

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 13, SECTION 4-13.1:1 ENTITLED “WHEN BUILDINGS UNSUITABLE FOR PRESENT USE; VIEWPOINTS FROM COMMUNITY; OTHER USES CONSIDERED” OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD - FIRST READING**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 4, Article 13, Section 4-13.1:1 entitled “When buildings unsuitable for present use; viewpoints from community; other uses considered” of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby added as follows:

**Section 4-13.1:1. When buildings unsuitable for present use; viewpoints from community; other uses considered.** — A. School division buildings may become unsuitable for their present use but may be used to benefit the school division or public in other ways. The superintendent reviews division schools and facilities on a continuing basis. The superintendent may recommend to the School Board that a particular school building should be retired, closed, or its use changed. In determining whether a school building is to be retired, the School Board will consider the following factors, among others in a report provided to the School Board from the school superintendent:

1. the adaptability of the building for continued use for its present purpose
2. the suitability of the site of the building
3. the maintenance and upkeep costs of the building and site
4. the historic value of the building to the community

B. The School Board may invite the viewpoints of community residents and staff in making its decision to retire a school building.

C. If the School Board determines to retire or close a school building permanently, it will first consider other uses that the school division might make of the building prior to considering relinquishing possession of the building.

**Legal Authority** — Virginia Code §§ 22.1-79, 22.1-129, 22.1-135, 22.1-136, and 22.1-138.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, sections and chapters of the School Board’s Policy Manual not amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

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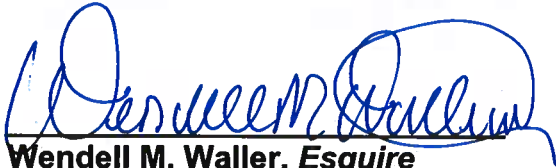
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