

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 8, SECTION 2-8.1 ENTITLED, “EARLY APPEARANCES DEFINED; FIVE MINUTES FOR PRESENTATION; MORE THAN SIX SPEAKERS EQUAL TIME ALLOTTED” OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD — SECOND READING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 2, Article 8, Section 2-8.1, entitled “Early Appearances Defined; Five Minutes for Presentation; More than Six Speakers Equal Time Allotted” of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-8.1. Early Appearances Defined; Five Minutes for Presentation; More than Six Speakers Equal Time Allotted. — A. ~~Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Suffolk School Board to observe its deliberations. Any~~ Members of the community public may ~~are~~ address the Suffolk School Board- invited to attend and encouraged to observe its deliberations any open meeting of the School Board, including meetings held by Committees of the School Board. At any regular meeting of the School Board open to the general public, any member of the Suffolk community may address the School Board on matters relating to Suffolk Public Schools, or they may submit their remarks in writing to the Clerk of the School Board. The agenda item entitled “Early Appearances” pertains to those items listed on the School Board agenda for which no public hearing has been scheduled and members of the public Suffolk community have expressed a desire to publicly express their views. The total amount of time set aside during the public meeting of the School Board for Early Appearances shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes.

The term *member of the Suffolk Community* includes any: (1) person residing in the City of Suffolk; (2) parent or legal guardian of a child enrolled in Suffolk Public Schools; (3) business owner licensed to conduct business in the City of Suffolk; (4) person who owns property in the City of Suffolk; (5) employee of Suffolk Public Schools; and (6) student enrolled in Suffolk Public Schools.

B. Each person participating under this agenda item shall be permitted five minutes for the purpose of presenting their views, provided the total allotted time for all speakers does not exceed thirty minutes. Presentations shall be addressed to the entire School Board, rather than to an individual School Board member. Individuals shall not be allowed to give all or part of their five minutes to other speakers. The chairman is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and length of time for such presentation. At the conclusion of a speaker’s remarks, any member of the School Board who desires further information, is allowed to address the speaker but only with permission of the chair.

C. If there are more than six persons to be heard under this agenda item, each person shall be allotted equal time, but in no event shall more than thirty minutes be allotted for this agenda item. Once the thirty minutes period has expired, all other speakers shall be heard during “Late

Appearances,” or they may submit their remarks in writing to the Clerk of the School Board. Any person desiring to be heard under “Early Appearances” shall notify the Clerk of the School Board after the release of the regular meeting agenda to the public, but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday preceding the day of the regular School Board meeting. (Adopted: October 13, 2005; Ordinance Number 05/06-2, Effective Date: January 1, 2006; Adopted September 8, 2016; Ordinance Number 16/17-5; Effective Date: July 1, 2017)

Legal Authority – Virginia Code §22.1-78 (1950), as amended.

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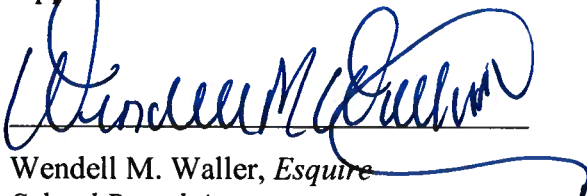
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Approved as to form and content:



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