

Draft Minutes

Regular Meeting of the York County School Board
Monday, March 23, 2026
York Hall
301 Main Street
Yorktown, VA
Time of Meeting- 7:00 p.m.

Members present

James E Richardson, Zoran Pajevic, Lynda Fairman, Mark Shafer, Kim Goodwin

Also present

Dr. Jim Carroll, Division Superintendent; Mr. Bill Bowen, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. David Reitz, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Candi Skinner, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Melanie Berry, Esq., School Board Attorney; Ms. Nicole Howard, School Board Clerk

1. Call to Order

A. Call to Order- Mr. Pajevic called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Remarks by Board Chair

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3. Moment of Silence

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4. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Pledge Leader- Grayson Artis, a 5th grader at Grafton Bethel Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Recognitions and Awards

A. State Champion Recognitions- Bruton High School's Girls Swim Team and Boys Indoor Track team were recognized for their State Championship achievements.

B. Seniors of the Month- The following seniors were recognized for their accomplishments: Taylor-Kate Wynkoop from Bruton High School; Lena Lambert from Grafton High School; Mariana Gaten from Tabb High School; and Ashton Kessler from York High School (will join for April's meeting)

C. Student Service Awards- The following student were presented with a plaque of recognition: Harper Saunders from Grafton Bethel Elementary.

D. Volunteers of the Month- The following individual was recognized for their contribution to the school and community: Mrs. Kristin Waters from Grafton Bethel Elementary.

E. York Foundation for Public Education Presentation- York Foundation for Public Education Presentation- Mr. Terry Mock, a YFPE member, presented special gifts to award recipients from "Cookie Text- An Edible Tweet!" and Sweet Frog on behalf of the YFPE.

F. Accent on Academics- Magruder Elementary students presented on its after-school STEAM Club developed through a partnership with the College of William & Mary.

6. Recess

A. Recess to Meet with Award Recipients and Students

7. Unfinished Business

A. None

8. Presentations

A. VPCC Annual Presentation- Virginia Peninsula Community College reported continued enrollment growth for a third consecutive year, reversing prior declines, driven by stronger partnerships, reduced enrollment barriers, and increased community engagement. York County was identified as a major contributor to growth, with significant increases in dual enrollment participation. The college highlighted strong performance in both academic programs and short-term workforce credentialing through the Fast Forward initiative, which provides industry certifications in high-demand fields with state-subsidized funding contingent on completion. These programs have experienced rapid growth, high completion and credential rates, and strong employer alignment, particularly in healthcare, welding, and marine trades, though funding demand is increasing. Student outcomes remain strong, including high completion rates, rapid post-graduation employment, and strong local workforce retention. The college also noted major facility investments, including the reopening of the Hampton campus theater, expansion of early childhood education facilities, a new trade center in Newport News, and plans for a future academic building. York County dual enrollment participation has grown substantially, and the county was recognized for the highest growth among localities. Student feedback reflected strong satisfaction with faculty and overall educational experience.

9. Comments of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
 Pam Pouchot-Department of Education
 Mary Lassiter-Bruton

10. Financial Matters

- A. Consideration of Approval of Claims Certified for Payment
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Financial Reports
 - C. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 26-16, a Resolution Authorizing Specific Procurement
 - D. Consideration of Approval of Financial Matters as Listed
- Approval of Financial Matters as Listed

Motion by Kim Goodwin, second by James E Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: James E Richardson, Zoran Pajevic, Lynda Fairman, Mark Shafer, Kim Goodwin

11. Consent Calendar

- A. Consideration of Approval of Personnel Actions
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes Attended by All Board Members: A Special Meeting on February 20, 2026; and a Special Meeting on March 17, 2026.
 - C. Consideration of Approval of Donations Totaling \$300.00
 - D. Consideration of Approval of the Carl Perkins Grant Application for FY27
 - E. Consideration of Approval of Instructional Materials Adoption for Selected Elementary and Secondary Courses: English grades 6-8, Math grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
 - F. Consideration of Approval of Consent Calendar as Listed
- Motion to Approve the Consent Items as Listed

Motion by James E Richardson, second by Mark Shafer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: James E Richardson, Zoran Pajevic, Lynda Fairman, Mark Shafer, Kim Goodwin

12. Action Items

- A. Consideration of Approval for Minutes from a Special Meeting on February 27, 2026
- Approval for Minutes from a Special Meeting on February 27, 2026

Motion by Kim Goodwin, second by James E Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: James E Richardson, Zoran Pajevic, Mark Shafer, Kim Goodwin

Abstain: Lynda Fairman

- B. Consideration of Approval of a Proclamation for Month of the Military Child, April 2026
- Motion to Approve a Proclamation for Month of the Military Child, April 2026

Motion by James E Richardson, second by Lynda Fairman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: James E Richardson, Zoran Pajevic, Lynda Fairman, Mark Shafer, Kim Goodwin

- C. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 26-17, a Resolution Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2026 Expected Budget
- Motion to Approve Resolution 26-17, a Resolution Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2026 Expected Budget

Motion by Kim Goodwin, second by Mark Shafer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: James E Richardson, Zoran Pajevic, Mark Shafer, Kim Goodwin

Nay: Lynda Fairman

13. Policy - Discussion

- A. None

14. Policy - First Reading

- A. Policy G- Personnel-No changes

15. Policy - Second Reading - Action

- A. None

16. Report of the Superintendent

A. Report of the Superintendent- Dr. Carroll reported that the Board recently approved changing April 21st to a student holiday due to it being a special election day, with 11 school campuses serving as polling places. The decision was made to maintain school security and ensure safe, unobstructed voter access and parking. Dr. Carroll also noted recent disruptions from inaccurate weather forecasts and thanked the school community for its flexibility. He then summarized recent engagement activities, including classroom visits, attendance at a special education open house and resource fair, participation in a CTE advisory committee meeting, and upcoming involvement in the Board of Supervisors budget hearing and discussion of the proposed school budget and Tabb High School renovation updates. He also reported beginning his entry plan work, including one-on-one meetings with senior staff, attendance at faculty meetings beginning with York River Academy, and ongoing document review, with continued engagement planned throughout the year.

17. Comments of Citizens Who Did Not Sign Up to Speak Previously

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The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Zoran Pajevic, Board Chair

Nicole Howard, Board Clerk