

2020 VAFEPA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	PRESENTATION
MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2020	8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	<p>CHERYL P. BOSTICK, VAFEPA PRESIDENT – <i>Welcome Address and Acknowledgements</i> Richmond City Public Schools</p> <p>AMBER K. BOGGS, VAFEPA PRESIDENT ELECT – <i>Awards and Recognitions</i> Wise County Public Schools</p>
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>DANNY STEELE, EdD – <i>I am the difference!</i> <i>Educators have the power to transform their classroom AND their school! When we understand what drives us, then we are able to capitalize on that potential and to make a difference in the lives of those around us.</i></p> <p>Danny Steele is in his 28th year of education, and this school year marks his first as the principal at Pell City High School. Prior to this position, he has served as an Assistant Professor of Instructional Leadership, principal, assistant principal, teacher, and coach. In 2005, Steele was recognized as the “Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year” for the state of Alabama. In 2016, he was recognized as Alabama’s “Secondary Principal of the Year.” He has presented at numerous state and national conferences and spoken in school districts around the country. He has written two books with Todd Whitaker which were released in 2019. Steele has an undergraduate degree in History from Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA); he has an M.A. in History from the University of Alabama, Birmingham; he has an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Administration and an Educational Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership – both from Samford University. He resides with his wife and three children in Birmingham, Alabama.</p>
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>VINCENT WINDROW, EdD – <i>All of Us for All of Them: The Only Path to OUR Success</i> <i>This keynote presentation is designed to invite attendees to join the movement to ensure that all students have potential even when born into poverty. This presentation also equips the attendees with techniques that will influence and inform how they approach their work. Lastly, this presentation will inspire the attendees to become more engaged in the life of the school community and in the success stories of all students.</i></p> <p>Dr. Vincent Windrow is the associate vice provost of student success for a progressive four-year public institution and is also a popular conference keynote speaker and highly-regarded</p>

		<p>workshop presenter. He is particularly adept at drawing the circle of engagement wide enough for all educators and administrators to feel comfortable and equipped to contribute to the cause of student success. Dr. Windrow earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management Technology from Middle Tennessee State University. Subsequently, he pursued theological studies at American Baptist College where he earned his Bachelor of Theology. Furthermore, he earned his Master's in Strategic Leadership in Higher Education Administration. He obtained a Doctorate in Education from Tennessee State University. One of his authored books is <i>The Fox Traps for Teachers</i>, a personal and professional resource for educators.</p>
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK
	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>STEVEN A. SPILLAN, Esq., CGMS – <i>Federal Grants Management During COVID Era</i> <i>This session can discuss flexibility available with regards to federal grants management in light of the current pandemic, including time & effort, travel costs, and the use of federally-purchased equipment.</i></p> <p>Steven A. Spillan joined Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC in January 2006 as a Legislative Assistant. In 2011, Mr. Spillan became as Associate with the Firm and in 2020 he became a Partner. Mr. Spillan assists clients with federal grants management and various federal education programs, including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Strengthening Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act, the Higher Education Act, the Federal Funding Accountability & Transparency Act, the Digital Accountability & Transparency Act, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.</p> <p>Mr. Spillan also works with clients on compliance with applicable rules and regulations under the Uniform Grant Guidance, as adopted by the Education Department General Administrative Regulations. This includes providing training on applicable grants management rules, assisting clients with drafting/updating written policies and procedures for their federal grants, conducting mock monitoring reviews to detect any material weakness in a non-federal entity's internal controls, and assisting clients in resolving any audit or monitoring findings.</p> <p>Mr. Spillan received his J.D. from the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law in May 2011. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from American University in 2005. Mr. Spillan is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia.</p>

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2020	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>LYNN SODAT, PhD – ESEA Program Updates</p> <p>Attend this session to obtain the latest points of information regarding particular federal programs. VDOE maintains the responsibility for adoption and use of effective methods to monitor compliance with federal and state requirements and to ensure the correction of deficiencies in program operations and the use of federal program funds. Federal policy requires every program office overseeing discretionary or formula grant programs to monitor each of its programs. As the department carries out this task, it remains focused on its primary goal: To raise academic performance for all children in the commonwealth and to effect greater accountability for public education.</p> <p>Dr. Lynn Sodat provides guidance and technical assistance as the Virginia Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs and serves as the state lead for policy interpretation and compliance oversight for the multi-million dollar programs. She coordinates the efforts of the state's Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, and Title V teams in their work with educators, division program coordinators, and the public. Lynn is Virginia's primary point of contact for the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) federal accountability plan. Dr. Sodat has worked at the school division level as a teacher, assistant principal, Title I coordinator, and at the district level as a central office administrator.</p>
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>SYLVIA HICKS – <i>Virtually Yours: Tips for Instructional Technology in the Midst of a Pandemic</i></p> <p><i>This session will provide tips and insights on how a small district approached teaching and learning in the midst of a pandemic.</i></p> <p>Sylvia Hicks has worked as an ITRT in urban and rural divisions for 16 years. After working in the publishing industry for 15 years, the former middle and high school teacher began using digital tools to engage her students and provide support to teachers. Sylvia has a B.S. in Mass Communications, M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction and Online Teaching certification from VCU.</p>
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH
	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>JAMES LANE, EdD – <i>Working Together to Maximize the Potential of Virginia's Students</i> Dr. Lane will discuss the role we all play in working toward maximizing student potential. He will discuss initiatives undertaken by the Virginia DOE and the impact COVID-19 has on return to learning this fall.</p>

		<p>Dr. James Lane is the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Virginia and is the chief executive of the Virginia Department of Education. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Lane served as a division superintendent in Chesterfield County, Goochland County and Middlesex County. He was recognized as the 2017 Virginia Superintendent of the Year for his leadership in Goochland County. Dr. Lane was one of 100 superintendents in the nation selected to attend the 2014 ConnectEd Superintendents Summit at the White House in recognition of his leadership in the use of instructional technology by his schools.</p> <p>In 2015, the national Data Quality Campaign awarded its annual Flashlight award to Goochland County in recognition of the division's achievements under Lane's leadership in using data to empower educators and communicate with parents and the public.</p> <p>Dr. Lane holds a doctorate in education from the University of Virginia, a Master's degree in School administration from North Carolina State University, as well as Master's and Bachelor's degrees in teaching from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Lane and his wife, Sarah, are the parents of two elementary school students in Chesterfield County.</p>
	2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	CHERYL P. BOSTICK – <i>Business Meeting and Closing</i>