upon a roll-call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

Chair, Dr. Brooks-Buck called for a 20 minutes break and reminded all in attendance to wear their mask while in the building.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Brooks-Buck.

- **PRESENTATION OF NANSEMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR GRADUATES**

- Ms. Cruey and Ms. Phiri announced each honor student and stated their plans for the future.

Board Members congratulated the students on their hard work and commitment. They also thanked their teachers and parents for working together as the honor graduates are the results of that collaboration. Members offered best wishes to the 188 honor students and encouraged them to continue reaching for their goals.

There being no further comments, Chair, Dr. Brooks-Buck ended the presentation segment of the meeting.

- **PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

- **Call to Order:**

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Board Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck. She once again reminded speakers to stay on topic of the budget and to wear their masks while in the building. The Clerk read instructions for public speaking. Citizens who signed up to speak shared the following:

- Carly Bosco
 - was pleased with budget increases for teacher salaries and for social emotional learning (SEL);
 - suggested protecting salary increases in case the new Governor make changes;
 - did not agree with the addition of mid-level management/administrator positions;
 - and
 - encouraged the Board to reach out to community partners to assist with building the SEL curriculum.
- Dr. Deborah Wahlstrom
 - commended staff on the bookkeepers' audit;
 - did not agree with the budget or asking City Council for \$2 million dollars, also did not agree with reading programs being purchased; and
 - gave the budget a "D-" and questioned how budget decisions were made.

There being no further speakers, Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck ended the Public Budget Hearing.

- **RE-OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

- **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck and she welcomed all to the meeting.

- **Pledge of Allegiance:**

- Vice-Chair Byrum lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **ACTION ON CLOSED MEETING ITEMS**

Vice-Chair Byrum moved and Member Riddick seconded the motion that Student Appeal 21/22-2 be tabled. Attorney Waller advised that the motion should include the date the appeal will be addressed again. Vice-Chair Byrum amended her motion.

Vice-Chair Byrum moved and Member Riddick seconded the motion to table Student Appeal 21/22-2 to a future meeting convenient for the parent.

Upon a roll-call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chair Byrum moved to approve the agenda as presented. Before the motion was seconded Member Jenkins asked to add an item to the agenda.

Member Jenkins moved and Member Howell seconded the motion to add to the agenda a discussion of the SPS mask mandate at the next meeting on March 24, 2022.

Upon a roll-call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

(This item will be added to the current agenda under New Business, item 6)

- **PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

- The Clerk read the opening statement regarding decorum for those who signed up to speak. The following person appeared to speak on agenda topics:
 - Dr. Deborah Wahlstrom – (VKRP, Purchase Cards)
 - urged the Board to discuss the PALS scores in public;
 - stated that the Board and Superintendent are responsible for and own the reading problem within the division;
 - questioned if the Board and Superintendent understood how the brain learns or if they just do not care about student achievement; and
 - urged the board to provide programs and materials to teachers that are based on the science of reading and focused on teaching best first.

Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck reiterated that SPS students out-performed the state average in reading and that anyone interested in PALS scores should be proud of the information reported earlier in the meeting.

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Good News Report: Ms. Anthonette Ward, Community Engagement Officer, highlighted the following good news/events that happened throughout the division.
 - SPS Alumni: Ryan Foster, CCAP c/o 2007 / Nathan Richardson, FGHS c/o 1978, Lataisia Jones, KFHS c/o 2004
 - Ladies of Distinction
 - NRHS Gowns for Crowns Prom Dress Giveaway
 - Fine & Performing Arts Website
 - SPS Snack & Learn
 - Mammo Van
 - Grants and Awards
 - Athletic Wins
 - February Teacher Spotlight
 - Teacher Honors
 - Superintendent's People's Choice Awards (Angela McElroy / Jessie Ricks)
- SPS Art Teachers, Mrs. Darden and Mrs. O'Hara, thanked the Board for their continual support of Art and presented them with a token of their appreciation. They emphasized they wanted to do this because this is also art appreciation month.

Dr. Gordon explained Covid numbers for our area and highlighted a possible transition from Covid protocol relative to masks. He reminded everyone of the Facebook live session Friday, at 2 p.m., at which time budget topics would be discussed. Dr. Gordon congratulated the school bookkeepers for their audit which earned "No Comments" for the schools activities funds. He stated despite the negative narrative being shared, the auditors from the City have proven that the Bookkeepers, Budget and Finance Department, Director of Student Activities are all doing an excellent job with their transactions. Dr. Gordon highlighted the athletic wins within the division as all three high schools won Regional Championships, and Nansemond River and King's Fork High Schools won State Championships. He thanked Mrs. Pichon and her team for the VKRP report and reiterated that Suffolk Public Schools' scores were above the state's average proving that the Pre-K and Early Childhood Programs, the Summer Bridge and Summer Series programs are working despite the continued misinformation. He thanked Mrs. Forsman and her team for their work with the budget and reiterated that the primary goal was to make SPS salaries

more competitive to retain teachers and staff, and to support them for all of their hard work. He indicated that it was important to reward employees with bonuses as they have done a tremendous job.

- **Calendar of Special Events:** Dr. Gordon spotlighted the events on the calendar. Dr. Gordon thank everyone for their hard work.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Vice Chair Byrum moved and Member Riddick seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

Dr. Gordon announced the hiring of Ms. Jessica Avery as the new Director of Human Resources. He also highlighted her educational background accomplishments.

Ms. Avery thanked the Board for the opportunity and her family for their love and support. Mrs. Avery looks forward to continuing the success of Suffolk Public Schools.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Payment of Bonus to Employees of Suffolk Public Schools**

Vice Chair Byrum moved, and Member Mayo seconded the motion to approve the much needed bonuses.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

- **Chief of Schools Position / Organization Chart**

Member Riddick moved and Member Mayo seconded the motion to approve the organizational chart as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

- **Set the date of March 24, 2022, 6 p.m. for a Special School Board Meeting at Col. Fred Cherry Middle School for the Budget Work Session/Discussion and Approval of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2022-2023**

Vice Chair Byrum moved and Member Howell seconded the motion to approve March 24, 2022, 6 p.m. for the Special Budget School Board Hearing at Colonel Fred Cherry on the Budget.

Attorney Waller clarified that if the Board was approving the date of the Special Meeting, the discussion of SPS mask mandate, and the student appeal which are to be addressed at the next meeting needed to be a part of the motion. Vice-Chair Byrum amended her motion.

Vice-Chair Byrum moved and Member Howell seconded the amended motion to set March 24th for the Special School Board Meeting at Col. Fred Cherry for budget work and for the discussion of masks and the student appeal.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

➤ **Resolution 21/22-14: Resolution of the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia, Approving the Policy Services Agreement Between VSBA and Suffolk City School Board**

Vice-Chair Byrum moved, and Member Riddick seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 21/22-14 to approve the Policy Services agreement with VSBA.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

➤ **Resolution Number 21/22:15: A Resolution of the School Board for the City of Suffolk, Virginia Approving an Award to Northeast Contracting Corporation and Roof Services (A Tecta Company LLC.) Pursuant to Written Invitation to Bid Issued by Suffolk Public Schools**

Vice-Chair Byrum moved and Member Mayo seconded the motion to approve Resolution 21/22-15- to approve an award to Northeast Contracting Corporation and Roof Services (A Tecta Company) pursuant to Written Invitation to Bid Issued by Suffolk Public Schools.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1(Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0

● **PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

➤ The Clerk read the statement regarding decorum for those scheduled to speak. The speakers shared the following:

○ LaTroy Brinkley – Facebook Post by Sherri Story

- He did not agree with Member Story's post as he found it disturbing and indicative of past racist remarks she has made as brought out by some of her former students' comments made on the social media post;
- He stated that he felt sorry for Member Story as her constant negative behavior on social media may possibly be a form of mental illness, and for the ignorance she portrays;
- He indicated that Member Story was experiencing what he called the minority syndrome and suggested that it was due to her being surrounded by a panel of highly educated, professional individuals whose skin tone was darker than hers; and
- He requested that Member Story consider stepping down and called for her immediate resignation stating that she has proven unfit to serve this city.

- Joan Turner – Diversity
 - She was hurt and deeply disturbed by a Principal’s social media post showing her daughter in black face and by Member Story’s post. She stated that they were racist, supported racial stereotypes and actions were highly offensive and disrespectful;
 - She was also appalled by the lateral move of the Principal and suggested a new look at how transfers are handled and called for accountability;
 - She suggested that all Board Members attend diversity classes or workshops that will assist them with understanding different cultures adding that diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical components which equalize access and opportunity for those who have been historically underrepresented and institutionally underserved, allowing all the capacity and right to reach the heights of their ambition; and
 - She encouraged Members to agree to keep pressing for the betterment of children and employees and to not allow a return of the Jim Crow era.

- Carly Bosco – The Role of Board Governance, Board Engagement, and Why One Serves
 - She felt that the Board is regularly dysfunctional;
 - She stated that the role of the board is oversight, not the day-to-day operations of a school division and that there must be mutual trust and understanding between the Board, top administration officials charged with executing daily operations, and stakeholders and that consensus building is the key;
 - She was disappointed by lack of any meaningful discussion taking place during the public forums and suggested that the Board watch Isle of Wight and Virginia Beach School Board Meetings for an example of board engagement; and
 - She stated that partisanship has no place in our schools. She questioned if Members are regularly in Richmond lobbying for alternative paths to education (as for charter schools), focused on infighting or rebuttals, or spending time being silent, how can they be trusted to act in the best interest of the students, the constituents they serve, or to uphold the duties as sworn under oath.

- David Laumann – Several Policies: Curriculum, Where and How to Access It, Masks, School Board Code of Conduct, School Board Bylaws and Where to Get a Copy

Although Mr. Laumann signed up to speak at late appearance he did not speak during late appearance. He had to be removed before the start of the meeting because of his refusal to wear a face covering while in a school building.

- Amber Snodgrass – Achievement Scores, Student Growth, SEL and Rounded Education, Student Discipline and Injustice, Masks, Politics, and Overreach, Board Members Comments, SPSP Structure
 - She was troubled by what she saw and heard from previous Board meeting regarding achievement scores being below the state average. She recommended that the Board hunt for the best methods to educate and work on building student achievement;
 - She questioned the need for SEL in the schools indicating that it will take up classroom time in core courses. SEL is the parent’s responsibility and should not be usurped by the schools;
 - She felt that bullying was a problem and that it should be emphasized that being in the classroom is a privilege. She also did not agree with masks being worn; and
 - She agreed with Member Story’s post and felt that the title of the event was divisive rather than inclusive.

- Dr. Anita Lewis – Hostile Work Environment in SPS
 - She represented the Nansemond Branch of the NAACP. She felt that the post made by Member Story was inflammatory, insensitive and represents a lack of cultural awareness and perhaps implicit bias towards the African American culture;
 - She stated that everyone should be working hard to understand the diversity that exist in our schools and city. She also stated that everyone should be tolerant of those with differing viewpoints and should not engage in divisive rhetoric, which is a disservice to all;
 - She felt that Member Story’s behavior is concerning. Findings contained in the investigative report of the charge filed against Member Story that she created a hostile work environment for Dr. Gordon are disturbing. If Board Member Story wanted to address concerns raised in the report and now in the community regarding her implicit bias, she would have participated in the racial sensitivity training recommended in the investigative report; and
 - She stated that the Nansemond Branch of the NAACP strongly condemns the post by Member Story for its racial overtones, lack of respect for people of color, and recommends that Member Story voluntarily step down from her position or be recalled.

- Travis McKinney – Leadership, Decision Making and the Community at Large
 - He classified the board as being decision makers and not leaders;
 - He did not agree with changing the name of Pioneer Elementary School to Southwestern Elementary School. He stated that it cost the division possibly \$40,000 to make the change and if the Board had leadership, this expense would never have happened;
 - He indicated that the money would have been better served focusing on the abysmal performance of Booker T. Washington Elementary School stating that the students attending that school would never have their names on an honor roll because they lack the proper educational foundation; and
 - He felt that ongoing litigation is costing the division thousands of dollars to fight cases already adjudicated in upwards of \$300,000. He also did not agree with the audit stating that it did not represent transparency — only that math works.

- Janet McKinney – A Furtive Schools Board
 - She stated that Board Chair labeled people who disagree with her as racist and indicated that the Chair had the nerve to tell the Mayor how City Council should organize the Council’s committees;
 - She indicated that the Superintendent had placed a shield in the parking lot at the last meeting to test the response of the police department. She stated that this was admitted to in a letter to the Police Chief;
 - She did not feel that the Board successfully engaged with its constituents. She has tried making contact with her representative to no avail. She said that messages are forwarded to the Superintendent for comment or response; and
 - She did not agree with the continuation of mask wearing after the Governor and CDC changed its information. She felt it was insulting for the Board to strongly encourage mask wearing over Governor Youngkin’s order and that the Board’s stance on masking was making children fearful and that the citizens are the ultimate authority.

- Lena Badeu – Environment of Fear, Retaliation, Mask Policy, Elimination of Unnecessary Covid Protocols, City of Suffolk's Covid Protocols, Comments Made by the Public, Taxpayers, and/or Citizens, Various News Articles, Board Member Comments, Double Standards, Mask Shaming, Intimidation by the Board, Value of Life, Violence in Schools, Bullying, Inability of Board to Accept Responsibility, Hypocrisy of Board, Roles and Responsibility of Board, Allegations Against Board Members, Public Perception, Rude, Condescending, Disrespectful Nature of the Board
 - She informed that the meetings are difficult to hear for attendees;
 - She felt it was ironic that Member Jenkins stated that she served for the students but voted to remove member Story from the meeting for not wearing a mask;
 - She agreed with and thanked Member Howell for stating that communication is key. She also indicated that the Board Chair's words and actions do not reflect what she says with respect to bullying and keeping kids safe. She disregarded the comments made by a student who was being bullied and told her to just ignore it; and
 - She stated that teachers had to report to work on time during inclement weather while SAO staff had a two-hour delay. She also called for the elimination of Covid protocol.

- Zaki Edwards – Thanks to the SPS Teachers and Staff on their Efforts Through the Pandemic
 - He thanked the teachers and staff for all they have done for the past two years. Especially recognizing Ms. Ortis-Hawk and Ms. Woodley. He lamented that he understood the difficulties experienced throughout the past couple of years due to the pandemic because his mother, sister, and sister in-law are educators;
 - He stated that teachers risked their health and safety to educate and serve their students although being grossly underpaid and undervalued;
 - He expressed that many people have found new ways to make teachers lives more difficult by politicizing safety and inventing made up issues that now have teachers concerned about being reported, fired, fined, or jailed for teaching basic US History; and
 - He stressed the need to find a way to make educators lives easier and not more difficult. He then addressed all public schools teachers and staff in Suffolk and around the country stating that they are appreciated, loved and that he and others stand behind them as they continue to perform one of the most difficult and most essentials jobs which is educating children.

- Linda Johnson – Board Behavior Concerns – Cancelled

- **BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS**
 - Board Members thanked all in attendance and commended speakers for their comments and feedback. They stated that they are listening to their constituents and are working hard for the success of the students. Members mentioned that they do not always know the answer, nor always get it right, but they are trying and if it seems as if they are silent during the meeting, it is because questions have already been asked in order to prepare for the vote. They also lamented that they serve on the Board to ensure the success of the students and that is an effort that works best when everyone, including teaches, students, parents, and the community are all on the same page as it takes a village.
 - Members agreed that leaders have certain qualities to be effective and that it is not always easy serving as a Board Member. It is actually harder than imagined but they are there for

the good of the kids that they use to teach and serve. A Member also stated that mental health is the responsibility of all involved and it's not just the parents, or school's responsibility. It happens when all work together for the health and well-being of the student and that SEL is an important tool to help the students.

- A Member made a plea to the public, especially those who have certain skills that can assist students in reading, mathematics, etc. should step up and volunteer to help our students by opening up a tutoring center, and/or churches opening their building for tutoring, everyone is needed to ensure the success of the students.
- Members thanked Dr. Gordon and his team, Mrs. Forsman and her team for their hard work with the budget and the bookkeepers for their great audit. They were also thankful to the teachers and staff for the support shown to students throughout the pandemic which was visible from the scores presented by the VKRP Report. They also thanked the teachers and staff highlighted in the good "Good News" report and the recipients of the "People's Choice Award" as these are the people doing the work on the ground. They were also appreciative of the alumni highlighted in the "Good News" report as they are representative of the great things happening in Suffolk Public Schools.
- Members were appreciative of the gift given on behalf of the art teachers. They expressed that art is very important in education. It is another avenue to reach all students. They also expressed gratitude to the 188 honor graduate students as they have reached a great accomplishment and are an asset to our future. A member also thanked the citizen who was appreciative of the teachers and staff who worked hard during the pandemic to help students be successful learners.
- A Member stated that they will always work on the side of justice and will always work to right any injustice presented as the future of our students depend on this. It was also said that Members can set the example and show students how to function in a society with love, grace, truth and strength in order to leave the world better off than what we inherited.
- The Board Chair corrected misinformation that had been spread including the untruth that Dr. Gordon had placed a "Shield" at the meeting in the parking lot to test the response actions of the police department. She also clarified the cost for changing the name of Pioneer Elementary School to Southwestern Elementary School. It cost the division \$3,400 which was the cost to change the sign. She also emphasized that it's important to recognize other cultures and consider the contributions of all people and that talking about the contributions of one does not diminish the contributions of others.
- A Member also mentioned that although masks were uncomfortable, they had to be mindful of others and not make anyone sick. It was explained that requiring masks was not a power trip, but a health trip as it was important to keep everyone healthy and well.
- A Member announced that a Town Hall will be held for the constituents in her borough on March 17th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. She encouraged all to attend.

- **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Financial Report – February 2022
- Financial Report: Capital Projects
- Accident Report – February 2022

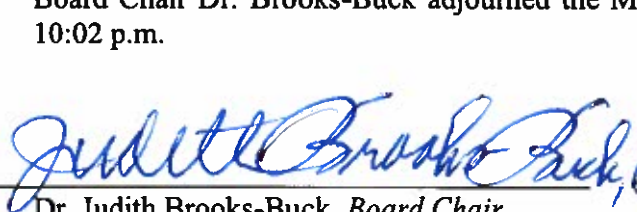
- **ADJOURNMENT**

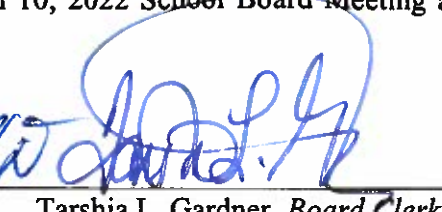
- There being no further business or questions Board Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chair Byrum moved and Member Riddick seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 / Nay: 0 / Absent: 1 (Story). The motion Passed. 6 to 0.

Board Chair Dr. Brooks-Buck adjourned the March 10, 2022 School Board Meeting at 10:02 p.m.


Dr. Judith Brooks-Buck, *Board Chair*


Tarshia L. Gardner, *Board Clerk*