

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
JANUARY 24, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a special meeting on January 24, 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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Dr. Seibert 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 Deb Love and Abigail Gump, 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. Dr. Seibert made a motion that the Board reconvened in open session.

President Creasey 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:

- Dr. Seibert - aye

- Dr. Northern - aye
- Ms. Kilgore - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen - aye
- Ms. Ashton - aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye
- Ms. Holton - aye

Dr. Seibert made a motion to revoke the license of Christopher Nicholas Conley. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to issue the license in Case 02. The motion was properly and carried unanimously.

Ms. Holton made a motion to issue the license in Case 03. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Holton made a motion to suspend the license of Jovica Thomas Bristol for a period of two years. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Dr. Seibert - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Ms. Kilgore - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen - nay
- Ms. Ashton - aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye
- Ms. Holton - aye

Ms. Kilgore made a motion to revoke the license of Nataly Vanessa Diaz. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

The Board convened in a work session on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The topics discussed included an update on the proposed revisions to the current accreditation system for 2023-2024 as well as an update on the implementation of the Virginia Literacy Act: Instructional Materials Process. No votes were taken.

DINNER MEETING

The Board met for a public dinner on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:15 p.m., at The Tobacco Company restaurant with the following members present: Dr. Seibert, Ms. Holton, and Ms. Ashton attended. No votes were taken. The dinner event ended at 8:30 p.m.

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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