

**Virginia Association of Federal Education Program Administrators**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**September 11, 2015**

**Gail Jones, President**  
**Valdivia Hall, Secretary**

**Ernestine Scott, President Elect**  
**Carl McDaniel, Treasurer**

**Linda Rector, Past President**

**Dorothy Tate, Region 1**  
**Val Gooss, Region 1**  
**Carolyn Taylor, Region 2**  
**Laura Burton, Region 2**  
**Tracey Tunstall, Region 3**  
**Deborah Siekirski, Region 3**

**Kathi Sheffel, Region 4**  
**Megan Moore, Region 4**  
**Marymargaret Caldwell, Region 5**  
**Sandra McKenzie, Region 5**  
**Diane Washenberger, Region 6**  
**Malora Horn, Region 6**

**Jennifer Hurt, Region 7**  
**Linda Dalton, Region 7**  
**Pam Eakes, Region 8**  
**Chip Jones, Region 8**  
**Pat Popp, VDOE**  
**Gabie Frazier, VDOE**  
**Wilbert Ware Retired**

**In Attendance:** Gail Jones, Valdivia Hall, Carl McDaniel, Linda Rector, Val Gooss, Jennifer Hurt, Pat Popp, Linda Rector, Ernestine Scott, Wilbert Ware, Laura Burton, Tracey Tunstall, Deborah Siekirski, Kathi Sheffel, Marymargaret Caldwell, Dorothy Tate, Sandra McKenzie, Pam Eakes, Chip Jones, Gabie Frazier, and Diane Washenberger.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the President, who presented the agenda. Gabie Frazier moved that the agenda be approved and Ernestine Scott seconded the motion. All members voted affirmative.

#### **Minutes – Valdivia Hall**

The minutes were disseminated prior to the meeting. It was moved by Val Gooss and seconded by Ernestine Scott that the minutes from the June 12, 2015 Board of Directors' Meeting be approved. All members voted affirmative.

#### **President's Report – Gail Jones**

- The president shared the calendar of VAFEPA Board Meeting dates for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The president also indicated that a new phone system for conference calling was in place. No passcode will be needed for conference calls.
- The president encouraged board members to disseminate information throughout their regions on the upcoming 2015 VAFEPA Conference. Registration is now open.

**Treasurer's Report – Carl McDaniel** – A written report was submitted that reflected expenditures from May 2015 through September 2015 with the greatest expenses being the VAFEPA Institute.

Checking Balance	\$ 4,487.20
Money Market Balance	\$53,490.48
Business Primary Share Balance	\$ 50.00

It was moved by Wilbert Ware and seconded by Marymargaret Caldwell that the Treasurer's Report be accepted with all board members voting affirmative.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Awards & Bylaws – Linda Rector**

No report

## **Conference 2015 - Ernestine Scott**

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual VAFEPa conference planning is almost here and all details are moving along:

1. A call meeting was held last week to address VDOE time concerns for department sessions, and it was determined that VDOE would keep the time frame provided and not provide any in-depth training but rather overview and answer questions. It was discussed that the low number of registrations that had come in attributed it to the fact that teachers were just getting back to school and administrators were busy with the opening of school. Board members were encouraged to promote the conference to localities within their regions. Planning has been centered on the goal of increasing conference participation.
2. There has been a discussion and choices finalized with hotel staff on meal selection for the conference.
3. Brandy has completed the program and it is ready for printing.
4. Workshops and sessions are finalized and include topics that the Board requested such as ESL, Homeless, Poverty, federal & state regulations and guidance, Classroom Management, Literacy, Parental Involvement and VDOE.
5. The cost for speakers/presenters is now at \$26,500. Contracts have been confirmed for the following speakers/presenters:
  - Margarita Calderon unable to come; however, she is being replaced by Dr. Hector Montenegro
  - Beth Estill
  - Yolanda Abel (Family Engagement Panel)
  - Harry & Rosemary Wong
  - Michael Rettig
  - Tammy Pawloski
  - Leigh Manasevit
  - Jaila John
  - Alex Kajitani

Board members are needed for facilitators and greeters. Please sign up accordingly.

## **Legislative and Archives**

No Report

## **VDOE Report – Gabie Frazier**

### **General Updates**

As we know, the 2015 UCI Road World Championship bike race will be held in the downtown Richmond area from Saturday, September 19, 2015, through Sunday, September 27, 2015. This will impact the Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 25 work week.

However, all state agencies in the Capitol Square Complex will be open for business during race week and are expected to maintain normal operations as much as possible.

Program Allocations:

Allocations for all program areas are almost complete and ready for posting. Please watch superintendent's memos late September for announcements.

### **Title I, Part A:**

Comments from Dr. Lynn Sodat.....

1. Thank you to coordinators for their work in submitting and revising Title I, Part A, Application. Submissions have been timely and of high quality.
2. Divisions on the monitoring cycle for this year should watch September superintendent memos for information on FPM.

### **Title I, Part C:**

No Update

### **Title II, Part A:**

#### *Teacher Equity Plan for Virginia*

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has developed an updated Teacher Equity Plan (State Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators), in response to a directive from Secretary Arne Duncan under the “Excellent Educators for All” initiative. Section 1111(b)(8)(C) of Title I under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Virginia has submitted its state plan ensuring “poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers.”

This plan has been revised in accordance with requests from U.S. Department of Education and resubmitted for final review.

### **Title III, Part A:**

Virginia has 68 divisions participating in the Title III Statewide consortium this year. Two independent consortia will continue apart from the statewide consortium. Application directions for the statewide consortium will be available soon.

#### **Eighteen Professional Development Opportunities for Fall 2015:**

1. Expediting Comprehension for English language learners (ExC-ELL) Institute
2. ExC-ELL for Instructional Leaders
3. Parents as Educational Partners Trainings
4. English Language Development (ELD) Standards: Customizing Instruction for ELLs Training
5. ELD Standards-Based Lesson Planning For ELLs Training
6. ACCESS 2.0 Training
7. Accommodation for ELLs Training

#### **Professional Development support for:**

Greensville County Public Schools Mini-conference, Regions 8 Training  
Office of School Improvement Workshop for Cohort IV focus schools

#### **Technical Assistance**

August ESL News and Announcements

#### **ESL Endorsement Opportunities**

1. George Washington University: ESL certificate program for teachers in selected rural divisions

2. George Mason University: ESL certificate program for teacher in selected school divisions with greatest increase in ELL enrollment

#### **Title IV, Part B:**

For the 2015-2016 school year, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grants have been awarded to 19 school divisions, two university/LEA partnerships, and one community organization/LEA partnership totaling 39 schools.

#### **Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2:**

The 11 Annual Rural and Low-Income School Program Symposium will be held at The Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center, Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 2015. Registrations for the symposium remain open until Wednesday, September 16, 2015, but the hotel reservation block has been closed. This symposium will commence at 8:00 a.m. on September 23 and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on September 24. Mr. Ron Mirr, President of RM Consulting and CAFÉ' (the Center for Active Family Engagement), both in Iowa City, Iowa, will present on various aspects of *Family Engagement* during the symposium.

Congress has not yet officially launched a conference committee to reconcile differences between the House and Senate revisions of *No Child Left Behind*. However, Rep. John Kline (R - Minn.), chairman of the House Education Committee, indicated that he is still hopeful that lawmakers will be able to send a bill to the president's desk by the end of the year.

#### **VDOE Report - Pat Popp**

Fall regional trainings on McKinney-Vento which are open to liaisons and other interested individuals have been scheduled. If additional information is needed, please contact Pat Popp.

The McKinney-Vento federal program monitoring will no longer be done concurrent with the Title I, Part A, schedule. A monitoring schedule will be created for McKinney-Vento based on MV subgrantees and a risk assessment/regional representation approach. Information will be shared with liaisons as the plan is developed.

As the VDOE-VDSS liaison for Fostering Connections, Pat recently sent a questionnaire to localities to get feedback about the use of informal kinship care arrangements and its impact on schools. The survey results will be summarized and shared with VDSS and included in a report that will be submitted to the General Assembly.

#### **Regional Reports**

##### **Region I - Val Gooss**

There is currently no Region I representative for the Virginia ESL Supervisor's Association (VESA). Once a person has been named, arrangements will be made to have at least 1 Title I/Title III meeting a year. Information relating to the conference has been shared with Region I Title III and Title I

coordinators as well as Title III coordinators across the state. An additional message will be sent in a week as reminder.

Region II  
No report.

Region III  
No report.

Region IV  
No report.

Region V  
No report.

Region VI  
No report.

Region VII  
No report.

Region VIII  
No report.

**Old Business**  
**None**

**New Business**  
None

A motion was made by Gabie Frazier and seconded by Wilbert Ware to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Next meeting date – **October 12, 2015 9:00 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Valdivia Hall**  
**VAFEPA Secretary**

