

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**  
**JANUARY 25, 2024**

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a special meeting on January 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  
Mr. Andy Rotherham (absent)  
Mr. Dale Sturdifen  
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (absent)  
Ms. Anne Holton  
Dr. Amber Northern  
Dr. Alan Seibert  
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.

**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. Sturdifen motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Creasey asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2023, as presented. Mr. Sturdifen motioned to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Holton requested an update to language regarding the at-risk add-on. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Scott Brabrand of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, spoke regarding the 2023 Prescriptions on the Standards of Quality Prescriptions.
- Mary Ottinot spoke regarding special education and the child welfare system.
- Emily Klein spoke regarding accountability in education.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***C. Final Review of Recommendation for Board of Education to Establish an Advisory Committee on Advanced Learning (formerly Advisory Committee for Education of the Gifted)***

Elizabeth L. Schultz, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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](#).

President Creasey asked for a motion to approve the Recommendation for Board of Education to Establish an Advisory Committee for Advanced Learning (formerly Advisory Committee for Education of the Gifted). Dr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Recommendation for Board of Education to Establish an Advisory Committee for Advanced Learning (formerly Advisory Committee for Education of the Gifted). The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

#### ***D. First Review of Proposal to Stagger Terms for the Early Childhood Advisory 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](#).

The Board accepted the item for first review.

***E. Final Review of Regular Review of Board of Education Guidance Documents***

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](#).

President Creasey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Review of Board of Education Guidance Documents. Dr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Regular Review of Board of Education Guidance Documents. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

***F. First Review of the Proposed 2024 English Standards of Learning***

Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, 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](#).

The Board accepted the Proposed 2024 English Standards of Learning for first review.

***G. Final Review of the Virginia Literacy Act Division Literacy Plan Template***

Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, 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](#).

Dr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Virginia Literacy Act Division Literacy Plan Template. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

***H. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from James Madison University***

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, 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](#).

On the basis of the recommendations from the Standing Committee, the Superintendent of Public Instruction recommended that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the JMU lab school application for a five-year period with annual reviews. The Board further delegated to the President of the Board and the Superintendent final negotiation of the college partnership laboratory school contract with JMU, including awarding start-up funds and up to \$11,344,000 in per-pupil funding from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund in accordance with the Board's Guidelines and Criteria for the Award and Distribution of Lab School Start-Up and Per-Pupil Operating Funding Grants for Approved Lab Schools.

Ms. Ashton made a motion to waive first review and approve the College Partnership Laboratory School Application from James Madison University. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN REPORTS**

#### ***I. Report on Board of Education Advisory Committees and Term Expirations***

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

#### ***J. Report on English and Language Arts Standards of Learning Public Hearings***

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

### **DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES**

There was no discussion of current issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Creasey adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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