I. **2018 Legislative Program Update.** The Chair led a discussion on the 2018 Legislative Program Update as follows:

- Dr. Richards and Ms. Sheridan recently met with Senator Black and are in the process of scheduling meetings with Delegates LeMunyon and Bell.
- Dr. Richards, Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Huck are attending the VSBA Legislative Advocacy conference on Thursday of this week.
- Due to the refining of LCPS’s legislative needs, a new RFP was put out for legislative consultants which was focused more on a team approach and educational expertise. LCPS has formally announced the hiring of the consulting firm, Advantus, who have been highly recommended by other school districts and are in the center of the discussion on state education legislation.

II. **2018 Legislative Program.** The Chair led a discussion on staff’s proposed recommendations for the 2018 Legislative Program (document can be found [here](#)) as follows:

- Priority Position 1 (lines 2-8) – This position was passed; therefore, it should be omitted. **L&P Committee Vote: 3-0**;
- Priority Position 2 (lines 11-14) – Staff is in the process of gathering more information on this position and will bring back a recommendation to Committee.
- Priority Position 3 (lines 17-19) – Staff will provide the Committee and the delegation with specific unfunded mandates and bring more information back to the Committee.
- Priority Position 4 (line 23) – Progress has been made in reducing SOL testing. Staff will bring back specific language for further reduction of testing to the Committee.
- Priority Position 5 (lines 26-31) – Staff recommends to omit. The Committee requests that the Department of Instruction attend a Committee meeting for further clarification or language modification of this position.
- Relating to Local School Board Authority Position 1 (lines 36-37) – Staff recommends to keep this position.
- Relating to Local School Board Authority Position 2 (lines 41-43) – Senator Black carried this position last year and it did not go forward. Committee asks that staff have Advantus look into the matter further and to give us guidance on the position.
- Relating to Local School Board Authority Position 3 (lines 46-48) – Committee requested that this position be more specific and that Division Counsel draft a rationale and redlined language reflecting the requested Code of Virginia revision (the Committee referred to this as a “One-Page Rationale”). Advantus should be brought up-to-date on this issue.
- Relating to Local School Board Authority Position 4 (lines 51-54) – Committee requested that staff partner with the County on this position and that Division Counsel draft a One-Page Rationale. Advantus should be brought up-to-date on this issue.
- Funding Position 1 (lines 59-60) – Committee requested staff to look into VSBA’s position to make sure they are not working at odds with our cost to compete position. Staff recommends to keep this position. **L&P Committee Vote: 3-0**
- Funding Position 2 (lines 63-69) – Staff recommends to omit since this position is no longer relevant. **L&P Committee Vote: 3-0**
- Funding Position 3 (lines 72-78) – Committee requested staff bring back specific examples of the flexibility in teaching positions that are needed.
- Specific Legislation Position 3 (lines 83-86) – Staff recommends to keep this position. **L&P Committee Vote: 3-0**
- Specific Legislation Position 2 (lines 88-90) – Human Resources and Talent Development introduced a new position to add to the Legislative Program which proposes Code of Virginia § 22.1-302(A) be revised to allow school systems to employ a substitute for a (i) position vacancy,
and (ii) for contracted teacher for a temporary period of time of no greater than 125 days.  

**L&P Committee Vote: 3-0**  
- Research was provided to the Committee at the last meeting on the Committee’s desire to add additional legislative positions:
  - (1) Hiring school board family members after a school board member is elected to address teacher shortage. The Committee requested:
    - Advantus to look into the impact on the four planning districts that were granted exceptions by the General Assembly to hire family members and the number of students in those districts;
    - Staff and Advantus to talk with other NOVA districts to see how they feel about this issue and the possibility of partnering with us on this legislative position; and
    - Division Counsel to draft a One-Page Rationale and bring back to the Committee.
  - (2) Disclosure of personal interest when a school board member acts on a broad matter affecting an immediate family member.
    - The most efficient way to address this concern would be by modifications to the School Board’s financial Disclosure Form and to the Code of Virginia to require the disclosure of board members’ immediate family on the public form as a full and complete discharge of any other disclosure requirement in the State and Local Government Conflicts of Interests Act; and
    - The Committee requested Division Counsel to draft a One-Page Rationale and bring back to the Committee.

**ACTION:** Actions by the Committee appear in **bold** above. Further work on the Legislative Program will occur at the next regular Committee meeting scheduled on October 3, 2017.

III. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.