

Resolution Number 24/25-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR TO APPOINT NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SUFFOLK CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Suffolk City Council (“City Council”) has established a standing committee known as the “Education Committee”; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 2-461 provides that the stated purpose of the Education Committee is “to serve as a formal channel of communication regarding issues of shared concern between the city government and city school system. The committee will strive to strengthen the relationship between the city and schools by discussing non-instructional issues including, but not limited to, budget, capital improvements, operational savings, safety, and joint uses”; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk City School Board (“School Board”) is of the opinion that the stated purpose for this Committee — to create a formal channel of communication and to strengthen the relationship between the city and schools — are laudable goals and should be pursued; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 2122-20 adopted by the School Board on April 7, 2022, the School Board was of the opinion that “strengthening the relationship between the city and schools can best be achieved not by holding meetings of the Education Committee — that will only involve a few select members from both public bodies — but joint public meetings at least two times a year that will involve all members from both City Council and School Board”; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is now of the opinion that strengthening the relationship between the city and schools can best be achieved by having a member or members of the School Board attend meetings of the City’s Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee is a Committee of City Council and is not a Committee of the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when any two members of the School Board are appointed to attend meetings of the Education Committee, they are to have no delegated responsibilities given to them by the School Board and are not considered a public body as that term is defined in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act found at Virginia Code Section 2.2-3701; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of the School Board to create a standing committee or special committee of the School Board by the chair’s appointment of not more than two members of the School Board to attend meetings of the Education Committee.

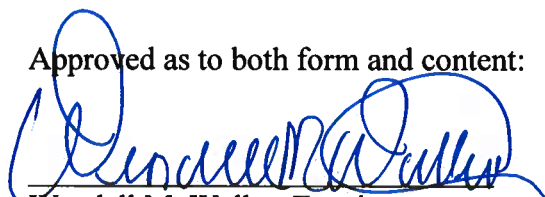
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes the School Board Chair to appoint no more than two members of the School Board to attend meetings of the Education Committee without any delegated responsibilities.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Attest:

Clerk

Approved as to both form and content:



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