

**VASS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND
VASS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Joint Meeting Agenda

**August 6, 2009
11:30 AM – UVA Ruffner Hall Room 200**

Present:

Milton Liverman, VASS President
Alan Lee, VASS President-elect
Phil Worrell, VASS Secretary/Treasurer
Chuck Maranzano, Region 1 Chair
Michael McPherson, Region 2 Chair
Ben Kizer, Region 3 Chair
Pam McInnis, Region 4 Chair
Roger Collins, Region 5 Chair
Melody Hackney, Region 8 Chair
Joe Cox, Legislative Committee Region 1 Rep
Jennifer Parish, Legislative Committee Region 2 Rep
Gail Pope, Legislative Committee Region 4 Rep
Brian Ratliff, Legislative Committee Region 5 Rep
Scott Kizner, Legislative Committee Region 6 Rep
Jim Thornton, Legislative Committee Region 8 Rep
Al Butler, VASS Executive Director
Andy Stamp, VASS Associate Executive Director
Bill Pruett, VASS Legislative Liaison

Call to Order, Introductions and Opening Remarks

VASS President Milton Liverman called the meeting to order.

2008- 09 End-of-Year Financial Report

VASS Executive Director Al Butler reviewed the 2008-09 End-of-Year Financial Report. He went through some of the budget items and summarized that 2008-09 was a very good year for VASS financially.

Ben Kizer asked if the \$98,190.96 net income figure was usual. Al responded that VASS generates an average surplus of approximately \$20,000 per year. He said that the surplus that VASS has in the SunTrust account would sustain the organization for four months without income.

2009-10 VASS Events

VASS Associate Executive Director Andy Stamp reviewed the VASS professional events and activities for 2009-10. He said that only 15 individuals had registered for the Sept. 15 workshop on "Designing Your Contract to Maximize Your Retirement Income." He invited the superintendents to bring their assistant superintendents to the workshop.

Dialogue on Future Professional Development Opportunities for Superintendents and Staff Members

John Whitley, Virginia's PBS Teacherline Representative, provided an overview of *Teacherline* and discussed possible areas where PBS and VASS might collaborate to provide online professional development opportunities for superintendents and their staff

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members. Andy suggested that John follow-up by contacting Regional Chairs to get on their regional meeting agendas in order to get a sense of the needs and interest of VASS members. He also recommended that VASS form an ad hoc committee to explore further develop the ideas and then report to the Board at their October meeting.

Discussion of Legislative Priorities and Oct. 14-16 Legislative Conference

Bill Pruett briefly addressed possible legislative/policy topics that will be addressed during the 2010 Legislative Session:

- SOQ Ratio Cap & Other SOQ Issues
- Federal Deduct on Stimulus Package Money
- VRS
- VRS Creditable Compensation for Superintendents
- Early Retirement
- Concerns for Virginia Juvenile Court Judges
- Uniform Grading Scales
- Merit Pay
- Charter Schools
- Autism
- Federal Issues

Bill reviewed a list of suggested speakers for the Annual Legislative Conference, Oct. 14-15:

- Gubernatorial Candidates McDonnell & Deeds
- GA Education Chairs Houck & Tata
- Phil Hamilton
- VRS Director
- BOE Members
- Pat Wright
- Virginia Judges
- Bruce Hunter
- Bob Holsworth