

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
August 28, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on August 28, 2024, at The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

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

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)
Ms. Anne Holton
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. Hansen motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kilgore motioned to approve the meeting minutes of July meetings of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously with Ms. McPherson abstaining.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board heard a student performance from the Henrico High School Center for the Arts.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Mr. Hansen 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.

Mr. Hansen 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. Creasey - aye
- Mr. Rotherham – aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Ms. McPherson – aye

Ms. Ashton made a motion to issue the license in Case 2024-020. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Holton made a motion to deny the license in Case 2024-011 to Heather Michelle VanDenArend. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michael Karabinos spoke regarding Virginia Department of Education's Performance and Support Framework.
- Olivia Melin spoke regarding challenges of autism/special education.
- John Carter Melin spoke regarding challenges of autism/special education.

- Ginge Sivigny, of 4 Public Education, spoke regarding the Schools Performance and Support Framework.
- Val Reinford, of the Special Olympics Virginia, spoke in support of Unified PE.
- Amy Wheeler spoke regarding Board of Education approved courses to satisfy graduation requirements for the standard, advanced studies, and modified standard diplomas in Virginia public schools.
- Justin Haegele spoke in support of Unified PE and adapted physical education.
- Vanessa Hall spoke in support of accountability of VBOE to Virginians.
- Rania Lateef, MATCH UP - President, spoke in support of Unified PE.
- Marianne Burke, of 4 Public Education, spoke concerning the Governor's recent statements on SOL scores.
- Scott Brabrand, of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, spoke regarding performance and support framework.

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 Consent Agenda Proposal for Executive Session Licensure Hearing

Angela L. Schneider, Director, Office of Professional Practices, 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 Revisions to the 2024 Board Meeting Dates for September 2024

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

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

PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

Presentation on Comprehensive State-Wide Support System

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

D. Final Review of School Performance and Support Framework and Revised ESSA State Plan

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, 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 elementary school readiness component weighting for the school performance and support framework. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

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

Ms. Ashton moved to approve the middle school readiness component weighting for the school performance and support framework. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

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

Ms. McPherson moved to approve the high school readiness component weighting for the school performance and support framework. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Bryce – aye
- Ms. Creasey - aye
- Ms. Holton – nay

- Mr. Rotherham – aye
- Ms. Ashton – aye
- Ms. McPherson – aye

Ms. Ashton moved to approve the overall school performance and support framework proposal. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

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

Ms. Ashton moved to approve the School Performance and Support Framework and Revised ESSA State Plan and grant the Virginia Department of Education with the ability to work with the US Department of Education to provide technical updates to Virginia’s ESSA State Plan, and should the US Department of Education request any changes to Virginia’s ESSA State Plan which would be considered substantial policy changes based on previous Board decision, the VDOE will bring forth the ESSA State Plan for Board review. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

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

E. Final Review of Proposed Revisions to the Virginia Public School Bus Specifications

Kent 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](#).

Mr. Hansen moved to approve the Revisions to the Virginia Public School Bus Specifications. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

F. First and Final Review of Updates to the Board of Education Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools

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](#).

Ms. Ashton made a motion to waive first review and approve the Updates to the Board of Education Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. First and Final Review of Finalization of Periodic Reviews of Regulation

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

H. First and Final Review of Action on One-Year Local Eligibility License

Rob Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent for Education Preparation, 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 Action on One-Year Local Eligibility License. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

I. 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.

J. First Review of 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](#). The Board accepted this item for first review.

PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

Presentation of Standard Setting Process for Standards of Learning Assessments

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

The Board welcomed Ms. Ida McPherson to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Creasey adjourned the meeting.

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

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