LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Legislative & Policy Committee
Brenda Sheridan, Chair

SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Brenda Sheridan, Eric Hornberger, Beth Huck (late arrival)
Other Board Members, Staff: Michael Richards, Karen Dawson
Audience Attendees: Clark Bowers, Jeannine Cummings

I. Approval of Minutes. The Committee reviewed minutes for the meeting held on December 6th. The minutes were approved 2-0-0-1 (Huck absent) with no revisions or additions.

II. Organizational Items. L&P Committee is a three-member committee with Mrs. Sheridan as committee Chair and Mr. Hornberger and Mrs. Huck as committee members.
   • L&P Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. with the following exceptions:
     o No committee meeting in July;
     o Special committee meetings may be scheduled as needed; and
     o Regular meetings may be rescheduled as needed.

III. Public Comment. None.

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

Deletion of Policy 2-18 – School Health Advisory Committee.
   • At the last meeting, the Committee requested staff to confer with the Department of Pupil Services to determine if this should be a sanctioned School Board advisory committee.
   • Staff has determined that the law no longer requires the establishment of a Student Health Advisory Committee and has recommended the deletion of this School Board Policy.
   • Staff also stated that it will continue to maintain the advisory committee as an “in-house committee” consisting of the Supervisor of Health Services as the Chair who invites other in-house groups and non-staff members to participate.
   • The Committee asked staff to do further research and work on this policy and report back at a future Committee meeting:
     o What other advisory committees exist in policy that are not sanctioned School Board advisory committees;
     o What other advisory committees exist that are not in policy;
     o What advisory committees are authorized by the School Board and subject to FOIA;
     o Broaden the policy. Discussion points:
       ▪ Authorize the Superintendent to establish advisory committees;
       ▪ Authorize staff to work with outside organizations;
       ▪ Chair and committee members will be selected by the Superintendent or designee;
       ▪ Reporting language should be added (see language from Policy 6-21);
       ▪ Add a preamble to describe the School Board’s interests and will allow for ample information to be provided to the School Board.

ACTION: None. Bring back Committee requested information at a future regular Committee meeting.
IV. **Follow-up from Legislative Breakfast.** Discussion points were as follows:

- The 2017 Legislative Breakfast was held on Friday, December 2, 2016.
- In regard to LCSB’s position on opposition to unfunded mandates, the legislators said it would be helpful if they knew what specifically is unfunded.
- Attachment 2 to the Agenda are separate lists from the Department of Pupil Services and Department of Instruction of unfunded or underfunded mandates.
- The Committee requested that the lists be redefined in preparation for next year’s Legislative Program as follows:
  - A list of unfunded or underfunded mandates be generated for all LCPS departments;
  - Refine the list so everyone is on one list;
  - Group items on the list similar to VDOE; and
  - Highlight the top 3 or 5 that have the largest cost implications rather than by priority.

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

V. **General Assembly Activities.**

A. **Update.** Discussion points were as follows:

- Attachment 3 to the Agenda is a memorandum from Mrs. Burden regarding the financial implications on LCBS’s position on the slower phase-in approach for VRS.
- With the new information Mrs. Burden received, staff recommends to not actively seek reverting to the 2012 timeline for VRS payments. Staff also recommends to remove this position on next year’s Legislative Program.
- Crossover Day was Monday February 6th. Bills that have not been passed out of the House will die for this session.
- Delegate Greason’s Divisions of Innovation bill passed out of Committee unanimously.
- Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts opposed by LCSB was passed by the House.
- Three Charter school’s bills;
  - Constitutional amendment granting VDOE authority to establish charter schools;
  - VDOE can send applications back and direct School Board to review it again; and
  - Authorizes VDOE to establish regional charter schools with less than 3,000 students (does not affect us).

B. **Staff Practices Regarding Staff and Board Interaction on the Status of Bills During the General Assembly Sessions.** Discussion points were as follows:

- VSBA and VASS often send out announcements to oppose or approve a certain position and often require very little turnaround time. If the position is in LCSB’s Legislative Program, staff is requesting that the Committee give it guidance to enable staff to take a position on the item without having to go through the whole School Board.
- Unless there is a change, staff should be able to take a position on a duplicate position from last year without having to go through the whole School Board.
- Individual School Board members should not comment on a position. Permission should come from the whole School Board.
- Committee suggested that staff create a policy in Chapter 2 authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to take a position on an item in the Legislative Program.

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

VI. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.