MINUTES
Wednesday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Brenda Sheridan, Beth Huck, Eric Hornberger
Other Board Members, Staff and Audience Members: Michael Richards, Karen Dawson, Stephen DeVita, Rachel Johnson, Marija DeVita, John Lody, Veronike Collazo, Joy Maloney,

I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on February 6, 2018. The minutes were approved 3-0 with no revisions or additions.

II. Public Comment. None.

III. Legislative Update. Ron Jordan and Johnna Cossaboon of Advantus Strategies (Legislative Consultants “LC”) joined the meeting via conference call to update the Committee on the Legislative Program and other happenings at the General Assembly. Key points are as follows:

- Public Schools; Discipline –
  - SB 170 (Stanley) Compromise was reached through extensive negotiation mitigating school impact. The bill is now assigned to House Courts of Justice.
  - HB 1600 (Bourne) was also negotiated reducing the maximum days of long term suspension.
  - SB 476 (Reeves) School principals; incident reports – passed Senate and is assigned to the House Courts of Justice Committee.

- Staffing/Class Size – all bills were opposed by LC as unfunded mandates.

- Local Control of Academic Calendar – bills died or continued to 2019. The tourism industry recognizes there is a need for collaboration and plans to meet over the summer to work out compromising language.

- Instructional Time – HB 1419 (Delaney) and SB 273 (Petersen) collectively known as the recess bills, groups of parents and children rallied around them. Each bill passed its respective body and were then referred to the Education Committees for deliberation.

- Teacher Licensure – SB 349 (Peake) and HB 1125 (Landes) all the bills were rolled into these two bills which were passed to their respective subcommittees to work out differences.

- Full Day Kindergarten – all bills were killed.

- Conflict of Interest – Hiring of Relatives - SB 124 (Black) several other districts put in an exemption bill, they were all rolled into Black’s bill making it statewide. The bill has passed the General Assembly.

- School Divisions of Innovation (“SDI”) – Enhanced Assessment and Accountability – Bills carried over to 2019. Chairman Landes said that he would have the legislation reviewed and considered further by his Joint Committee on the Future of Public Education this summer. Local performance assessments being the challenge.

- True Cost of Public Education – No Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (“JLARC”) studies were approved this year, killing the bills for this year.

- Conflict of Interest – Disclosure - SB 816 (Black) The bill was heard in Senate Rules, where the Conflicts of Interest Advisory Council expressed concerns about the bill and it was continued until 2019.
House (HB30) and Senate (SB30) budgets. Some notable points:
- Senate removed all of the money in the bill for the SOQ instructional staff pay raise that was to go into effect December 2019 due to Medicaid expansion.
- House upped the lottery distribution from 35% to 40% going back to school divisions for per pupil payments.
- The two bodies are approximately $600 million apart in their budgets and the defining issue is the House’s Medicaid expansion. The Senate went against the Governor’s advice and stripped Medicaid out of the budget.
- There is a possibility that the budget will not be finished by Saturday when they adjourn.

IV. Policy Revision/Restructure. Policy 8630, Inspection and Review of Educational Records (Former Policy 8-73). The Chair led a discussion as follows:

- Staff revised definitions to be consistent with the other records policies previously reviewed by the Committee.
- Under paragraph C.3, Copies of Records, staff removed the provision for providing copies of student records under a FERPA request. FERPA does not require it, and it is designed to allow for inspection and review with a staff member at the school. Exception language was built in by staff to allow for parents who cannot physically come to the school.
  - The Committee was concerned about the deletion of this language and asked staff to either provide data to support that this is an onerous task or to go back to the original language in this paragraph.
- Staff deleted Paragraph F., Waiver of Access Rights, as it is not dictated by policy, it is an operating procedure.

ACTION: None, the Committee requested that staff bring back the policy to a future meeting with data to support the deletion of providing copies under a FERPA request or with the copying provision added back into the policy.

V. Miscellaneous. Draft Potential Loudoun County School Board Resolution on Gun Violence Prevent, brought forward by Joy Maloney. The Chair led a discussion as follows:

- Several School Board Members have expressed an interest in a potential resolution around school safety and/or gun violence. Ms. Maloney has brought forward to the Committee a draft potential resolution to consider.
- This draft resolution is similar to other adopted Virginia school districts’ resolutions.
- Staff also drafted a potential resolution that speaks to specific researched based implementations that have been known to reduce violence on campuses which was provided to the Committee to be finalized after the Division Wide Security Work Session of the School Board on March 13th.
The Committee requested that staff combine the two resolutions calling for more action from others and acknowledging what LCPS is committed to doing as a school division to keep our schools safe. They also asked that we add the actual references into the document and not just the link.

**ACTION:** None. Discussion item only.

**VI. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.