I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on October 3rd. The minutes were approved 2-0-0-1 (Huck absent) with no revisions or additions.

II. 2018 Legislative Program Discussion. Dr. Richards introduced the Legislative Consultants (“LC”) and reviewed the remaining staff’s proposed recommendations for the revised 2018 Legislative Program highlighted in yellow (document can be found here) as follows:

- Priority Position 2 (lines 11-14) – Staff recommends to keep this position and provided a one-page Rationale to the Committee found here. L&P Committee Vote: 2-0-0-1 (Huck Absent)
- Priority Position 3 (lines 17-19) – Staff recommends to keep this position. Staff prioritized the top five unfunded/underfunded mandates and provided them to the Committee found here. The LC suggested having a range of cost prepared for the top five mandates to provide to the delegation prior to the Legislative Breakfast. The LC suggested that we make the language stronger. The Committee revised the position accordingly. L&P Committee Vote: 2-0-0-1 (Huck Absent)
- Priority Position 4 (line 23) – Staff reversed its original recommendation from “keep” to “omit” and provided a one-page Rationale to the Committee found here. L&P Committee Vote: 2-0-0-1 (Huck Absent)
- Priority Position 5 (lines 26-31) – Staff reversed its original recommendation from “keep” to “omit” and provided a one-page Rationale to the Committee found here. L&P Committee Vote: 2-0-0-1 (Huck Absent)
- Relating to Local School Board Authority Position 2 (lines 41-43) – Staff recommends to omit this position. The LC brought this issue up at a Schools Liaisons’ meeting (the lobbyists that represents schools) and had no support for it. The issue would be the impact of students with lower income families. Mr. Hornberger stated that could be fixed by waiving it for students with free or reduced lunch. L&P Committee Vote: Mr. Hornberger made a motion to retain the position. Motion failed for lack of a second.
- Relating to Local School Board Authority Position 4 (lines 51-54) – Staff recommends to keep this position. The LC stated that you would have opposition on this position from the HOA/real estate groups stating that a public body has the power of eminent domain which is very costly to the taxpayer and time consuming, and not popular with the School Board. L&P Committee Vote: 2-0-0-1 (Huck Absent)
- Funding Position 3 (lines 72-78) – At the suggestion of the LC, staff revised the position to separate the SOA and SOQ issues. After further reflection, staff is recommending the removal of the SOA language completely. The Committee modified the language for clarification. L&P Committee Vote: 2-0-0-1 (Huck Absent)
- Based on the VSBA Proposal No. 7, staff recommended a new position for the Committees consideration: “Supports legislation that allows reciprocity of licensure requirements for teachers licensed in other states who are seeking employment as teachers in Virginia regardless of number of years of teaching experience.”
  - Committee is concerned that out of state teachers would not meet the high standards of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
  - The LC stated that there is a report due within the next several weeks from a VDOE Task Force that addresses licensing concerns and advised that we wait until that report has been
issued before more staff research is done on this matter. Dr. Richards removed this proposed position from the table.

**ACTION:**  
(1) Individual Position votes by the Committee appear in bold above.  
(2) The Committee voted 2-0-0-1 (Huck absent) to recommend 2018 Legislation Program as amended by the Committee to the full School Board for consideration as an information item at its next regularly scheduled meeting

**III. VSBA Legislative Positions.** The Chair opened discussions on the VSBA Legislative Positions Proposals (document found [*here*](#)):

- Staff brought back VSBA Legislative Positions with staff recommendations to support all of the VSBA Legislative Positions Proposals 1 through 10 as a whole package.
  - Division Counsel and the Legislative Consultants pointed out several areas in the packet the paragraphs refer to outdated language. In addition, the rationale for Proposal 8 is very ambiguous and misses the mark.
  - The Committee requests that Division Counsel and the Legislative Consultants go through the packet and edit the language with suggested changes and provide it to VSBA prior to the Annual Convention in November.

**ACTION:** The Committee voted 2-0-0-1 (Huck absent) to support the VSBA Legislative Positions Proposals 1 through 10 which will determine the way Mrs. Sheridan votes at the VSBA Conference to the full School Board for consideration as an information item at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**IV. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.