Committee Members Present:
Ms. Joy Maloney, Chair
Mrs. Debbie Rose
Mrs. Jill Turgeon

Additional School Board and Staff Members Present: Dr. Asia Jones, Kevin Lewis, Dr. Clark Bowers, John Lody, Jennifer Wall, Patti Spurlock, Dr. Melinda Carper, Michael Jacques, Chris O’Rourke, Nancy Kramer, Dawn Mahoney

1. Approval of Draft Minutes
Mrs. Turgeon made the motion to approve the Draft Minutes from the June 13, 2018, Student Support and Services Committee meeting. The motion was approved 2-0-1-0 with Mrs. Rose abstaining.

2. Public Comment
Sreekanth Yerramsetty spoke about security in the modular classrooms at Creighton’s Corner Elementary School.

3. Proposed Pupil Services Policy Revisions, Chapters 5 & 8:
Dr. Clark Bowers, Director, Student Services, gave an overview of Policy 5170, Substance Use Education. Dr. Bowers highlighted the changes in terminology in the revised policy. Mrs. Turgeon was concerned regarding the terms abuse and prevention being deleted from policy. She stated that the new wording appears to be too soft and wants to keep the current terminology in section 1-3. Ms. Maloney inquired as to why this policy is here in addition to the other policy. Dr. Bowers explained that this policy is about the education of substance use. Ms. Jennifer Wall, Supervisor, Student Assistance Services, spoke about interventions and suggested alternate language in the general summary and in section 3. Mrs. Turgeon moved to send to the School Board, as amended. The motion was approved 3-0.

Dr. Clark Bowers explained that Policy 8435, Missing Children, was updated to align with the Virginia Code. He also explained, in detail, the current process to identify and report missing children. Mrs. Rose suggested language changes in the summary, to “shall collaborate”. Ms. Maloney moved to send to the School Board, as amended. The motion was approved 3-0.

4. Special Education Ad Hoc Committee Update
Dr. Asia R. Jones, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services stated that the Ad Hoc Committee has meet twice a month since June 28, 2018, with a focus on collaborative communication, consistency and community involvement. The Virginia Department of Education has provided commendations and recommendations regarding physical restraint and seclusion. Our staff is currently reviewing guidelines. Dr. Jones intends to recommend a new School Board policy and
regulation. All policy revisions are to be shared with SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) for input. Dr. Jones explained the differences of policy versus regulations, guidelines and practice. This information has been clarified and shared with staff. The Ad Hoc Committee recognized more time is needed beyond the November 30th date to complete their assignments. The committee intends to ask the School Board for an extension to the end of the 2018-19 school year and will prioritize any items which have a budgetary impact.

5. **Transportation Update**

Mr. Kevin Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services, provided an update on the divisions in his department as related to the beginning of the school year. He provided data on the reduction in transportation complaints and increase in closed concerns compared to last year and reviewed the current staffing of bus drivers. He thanked the School Board for providing resources to make positive gains in both areas possible. School Board members asked questions regarding transportation. School Board members asked about high school shuttles to Academies of Loudoun for students participating in before-school activities. BWHS Principal Chris O'Rourke was in attendance and offered that direction has been provided to high schools to adjust before-school activities such as clubs and athletics to accommodate the travel schedules of students attending the Academies of Loudoun. Staff will follow up on the utilization and availability of shuttles at all high schools.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.