

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
October 19, 2023

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a special meeting on October 16, 2023, in the Board Room, 22nd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President
Mrs. Mashea Ashton
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore
Mr. Andy Rotherham
Mr. Dale Sturdifen

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President
Ms. Anne Holton
Dr. Amber Northern
Dr. Alan Seibert (participated remotely)
Dr. Lisa Coons, State 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 also noted that she approved Dr. Seibert’s remote participation under the Board’s Bylaws and § [2.2-3708.3\(B\)\(3\)](#) of the Code of Virginia because his principal residence is 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

President Creasey asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hansen motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kilgore made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023, meeting. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kandise Lucas expressed concerns regarding special education.

Kathy Halvorsen expressed concerns regarding special education.

Chris Johnson, on behalf of the Virginia School Board Association, encouraged the Board to prioritize the SOQs with the current needs of Virginia's public education system.

Timothy Wright spoke regarding concerns about inequities of the CCCRI.

Annie Whitaker shared their experience applying for the School Construction Assistance Program.

Dr. James Fedderman, representing the Virginia Education Associate, spoke about concerns related to the SOQ revisions process.

LaKeasha Williams spoke regarding concerns about the state of decline of Richmond Public school facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Material for items on the Consent Agenda can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Kent C. Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Budget, Finance, and Operations, 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. Hansen made a motion 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.

D. Final Review of the Performance Level Appeals for Jenkins Elementary School, Prince William County Public Schools, and John F. Kennedy Middle School, Suffolk Public Schools

Shelley Loving-Ryder, Assistant Superintendent of Student Assessment, Accountability, and ESEA Programs, 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. Hansen made a motion to deny both appeals because the appeals are not based on unusual circumstances and therefore do not merit special consideration under the intent of the Board's regulations. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

E. First and Final Review of Proposed Changes to Amendment 6 to Virginia's Consolidated State Plan

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, 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](#).

Ms. Ashton made a motion to waive first review and approve changes to Amendment 6 of the Consolidated State Plan. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

F. First and Final Review of the Board of Education Unified Regulatory Plan for FY2024

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, 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](#).

Ms. Ashton made a motion waive first review and approve the Board of Education Unified Regulatory Plan for FY2024. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. First and Final Review of Proposed 2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, 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](#).

Due to a conflict with legislative session dates, the Board will remove the February meeting from the Board's calendar of meetings.

Ms. Kilgore made a motion to waive first review and accept the proposed 2024 Board of Education meeting dates, with the amendment to remove the February meeting date. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN REPORTS

H. Virginia Literary Act Curriculum Review Process

Dr. Emily Solari, Edmund H. Henderson Professor of Education at the University of Virginia, 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](#).

I. Report from Lab Schools Standing Committee

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, 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](#).

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

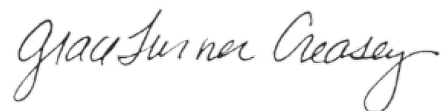
Ms. Holton noted that new documentation has been presented regarding the special education courses produced by iTeach and requested that VDOE staff go back and update the rubric prepared in the spring for the Board's review. Dr. Coons stated that the VDOE is working closely with iTeach to ensure their materials meet the expectations of the Board, the VDOE, and the school divisions contracting with iTeach.

Ms. Holton also discussed a letter that was received by a one of the major mathematics publishers that has been approved in Virginia, which stated that the publisher cannot meet the deadline set by VDOE and proposed some solutions. Dr. Coons stated that there will be an open meeting with publishers to notify them of phase one and phase two opportunities which will allow publishers to use alternate deadlines.

Dr. Northern encouraged the Board to try and develop more of a relationship with the general assembly because education is so affected by their decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Creasey adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



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