

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
April 25, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on April 25, 2024, at Old City Hall, 1001 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President	Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)
Mrs. Mashea Ashton (remote)	Ms. Anne Holton
Mr. Andy Rotherham	Dr. Amber Northern
Mr. Dale Sturdifen	Dr. H. Alan Seibert
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore	Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

President Creasey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors to the meeting. President Creasey approved the remote participation of Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Ashton under the Board Bylaws and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(3) of the Code of Virginia because their principal residences are more than 60 miles from the meeting location.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Creasey asked for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Seibert motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sturdifen motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January meetings of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Scott Brabrand of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents encouraged the Board to continue to review feedback concerning the school performance and support

framework and highlighted 8 key points from VASS. Thanked Board for continued partnership.

- Keith Martin of the VA Chamber of Commerce offered comments concerning the school performance and support framework.
- Cheryl Binkley of 4 Public Education expressed concern about the accountability management models.
- Jenna Alexander of the Virginia PTA and parent of a child in Loudon County Public Schools expressed concerns about the proposed accountability framework.
- Michael Bolling of Stafford County Public Schools expressed concerns regarding VDOE's implementation of legislative mandates.
- Rodney Jordan of the VSBA's task force on students in schools in challenging environments spoke concerning positive outcomes for students in challenging environments, the proposed accountability framework, and invited the board to a joint conversation with the task force.
- Dr. Candace Lucas spoke on behalf of special education students.
- Todd Truitt, a parent from Arlington, Virginia, expressed support for the advanced course middle school readiness factor and support for the accreditation and accountability framework in general.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. First and Final Review to Certify a List of Qualified Persons for the Office of Division Superintendent of Schools

B. First and Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund and Updates to the First Priority Waiting List

C. First and Final Review of Change to the 2024 Calendar of the Board of Education

D. Final Review of Applications for Alternative Accreditation Plans for Special Purpose Schools

E. Final Review of Notice of Intended Regulatory Action for Virginia's Early Childhood Unified Measurement and Improvement System (VQB5)

F. Final Review of Virginia Student Reading Plan Template

G. Final Review of Virginia Literacy Act Intervention Instructional Program Guide and Supplemental Instructional Program Guide

The material for these items can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

H. Presentation From the Student Advisory Board

The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

I. First and Final Review of Nominations to Board of Education Advisory Committees

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and approve the recommended nominees to fill the vacancies and expiring positions on ABTEL, ECAC, and VCAL. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

J. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Emory and Henry College, Old Dominion University – Newport News, Old Dominion University – Chesapeake, and Paul D. Camp Community College

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to waive first review and approve the laboratory school applications for Items J, M, N, and O as a block with the following conditions:

- Item J – Emory and Henry College: for five years with annual reviews and to delegate to the President and the Superintendent final negotiation of the lab school contract, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$3,850,000 in per-pupil funding from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines*;
- Item M – Old Dominion University – Newport News: for five years with annual reviews and to delegate to the President and the Superintendent final negotiation of the lab school contract, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$2,205,000 in per-pupil funding from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines*
- Item N – Old Dominion University – Chesapeake: for five years with annual reviews and to delegate to the President and the Superintendent final negotiation of the lab school contract, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$5,900,000 in per-pupil funding from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines*; and
- Item O – Paul D. Camp Community College: for five years with annual reviews and to delegate to the President and the Superintendent final negotiation of the lab school contract, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$1,728,000 in per-pupil funding

from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines*.

The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Mr. Rotherham - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Ms. Kilgore - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen - aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Mrs. Creasey – aye
- Dr. Seibert-aye
- Ms. Holton – nay

K. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from George Mason University

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to waive first review and approve the GMU lab school application for five years with annual reviews and to delegate to the President and the Superintendent final negotiation of the lab school contract, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$3,360,000 in per-pupil funding from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines*. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously, with Ms. Holton recusing herself.

L. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Roanoke College

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to waive first review and approve the Roanoke College lab school application for five years with annual reviews and to delegate to the President and the Superintendent final negotiation of the lab school contract, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$2,380,000 in per-pupil funding from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund

in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines*. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Mr. Rotherham - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Ms. Kilgore - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen - aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye
- Dr. Seibert-recused himself
- Ms. Holton - nay

M. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Old Dominion University – Newport News

See block vote on Item J.

N. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Old Dominion University – Chesapeake

See block vote on Item J.

O. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Paul D, Camp Community College

See block vote on Item J.

P. First and Final Review of Virginia Literacy Act Literacy Professional Development List

Dr. Michelle Wallace, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Dr. Seibert made a motion to waive first review and approve to approve LETRS Volume 1 and Orton-Gillingham to be considered as alternatives to the state-prescribed VLP training. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Q. First Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure’s Recommendation to Replace Technology Education (5051) with Technology and Engineering Education (5053) with a cut score of 157

Rob Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent for Education Preparation, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board’s page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board accepted the item for first review.

R. Final Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure’s Recommendation to Approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs

Rob Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent for Education Preparation, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board’s page on the VDOE website](#).

Dr. Northern moved to approve for final review the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommendation to approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

S. First and Final Review of Revisions to the List of 2024-2025 Board of Education Approved Industry Certifications, Occupational Competency Assessments, and Professional Licenses

Dr. J. Anthony Williams, Director of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board’s page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and approve the 17 new industry certification examinations, occupational competency assessments, and professional licenses and remove the 63 credentials identified in the item. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

T. First and Final Review of the Revision of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) High-Quality Work-Based Learning (HQWBL) Guide

Dr. J. Anthony Williams, Director of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board’s page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Seibert made a motion to waive first review and approve the revisions to the *Guide*. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

U. First Review of Computer Science Standards of Learning

Dr. Michelle Wallace, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board accepted the item for first review.

V. First Review of Draft Model Policy Concerning Internet Safety

Dr. Michelle Wallace, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board accepted the item for first review.

W. First Review of Guidelines for 2024-2025 of the Early Childhood Unified Measurement and Improvement System (VQB5)

Jenna Conway, Deputy Superintendent of Early Childhood Care and Education, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board accepted the item for first review.

X. First and Final Review of Recommended Grant Awards for School Project Applications Submitted to the School Construction Assistance Program for FY 2024

Mr. Kent C. Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Mr. Vijay Ramnarain, Director of Support Services, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and approve the recommended grant awards for the school projects as detailed in the item. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Mr. Rotherham - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Ms. Kilgore - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen - aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye

- Mrs. Creasey - aye
- Dr. Seibert-aye
- Ms. Holton – nay

Y. First Review of Board of Education Recommendations on Establishing Standards for School Facilities Pursuant to SB 1124

Mr. Kent C. Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Mr. Vijay Ramnarain, Director of Support Services, presented this item for consideration to the Board. The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board accepted the Recommendations on Establishing Standards for School Facilities Pursuant to SB 1124 for first review.

PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

Z. Written Report of English Textbook and Instructional Materials Approval Process Grades 6-12

The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

AA. Written of Mathematics Textbook and Instructional Materials Approval Process

The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

BB. Written Report on Schools Recognized for Exemplar Performance as Required by the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (SOA)

The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Ms. Creasey stated that Item C on the Consent Agenda included changes to the Board of Education meeting calendar, and she expressed a desire to highlight those changes for the public.

Ms. Creasey highlighted that she has called a Special Meeting of the Board on May 21. The meeting will have a limited agenda, and as is custom no public comment will be accepted.

Ms. Creasey requested that Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, provide a brief overview of the Board's advisory committees and any other committees of the Board.

Ms. Coons requested feedback from the Board on bringing various groups in for performances and lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Creasey adjourned the meeting.

Mrs. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.
President, Virginia Board of Education