

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
September 26, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on September 26, 2024, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President
Mrs. Mashea Ashton
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore
Dr. Meg Bryce
Dr. Amber Northern

Ms. Anne Holton
Mrs. Ida McPherson
Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public
Instruction

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice President Hansen 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. Northern motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Northern motioned to approve the August meeting minutes of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board viewed a student performance from the Dogwood Middle School Dance Company.

TEACHER CELEBRATIONS

Dr. Bryce presented Ms. Elizabeth Lynch from Patrick Henry Elementary School (mathematics), Ms. Jennifer Gates from Randolph Elementary School (science) and Dr. Laurie Sullivan from K.W. Barrett Elementary School (science) as the state-level finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science in Teaching.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Wednesday, September 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Ms. Ashton made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with § 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, under the following enumerated subsection:

Subsection 40: Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

And that legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education, as well staff members, whose presence would aid in this matter, participate in the closed meeting. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 9:00 am. Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board reconvene in open session.

Mrs. Ashton made a motion that the Board certify by roll-call vote that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Board roll call:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Bryce – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Ms. McPherson – aye
- Dr. Northern – aye

Ms. Ashton made a motion to issue the license in Case 2024-014. The motion was properly seconded and carried with the following votes:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Bryce – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Ms. McPherson – nay
- Dr. Northern - nay

Dr. Bryce made a motion to suspend the license in Case 2024-017 to Anthony-Toan Minh Le for a period of three years with reinstatement contingent upon the respondent satisfying the following conditions: evaluation by a certified mental health professional documenting the respondent’s readiness to return to the classroom, evidence of satisfactory completion of additional training in the areas of ethics, professionalism, and maintaining appropriate boundaries with students with the stipulation that there be an appearance before the Board at the three year time period. The motion was properly seconded and carried with the following votes:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Bryce – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Ms. McPherson – nay
- Dr. Northern - nay

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Scott Fleming, Director of the State Council of Higher Education, spoke in support of the School Performance & Support Framework.
- Ginge Sivigny of 4 Public Education spoke in opposition to the accountability measures.
- Todd Truitt spoke in support of the new accountability measures.
- Dan Zacharias of ODACS, spoke regarding concerns about the new child care policy.
- Tammy Seay spoke regarding local schools following attendance guidelines for reporting attendance for students with IEP's.
- Dr. Kandise Lucas shared concerns regarding special education in Virginia.
- Kathy Halvorsen spoke about the needs of special education students in Virginia.
- Cheryl Wilson spoke about racial disparities in Henrico County Public Schools.

- Dr. Valerie Robnolt requested access to the Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS).
- Eileen Chollet shared 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 Nominations to Board of Education Advisory Committees

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

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Final 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](#).

Mrs. Ashton moved to approve the Regulatory Actions Resulting from Periodic Reviews. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

D. 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](#).

Ms. Holton made a motion to continue the item to the October meeting and to seek additional legal counsel. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

E. Final Review of Updated Virginia Literacy Act Intervention Instructional Program Guide and Supplemental Instructional Program Guide for K-5

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](#).

Mrs. Ashton moved to approve the Updated Virginia Literacy Act Intervention Instructional Program Guide and Supplemental Instructional Program Guide for K-5. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

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

Kent C. Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, 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 moved to waive first review and approve the Recommendations Regarding Literary Fund Loan Applications Approval for Release of Loan Funds. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. First and Final Review of Proposed Literary Fund Interest Rate Schedule for 2024-2026 Biennium to Implement Chapter 2 Budget Directive

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

Mrs. Ashton moved to waive first review and approve the Proposed Literary Fund Interest Rate Schedule for 2024-2026 Biennium to Implement Chapter 2 Budget Directive. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

H. First and Final Review of Regulatory Actions for the SOA

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. Bryce moved to waive first review and approve the Regulatory Actions for the SOA. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

I. 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](#).

Mrs. Kilgore moved to waive first review and approve the Finalization of Periodic Reviews of Regulations. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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.

K. First 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](#).

The Board accepted this item for first review.

L. First Review of K-12 Career Exploration ReDesign

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Associate Superintendent of Programs, 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

M. State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) – Annual Report

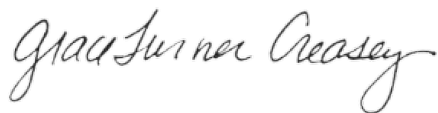
Dr. Samantha M. Hollins, Associate Superintendent of Special Populations and Board Management and Mr. Mychael Willon, SSEAC Chairperson, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Dr. Coons shared with the Board a special acknowledgement of several Blue Ribbon Schools from around the state and also shared that she had the opportunity to hear from several high school students regarding the positive affects of the cell phone free policy. Dr. Coons also shared that the state has received a \$30 million comprehensive state literacy development grant that will be dedicated to working on a literacy support network. Dr. Coons thanked VDOE employees for thinking differently about school safety and elevating that to the cabinet level at the department to ensure that schools are supported in whatever they may need to keep students in Virginia safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting.



Ms. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.

President, Virginia Board of Education