I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on June 7th. The minutes were approved 3-0 with no revisions or additions.

II. Public Comment. None.

III. Discussion Items.

1. Legislative Agenda for 2017-2018. The Chair led a discussion as follows:
   - Dr. Richards gave an overview of the legislative process and schedule of events involved in the School Board’s legislative program.
   - Dr. Richards requested input from the Committee on thoughts to be included and/or deleted in this year’s legislative program. The Committee responded as follows:
     - Teacher shortage — school board family members should be allowed to work in the division that the member is serving office. There are currently exceptions in place for other Virginia rural regions, and there is an exemption if the family member worked prior to the school board member serving office.
     - Code provision clarification needed on disclosing relationship of family members prior to a vote on certain issues at every meeting. This does not appear to be consistent throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.
     - It would be good to include in the legislative program specific unfunded mandates.
       - Staff will provide a prioritized list of specific mandates to the Committee via email prior to the next meeting.
       - The prioritized list should also be brought before the VSBA.
     - It would be helpful to get issues to the delegation as early as possible so that they can begin drafting bills prior to the cut-off date, which is in December shortly after the Legislative Breakfast.
       - Dr. Richards and Mrs. Sheridan will continue individual meetings with delegates as they did last year to get the information to them as early as possible. They will start with the delegates that they were not able to meet with last year.
     - Would like more research on GCI and how it affects schools’ who have a high number of at-risk students.
       - Currently LCPS has a small program that only meets in the evenings. If a larger program is developed during the day for students who cannot graduate in 4 years, the school division cannot mandate that the student attend the program, they can opt-out and the school division still has a legal obligation to educate the student.
       - Under state law, the Superintendent or designees have the authority to assign students to programs to meet their best interest; however, federal law mandates that school divisions provide equal participation in instructional programs in the school they attend. The federal guidance established does not talk about getting students to graduate, just putting them on par with their peers and providing them an equal opportunity to participate in the programming.
Policy 8-13, Persons Who May Be Admitted Free, is currently being reviewed by staff, and Dr. Richards asked the Committee to allow that review to be completed before restarting this conversation.

Changes to the legislation should likely occur at the federal level and not the state level since state law gives the superintendent a wide latitude to make a decision about student placement.

Staff will ask the legislative consultant to work with us at the federal level and to enlist the federal senators and congress representative for their help. Staff should also look into a request for changing federal legislation through the VSBA.

Currently LCPS is not a member of the National School Board Association (NSBA). Committee requests staff report back to them what the membership fee is for NSBA.

Committee asked staff to look into adding additional Special L&P Committee meeting(s) in September in order to get a jump-start on the legislative program. The additional dates should be sent to the Committee members as soon as they are established so no conflicts arise.

2. Progress on RFP. The Chair led a discussion as follows:
   - Dr. Richards reports that we have solid proposals on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the legislative consultant.
   - Two things were added to the new RFP: (1) help at the federal level; and (2) help with after laws are passed to determine the effect of those laws. The successful applicant should have more of an education focus.
   - Chair Sheridan will participate with staff in the interviews to take place hopefully by the end of August.

ACTION: None, discussion item only.

IV. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.