

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

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

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore
Dr. Meg Bryce

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)
Mrs. Anne Holton
Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Thursday, July 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. President Creasey approved the remote participation of Mr. Bill Hansen under the Board Bylaws and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(1) of the Code of Virginia because he met the definition of a person with a disability as defined in § 51.5-40.1. Under state law, Mr. Hansen counted toward the quorum as if he was physically present.

Mrs. Kilgore 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. Mrs. Kilgore made a motion that the Board reconvene in open session.

Mrs. Kilgore 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:

- Mrs. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye

- Dr. Bryce – aye
- Mrs. Holton – aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye

Mrs. Kilgore made a motion to issue the license in Case 2024-012. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Holton made a motion to issue the license in Case 2024-008. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Bryce made a motion suspend the license of Heather Marie Bond for a period of one (1) year. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen made a motion to revoke the license of Beth Ann Barnes. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

The Board convened in a work session on Thursday, July 24, 2024, at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The topics discussed included the Board of Education's 2024 Annual Report and the seat time flexibility launch. There were also presentations on Virtual Virginia and Virginia's virtual options, and decision points for the ESSA State Plan, regulatory feedback and school performance framework. No votes were taken.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
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July 25, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on July 25, 2024, at The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President
Mrs. Mashea Ashton
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore
Dr. Meg Bryce

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)
Mrs. Anne Holton
Dr. Amber Northern
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. Bill Hansen under the Board Bylaws and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(1) of the Code of Virginia because he met the definition of a person with a disability as defined in § 51.5-40.1. Under state law, Mr. Hansen counted toward the quorum as if he was physically present.

President Creasey thanked Dr. Alan Siebert and Mr. Dale Sturdefin for serving on the Board as their terms of service have come to an end. President Creasey introduced two new appointees to the Virginia Board of Education, Dr. Meg Bryce and Ms. Ida Outlaw McPherson (not present for this 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

Mrs. Kilgore motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously, with Mrs. Ashton abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Ashton motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June meetings of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board heard a student performance from two soloists from Henrico County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Scott Brabrand, Executive Director of VASS, offered feedback on the performance and support framework.
- Dr. Kandise Lucas spoke in support of children and families with disabilities and children of color in the greater Richmond area.
- Rania Lateef improve maternal and child health upliftment and progress and supports unified PE in Virginia Schools.
- J.T. Kessler, representing the Virginia School Boards Association, offered feedback on the performance and support framework.
- Shelly Norden, representing the School Board Member Alliance, offered thanks in the work surrounding accountability and rigor in Virginia public schools.
- Gene Sokolowski disagreed with the 2023 History and Social Science Standards of Learning.
- Dan Zacharias, representing the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools (ODACS), spoke regarding new bills pertaining to safety in childcare settings that seem to say that children are less safe in religious exempt childcare settings.
- Kakim Fung requested that when deciding and finalizing enrollment to consider the DSST for college credit.
- Emily Webb, of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, requests that the Board consider including and incentivizing work-based learning in the ready for life indicator.
- Dr. James Fedderman, of the Virginia Education Association, SOA plan is misleading in identifying quality schools.
- W.R. Good supports fully approving the Proposed school performance and support framework.
- Daniel Black spoke regarding the critical shortage of school bus drivers and would like to request expanding transportation options that are smaller and do not require CDL licenses.
- Jason Kamras, Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools, shared his concerns related to the new accountability system.
- Pastor Valerie Coley, Divine Covering Ministry, spoke in support of parental rights to select school choice (Charter Schools).
- Carter Melin expressed concern regarding special education for autistic children in Virginia.
- Jenna Alexander, President of the Virginia PTA, expressed opposition to new performance tests and the SOLs.
- Brett Vassey, Virginia Manufacturers Association, expressed support for career pathways, performance & accountability in Virginia schools.
- Kathy Halvorson spoke regarding special education in Virginia.
- Tichi Pinkney Eppes, Virginia Educational Opportunity Alliance, spoke in support of parents' rights to choose the best educational environment of their children.

- Todd Truitt spoke in support of the middle school accelerated coursework readiness factors as well as the new accountability system.
- Tammy Seay spoke in support of special needs students in Powhatan, 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

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS *Note: Mr. Hansen exited the meeting at 11:34am

C. Final Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to replace the Praxis Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081) with Social Studies (5581) with a passing score of 153 for History and Social Sciences Endorsement

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](#).

Mrs. Kilgore moved to approve the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's recommendation to replace the Praxis Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081) with Social Studies (5581) with a passing score of 153 for History and Social Sciences Endorsement. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

D. First and Final Review of Standards of Accreditation (SOA) Regulations at Final Stage

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](#).

Mrs. Ashton moved to waive first review and approve the Standards of Accreditation (SOA) Regulations at Final Stage. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Dr. Northern - aye

- Mrs. Kilgore - aye
- Dr. Bryce - aye
- Mrs. Ashton - aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye
- Ms. Holton - nay

E. First and Final Review of Exempt Actions to Align Regulations with the 2024 Acts of the Assembly

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 made a motion to waive first review and approve the exempt actions to align regulations with the 2024 Acts of the Assembly. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

F. First and Final Review of Fast-Track Action to Align 8VAC20-81 with Chapter 502 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly

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 made a motion to waive first review and approve the fast-track action to align 8VAC20-81 with Chapter 502 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. First and Final Review of Fast-Track Action to Align 8VAC20-671 with Chapter 172 of the 2021 Acts of the Assembly Special Session 1

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 made a motion to waive first review and approve the fast-track action to align 8VAC20-671 with chapter 172 of the 2021 Acts of the Assembly, Special Session One. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously with Mrs. Creasey recusing herself.

H. First and Final 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](#).

Dr. Bryce made a motion to waive first review and approve the reduction of certain guidance documents that have been identified on Town Hall that fall outside the definition of a "guidance document." 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 made a motion to waive first review and approve closing the periodic reviews on the regulatory chapters identified in this item. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

J. First and Final Review of Nominations to Board of Education Advisory Committees (VACAL)

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](#).

Dr. Bryce made a motion to waive first review and approve the nominations to the Board of Education Advisory Committees (VACAL). The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

K. First and Final Review of Charter School Standing Committee Materials

- ***Proposed 2024 Virginia Charter School Evaluation Rubric***
- ***Proposed 2024 Charter School Application Review Process***
- ***Proposed 2024 Virginia Charter School Application Template***

Sofia McDaniel, Senior Innovation Policy Analyst, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Charter School Standing Committee contains 5 national and local charter experts with technical expertise and is chaired by Virginia School Board member Mashea Ashton.

Mrs. Ashton made a motion to waive first review and approve the Charter School Standing Committee materials. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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 made a motion to waive first review and approve the revisions to the list of 2024-25 Board of Education approved industry certifications, occupational competency assessments, and professional licenses. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

M. First and Final Review of Amendments to Include Statutory Requirements for the Possession and Administration of Epinephrine in Regulated Child Day Programs

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 waive first review and approve amendments to include statutory requirements for the possession and administration of epinephrine in regulated child day programs. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

N. First and Final Review of VALLSS K-3 Assessment Calendar

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 made a motion to waive first review and approve the VALLSS K-3 Assessment Calendar. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

O. First and Final Review of the Removal of the Virginia Communications Literacy Assessment (VCLA) to Comply with Chapter 729 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly

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](#).

Mrs. Kilgore made a motion to waive first review and approve the removal of the Virginia Communications Literacy Assessment (VCLA) to comply with Chapter 729 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

P. First and Final Review of 2024 Guidelines for the General Requirements of Qualifying for the STEM+C Competition Grant

Em Cooper, Deputy 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 made a motion to waive first review and approve the 2024 guidelines for the general requirements of qualifying for the STEM+C Competition Grant. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously with Mr. Rotherham recusing herself.

Q. First Review of Revised ESSA State Plan

Elementary School Readiness Component Weighting for the School Performance and Support Framework

Middle School Readiness Component Weighting for the School Performance and Support Framework

High School Readiness Component Weighting for the School Performance and Support Framework

Overall School Performance and Support Framework Proposal

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

R. First Review of Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers at the Proposed Stage

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.

S. First Review of Proposed Revisions to the School Bus Specifications Guidance Document

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.

T. First Review of Updated Virginia Literacy Act Intervention Instructional Program Guide and Supplemental Instructional Program Guide

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.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Ms. Holton welcomed Dr. Bryce to the Board and thanked Dr. Coons for bringing in students to present regarding unified PE for 9th and 10th graders. Ms. Holton also thanked the Library of Virginia for hosting the Virginia Board of Education. Ms. Holton and the rest of the Board expressed their gratitude to the departing Board member, Dr. Siebert for his service to the students of Virginia.

The Superintendent thanked the educators in Virginia for working so hard at the call to action from All In. The Superintendent also thanked the Governor for his support in cell phone free education with Executive Order 33.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Creasey adjourned the meeting.

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

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