

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
October 24, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on October 24, 2024, at The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Ms. Grace Turner Creasey, President
Ms. Debbie Kilgore
Dr. Meg Bryce
Mr. Andy Rotherham

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President
Dr. Amber Northern
Ms. Ida McPherson
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.

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

Mr. Rotherham motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kilgore motioned to approve the September meeting minutes of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board heard a student performance from the Louisa County Middle School Band.

TEACHER CELEBRATIONS

- World Language Teacher of the Year: Dr. Paul Kittner
- FLAVA Distinguished Service Award

RECOGNITION OF BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

- Spring Hill Elementary School, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Green Run Collegiate, Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- Bethel Manor Elementary School, York County Public Schools
- St. Andrew The Apostle School, Arlington Diocese
- Central Academy Middle School, Botetourt County Public Schools
- Gate City Middle School, Scott County Public Schools
- T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Prince William County Public Schools
- Saltville Elementary School, Smyth County Public Schools

RECOGNITION OF ASPIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jennifer Slack, from Our Neighborhood Child Development Center, shared concerns about childcare licensing regulations in Virginia.
- Miriam Skadron, from Our Neighborhood Child Development Center, shared concerns about childcare licensing regulations in Virginia.
- Shannon Wagoner expressed concerns regarding childcare standards in Virginia.
- Caroline Wagoner expressed concerns regarding childcare standards in Virginia.
- Dan Zacharias, representing Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, shared concerns about childcare standards in Virginia.
- Eileen Chollet expressed concerns regarding special education in Virginia.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

Christina Berta, Chief Operations Officer, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

C. First and Final Review of Proposed 2025 Board of Education Meeting Dates

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

D. Final Review of Fast-Track Regulatory Action to Reduce Discretionary Requirements in 8VAC20-70

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

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

E. Final Review of Proposed Technical Revisions to the Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education and Policies Regarding Remote Participation and All-Virtual Public Meetings

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](#).

Dr. Northern moved to approve the proposed technical revisions to the Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education and policies regarding remote participation and all-virtual public meetings, with an amendment to restore the stricken language in 212-213. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

F. Final Review of Severe Allergic Reaction Awareness Training Video

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen moved to approve the Severe Allergic Reaction Awareness Training Video. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. Final Review of Proposed New Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers (8VAC20-781)

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

Dr. Bryce made a motion to amend the Proposed New Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers (8VAC20-781), to remove the requirement of centers to use liquid hand soap. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Ms. Kilgore – nay
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Bryce – aye
- Ms. Creasey - aye
- Dr. Northern – aye
- Mr. Rotherham – nay
- Ms. McPherson – aye

Dr. Northern made a motion to request that the Virginia Department of Education provide guidance on media use in child day centers, as is done for K-12, as well as other common issues seen in variance requests and to include specifics on the variance requests. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to approve the Proposed New Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers (8VAC20-781), including the two approved amendments. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

H. First and Final Review of Recommendations Regarding Literary Fund Loan Applications Approval for Release of Loan Funds

Christina Berta, Chief Operations Officers, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen made a motion to waive first review and approve recommendations regarding Literary Fund Loan Applications Approval for Release of Loan Funds. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

I. First and Final Review of Fast-Track Regulatory Action to Implement Provisions of the Virginia Literacy Act

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

Ms. Kilgore made a motion to waive first review and approve the Fast-Track Regulatory Action to Implement Provisions of the Virginia Literacy Act. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

J. First and Final Review of Finalization of Periodic Reviews of Regulations

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. Hansen made a motion to waive first review and approve the Finalization of Periodic Reviews of Regulations. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

K. First Review of Regulatory Actions Resulting from Periodic Reviews

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](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

L. First Review of Guidance Documents for Reduction

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](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

M. First Review of Proposed State Approved Textbooks for 6-12 English

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

N. First Review of Proposed State Approved Textbooks and Instructional Materials for K-12 Mathematics

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

O. First Review of 2024 Board of Education Annual Report

Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

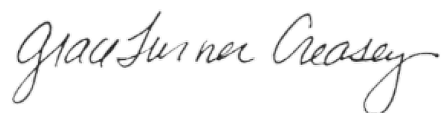
[P. Report on Schools Recognized for Exemplar Performance as Required by the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia \(SOA\)](#)

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Dr. Coons thanked the Board for recognizing the eight Blue Ribbon schools and for continuing to bring in students from around the Commonwealth to perform and share their talents. Dr. Coons also recognized the Accountability, Data, and Research Teams for their work with school divisions around the state and for walking through the data with Superintendents.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Creasey adjourned the meeting.



Ms. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.

President, Virginia Board of Education