Committee Members Present: Brenda Sheridan, Beth Huck, Eric Hornberger
Other Board Members, Staff and Audience Members: Michael Richards, Karen Dawson, Vince Scheivert, Robert Wertz, Gwen Kennedy

I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on May 1, 2018. The minutes were approved 2-0-1-0 (Hornberger abstained) with no revisions or additions.

II. Public Comment. None.

III. Legislative.

1. County of Loudoun Proposal Item: Legislation Regarding Vehicles Issued LCPS Parking Permits. The Chair led a discussion as follows:
   - Dr. Richards introduced Robert Wertz, the Loudoun County Commissioner of Revenue;
   - Mr. Wertz stated that the Board of Supervisors voted to eliminate the “Project Fairness” program in conjunction with the Sheriff’s office and discontinue vehicle decals effective July 1, 2018, and tasked its staff to bring forward an enforcement plan for personal property taxes;
   - Mr. Wertz attended the meeting to start a discussion with LCPS and the School Board regarding legislation to authorize public schools to release to local tax authorities owner name, address, and vehicle information of vehicles issued student parking permits for personal property assessment purposes;
   - Options available at this time are exploring legislative authority for local tax authorities across the Commonwealth to get this information from the public schools, or have the property owners authorize this release through the school's form to obtain the parking permit;
   - The Committee asked the following:
     - It seems that a lot of this information is accessible through the DMV – how would giving access to student vehicle information differ from information that has already been obtained through the DMV? Mr. Wertz responded that he gets information from DMV on a weekly basis for which the property owner has notified the DMV. He also stated that when property owners move their vehicles from other jurisdiction, very often the information is not reported to the DMV in a timely manner. The County is exploring several different avenues of identifying unregistered vehicles;
     - Concerns were raised regarding confidentiality related to a student’s citizenship. Mr. Wertz responded that the local taxing authority does not collect information on citizenship status, just residency status.
     - Could the information being requested possibly fall under scholastic records vs. directory information? The Committee would like Division Counsel to research this question as it applies to FOIA and FERPA and to also take into consideration that a new law was recently passed (HB 1) where a parent now has to opt-in to directory information as opposed to the past practice of opting-out.
After obtaining further attorney research, the Committee suggested working with the Board of Supervisors to come up with a joint legislative proposal that would work for both public bodies to include in each respective legislative program later this year.

**ACTION:** None, the Committee requested that Division Counsel provide additional research at the next regular committee meeting.

2. **Update from Legislative Consultants.** Ron Jordan and Johnna Cossaboon of Advantus Strategies (Legislative Consultants “LC”) joined the meeting via conference call to update the Committee on the recently adopted state budget (HB 5002: Direct Aid to Public Education). See the attached document for the [Budget Detail Summary on Public Education](#). The Committee asked a few general questions as follows:

- What impact does rebenchmarking have on the local school divisions and how will it affect costs? – LC stated that the Local Composite Index (“LCI”) is not going to change. The re-benchmarking is something that happens periodically and they are not expecting any significant change.
- Lottery increase – what is the per student rate? Currently, the per student rate is $274, increased to $336 the first year, then increased $342 the second year.
- What is the teacher salary increase? Three percent increase was passed, but not until December 2019.

**ACTION:** None – discussion item only.

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

- The Committee amended this policy at its last meeting, as reflected in the May minutes, and requested staff to vet the change through the Department of Instruction (“DOI”). DOI had no changes or concerns to the Committee amendment.
- Also, the Committee asked staff to check if the change would affect the other records policies. Staff determined that the change would not impact policies 8610 nor 8640.
- In conjunction with the fee structure for the copying charge referenced in this policy, staff provided the Committee with draft language to the Student Fees and Charges Regulation 4020 as follows: *Annually, the school division shall provide, free of charge, one (1) copy of the student’s scholastic record when its 25 pages or less. Scholastic records in excess of 25 pages shall be charged .10 cents per page beyond the initial 25 pages. All additional copies requested thereafter will be charged at .10 cents per copy for all pages.*
- Staff stated that most of the division’s scholastic records are 25 pages or less.
- Electronic copies of records will be provided free of charge no matter the page count.

**ACTION:** The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend staff restructured policy 8630 as amended by the Committee to the full School Board for consideration as an Information Item at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

V. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.
HB 5002: Direct Aid to Public Education

The Introduced Budget has a net increase of $515.9 million GF more than the FY 2018 base budget – which includes rebenchmarking, policy changes plus new and expanded initiatives:

- $481.1 million for the total cost of rebenchmarking
- $34.8 million for new policy changes, new/expanded initiatives
- The amendment package increases the K12 budget over the biennium by an additional $148.7 million GF and $17.6 million more in additional Lottery revenues as compared to the introduced bill.

Increased Lottery Per Pupil Funding: $91.5 Million

Total amendment package increases the Supplemental Lottery Per Pupil Amount (PPA) by $43.4 million the first year and $48.1 million the second year:

- $37.5 million GF plus $5.9 million additional lottery revenue
- $36.4 million GF plus $11.7 million additional lottery revenue
- The revised Supplemental Lottery PPA allocation totals $234.7 million the first year and $239.4 million the second year
- The per pupil amount increased from $274 each year to $336 the first year and to $342 the second year
- The additional funding increases the total percentage of Lottery dollars going directly the school divisions to 40% the second year
- School divisions have 100% flexibility on spending
- No local match is required

Amendment package also includes adding $131.4 million GF for the state’s share of a 3.0% salary increase provided for all funded SOQ instructional and support positions, effective July 1, 2019.

- Participation is optional and requires at least a 3.0% salary increase be given during the FY 2018-2020 biennium – either in the first year or second year or a combination of the two years
Additional New Education Spending

Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) $11.1 Million:

- Includes $4.6 million over the biennium to increase the per pupil amount to $6,326 an increase of $201 per student
- Adds $4.6 million over the biennium to provide support to school divisions, to assist provisionally licensed preschool teachers to complete and obtain their licenses
- Includes $1.0 million over the biennium to provide professional development and training for VPI classroom teachers to ensure supports are in place for high quality experience for preschoolers
- Provides $700,000 over the biennium for classroom assessments to be conducted in all VPI classrooms by the end of the second year
- Reflects $100,000 for DOE to resume site visits to VPI classrooms and expand technical assistance the early childhood preschool teachers
- Adds $75,000 the first year for DOE to develop a plan to establish specific methodology for classroom observations and assessments in all VPI classrooms, and requires the plan to be submitted to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2018
- Prioritizes Mixed-Delivery preschool grant award for a private provider to partner with Richmond City, which submits a high quality competitive application
- Updates the charge of the Joint Subcommittee on the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program for 2018, including the Quality Ratings System, as well as other recommendations in the December 2017 JLARC report, opportunities to leverage improvements in federal Head Start, and mandating a minimum percentage of VPI slots to be in private settings
- Provides for match requirements so VPI can be met with non-governmental funds; allowing limited provisional waiver of teacher B.A. requirements
- Clarifies the language in the introduced budget regarding the availability and possible distribution of prior year funding balance for unused VPI slots.

Current adopted budget amendments also include these additions:

- $7.1 million to increase the range of the At-Risk Add-on Supplement from 13.0% to 14.0%
- $6.1 million GF in the first year for an enrollment loss to eligible small school divisions with fewer than 10,000 students that realized at least a 5.0% decline in ADM over the five year period between 2013 to projected 2018 enrollment
- $1.94 million for CTE Regional and Innovation Centers
- $1.0 million to the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support initiative
- $1.5 million to increase the number of Teacher Residency Partnerships
- $782,000 for vision screening fees for students tested in kindergarten, grades 2 or 3, 7 and 10
$600,000 for Project Discovery
$600,000 for Virginia Reading Corps
$500,000 for Power Scholars Academy summer program partnership with YMCA
$250,000 for Wolf Trap Early Learning STEM Through the Arts Model and adds three school divisions to the program (Albemarle, Henrico, and Suffolk) with the existing nine
$192,000 for STEM Teacher Incentives Program
$100,000 to assist provisionally licensed minority teachers with Praxis testing fees

$16.9 Million in Savings from Proposed Policy Initiatives and Technical Updates

Amendments include redirecting several new proposed funds in the introduced budget into the PPA Lottery distributions:

- ‘No Loss’ supplement: $11.5 million
- Small elementary schools with less than 300 students: $7.7 million
- Proposed funding methodology for Governor’s Schools: $2.6 million
- Bonuses & incentives for principal recruitment/retention: $1.0 million
- Cyber-camps: $960,000

Technical updates include:

- National Board Certification for additional eligible teachers: $222,484
- Special Education Regional Tuition Payments: saves $4.4 million
- Non-participation for VPI: saves $489,808

Additional Language Changes

Package reflects several other language amendments that:

- Provide spending flexibility for the At-Risk Add-on supplement, to include teacher recruitment programs and incentives, employment of school guidance counselors, and requiring school divisions to report on funding use
- Direct Communities in Schools to assist the Community School organization to develop opportunities to establish programs in interested school divisions
- Maintain the existing annual scholarship level of $10,000 for the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program
- Add CodeRVA Regional High School into the eligibility pool for VPSA authorization of Educational Technology issuances to purchase technology-related equipment
DOE - Central Office

Along with technical adjustments from Central Accounts, budget amendments include these major spending items:

- $2.0 million for the Office of Student Services to support special education
- $1.1 million for Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program to expand fall pre-testing to all kindergarten classrooms, and new language clarifies that a post-assessment test will be developed and implemented
- $600,000 for test development and administration of verified credit in high school History and Social Science
- $580,000 for multi-sensory literacy (dyslexia) training for teachers
- $500,000 for the Virginia’s Tiered Systems of Supports
- $400,000 to expand the eMediaVA online support to schools
- $186,168 for membership into National Center on Teacher Misconduct

Capture new spending to save a total of $2.1 million over the biennium:

- $1.1 million for a new web-based licensure application and intake process
- $300,000 from the School Report Card redesign
- $150,000 for a proposed advisory council for digital citizenship
- $500,000 for new environmental education initiative and 2.0 FTEs
- Language directs DOE to develop and administer a School Personnel Survey with existing resources

Relevant items from Department of Criminal Justice Services’ Budget

- Increase by $1.3 million (FY 2019) the appropriation for School Resource Officer Incentive Grants
- Includes $100,000 GF each year for post-critical incident programs for public safety officers

Additional Budget Details

- Deposits to the Rainy Day Fund and balances in the new Revenue Reserve Fund would equal 5% of revenues based on current estimates of FY 2018 revenue performance
- This is prior to additional deposits to either Fund based on revenue growth in FYs 2019 or 2020
- Assumes growth of 3.7% in May-June of 2018
- Actual deposits will differ based on final FY 2018 revenue collections
- Announced this week that Virginia has maintained AAA bond credit rating (Moody’s) with adopted budget.