I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes from regular and special meetings held on October 4th, October 12th and October 19th. The minutes were approved 3-0 with no revisions or additions.

II. Public Comment. None.

III. Policy Restructure/Review. The Chair led a discussion on policy restructure/review.

   - Staff made Committee recommended changes.
   - The Committee made additional revisions to the preamble to clarify appeals to the School Board of administrative decisions are permitted only when authorized by specific School Board policy.

   **ACTION:** The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend restructured policy 2350 as amended by the Committee to the full School Board for consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

   - Staff provided the Committee a draft with options on the matter of whether or not written documentation is required from a medical provider when a school board member is absent due to a disability or medical condition.
     - Division Counsel stated that the Code of Virginia is silent on the issue of a requirement for medical documentation.
     - The Committee voted 3-0 on the options drafted by staff and decided to remove the options since the Code does not require medical documentation.
   - A Select Committee of the School Board convened for an Administrative Appeal would need to be added as an exception to this policy since it is only convened on a one-time basis and would not meet the statutory requirement of two meetings or 25 percent of the meetings.

   **ACTION:** None. The Committee suggested stylistic changes to improve the flow of the policy and bring back to the next regular Committee meeting.
IV. **Legislative Update.** The 2017 Legislative Program was an Information Item at the last School Board meeting and several questions arose regarding some of the positions. Discussion points were as follows:

- A bill was introduced last year from another Virginia jurisdiction regarding displaying advertising material on school buses. The bill was not successful and it was recommended to be “laid on the table” appearing not to have much support from the General Assembly.
- Mr. Hornberger requested that the transportation position that he proposed be modified to add the words “non-compulsory” and “outside the school division” in order to be more specific and narrow. **It was voted on as an L&P Committee Amended Recommendation 2-1 (Sheridan opposed).**
- There was further discussion regarding the legislative position of the 20 instructional hour rule proposed by Mrs. Sheridan. How it now applies to state mandated testing, and how the position being considered should also be applied to a school’s accreditation as it relates to the Graduation Completion Index (GCI) when a student is only in attendance for a fraction of the school year.
  - Staff in the Department of Instruction stated that the 20th hour rule would only help for one year. They have researched the matter further and feel that with the addition of the new alternative programs being established for older students and the priority position on innovation that it has captured some of these concerns eliminating the need for this legislative position.
  - The Committee asked Division Counsel for further research relating to whether general education students are entitled to be enrolled tuition-free up to age 22.
  - The school division already has the authority to assign students where they feel they will benefit the most from their education for general education students up to the age of 19 tuition-free. Students who enroll in Adult Education at the age of 20 and above would be charged tuition.
  - The Committee rejected the idea of eliminating this position and requested staff to clarify the rationale portion of the position that was presented as an Information Item. **It was voted on as an L&P Committee Amended Recommendation 3-0.**
- The Committee clarified language to Position II(3) by adding the words “initiate a legal action or join a pending” and deleting the word “institute”. **It was voted on as an L&P Committee Amended Recommendation 3-0.**
- The Committee moved Position IV(2) to the category Positions Relating to Local School Board Authority. **It was voted on as an L&P Committee Amended Recommendation 3-0.**

**ACTION:** As noted above. The Committee requested that staff send the L&P Committee Amended Recommendations of the 2017 Legislative Program to the full School Board prior to it coming up as an Action Item.

V. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.