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December 7, 2020

ELECTRONIC MEETING

Special Meeting: 6:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

6:30 p.m. Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

SB-1 Joint City Council and School Board Meetings

ISSUE: Historically members of Hopewell City Council and the School Board meet once or twice during the annual budget process. However, there is a desire for both bodies to meet frequently an additional three times a year to discuss matters pertaining to education. The goal is to strengthen partnerships between both bodies outside of simply meeting for financial purposes.

DISCUSSION: _____

Roll Call

SB-2 Bilateral Communication for Community Related Matters

ISSUE: There is a request to develop a standard method for both City Council and the School Board to share Community Related Matters between both bodies. The goal is to ensure that both parties are aware of concerns of public safety, major announcements and/or items of contention. Having a standard method of communication will ensure that representatives within both bodies will be able to share a consistent message when communicating with the public, upcoming major projects, situational awareness and develop a context for when actions may require action from both parties.

- Emergency Operations Plan – Updates from School included in Covid0-19 reports to City Council.

DISCUSSION: _____

Roll Call

SB-4 Covid-19 Effects on School System

ISSUE: Covid-19 has affected all local governments across the nation. The following is friendly discussion to bring City Council to up-to-speed on the state of our education system to date while managing the demands of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic.

- Virtual Learning Summary – Experiences to Date
- Covid-19 Safety precautions/Covid-19 Testing
- Return to In-Person - Governor/State Mandates and CDC/Guidance
- Year Round School
- Student Progression to Next Grade Level/Meeting Benchmarks
- SOL Requirements and School Accreditation
- Effects on Families/Parent Feedback
- Effects on Childcare Facilities
- Additional Literature/Notifications

DISCUSSION:_____

SB-5 Opportunities to Collaborate

ISSUE: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the future is unsure what returning to “normalcy” may look like. However, we the upcoming months will require closer partnerships between both bodies to address how to support residents once the Covid-19 protections and waivers from state/federal end. What topics/issues can we brainstorm to begin discussing ways that we can leverage resources to provide support?

- Long-term Wi-Fi
- Mobile Grocery Store
- Addressing Equity
- Technology Gap for Parents – Virtual Training
- Wrap Around Services – What are going to be the needs of families/students?

DISCUSSION:_____

Roll Call

SB-6 MUNIS Financial System

ISSUE: The School System is currently operating under a different financial system software that does not integrate with the City’s MUNIS system. There is a desire to switch the School System to MUNIS to streamline the annual audit process and financial reporting.

DISSCUSSION:_____

Roll Call

Adjournment