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**Virginia Council for the Interstate Compact on
Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

Wednesday, December 19, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Jefferson Conference Room, James Monroe Building

101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

Minutes

The following Council members were in attendance: Dr. James F. Lane, Senator Mamie Locke, Virginia Secretary of Defense and Veterans Affairs Mr. Carlos Hopkins, Mrs. Dorothy McAuliffe, Delegate Robert Thomas, Senator Mamie Locke, Dr. Dede Bailer, and Mr. Brad Williams, CAPT Joey Frantzen, and Dr. Aaron Spence

***Call to Order and Opening Remarks***

Dr. Lane called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed Council members, presenters, and guests.

***Approval of the Oct 2, 2019, Meeting Minutes***

Dr. Lane asked for a motion to approve the October 2,2019, minutes. Mr. Williams made motion to approve the minutes and CAPT Frantzen seconded the motion. All members voted approval of minutes as submitted with Dr. Aaron Spence abstaining.

***Purple Star Designation Awards on Appeal***

Dr. Lane asked the Council to vote to approve the awarding of Purple Star Designation award on appeal for schools found to be deserving. A motion was made by Dr. Dede Bailer to approve the schools and the motion was seconded by Sec. Hopkins. Dr. Spence shared his appreciation to the Virginia Beach leadership and specifically Ms. Amanda Yoder for her effort to get school across Virginia Beach City Schools interested and helping them to develop programs worthy of the award. All members voted approval of minutes as submitted with Dr. Aaron Spence abstaining.

Dr. Lane then congratulated the schools who received the designation and expressed the Council’s interest in attending any award ceremony that schools conduct.

***Council Discussion: Purple Star Application Timetable***

Dr. Lane opened the floor for discussion concerning a change in the Purple Star Application Timetable. During the October 2 meeting Dr. Bailer requested that Council consider changing the awarding of Purple Star awards to the spring rather than the fall. Dr. Dede Bailer withdrew her request thanked the Council for their time and consideration. No action of the Council was required.

***Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Military Student and Families Update***

Mr. Dunham presented on Compact related engagements with schools, families, partners, and Virginia governmental agencies. He also took time to recognize the retirement of Mr. John Hammer, Navy School Liaison Officer at Naval Air Station Oceana and the appointment of Mrs. Debbie Patch as his replacement. Mrs. Patch will vacate her position in the near future. Council then took turns expressing their gratitude to Mr. Hammer for his six years of service as a Navy School Liaison Officer in Virginia Beach. Mr. Dunham then provided updates on cases related to the Compact and on notables of activities outside of the Compact. Mr. Dunham further elaborated on notable items discussed at the Military Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) annual business meeting. These included:

* Establishing a task force to investigate the transitional supports needs of National Guard and Reserves forces.
* Possible Impact: Compact eligibility definitions being redefined
* Virginia hosting the MIC3 annual business meeting in 2022

Mr. Dunham presented on legislation to be considered by the Virginia General Assembly that affect Council membership. Senate Bill 41 seeks to add a military spouse member of the Virginia Department of Education’s Military Student Support Process Action Team (MSSPAT) to the Council. Senate Bill 47 seeks to add a military parent to the Council membership.

Dr. Lane asked Mr. Dunham to remind Council what the expansions of Compact eligibility Council would include. Dr. Lane then mentioned that the Council could vote to draft a letter of support for legislation that would expand Compact eligibility. Following a brief discussion of the matter Senator Lock made a motion to move forward on the chairman drafting a letter of support for Compact eligibility expansion. This was seconded by Delegate Thomas. All members voted approval.

Dr. Lane asked Council if there other matter related to legislation that the Council would like to discuss. Mrs. Mrs. McAuliffe shared that the Council has advocated to General Assembly membership in the past on matters of importance to military connected children and the Council.

***Public Comment***

Dr. Lane opened the floor for members of the public to address the Council. No members of the public stepped forward.

Ms. Amanda Yoder, expressed support of Title 22 and Title 50 orders. She specifically pointed out that preventative health personnel, NCIS agents afloat and abroad in particular have families that would benefit from this expansion.

***Open Discussion for the Council***

Dr. Lane opened the floor for Council members to discuss or present concerns for consideration of Council during this or future meetings. None were expressed.

***Closed Session***

Dr. Lane then moved to convene into a closed session and Dr. Aaron Spence seconded this motion.

Dr. Lane made a motion that the Council adopt a resolution certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge: (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting in which this certification resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered by the Virginia Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Aaron Spence.

Dr. James F. Lane, YES

Senator Mamie Locke, YES

Secretary Mr. Carlos Hopkins, YES

Mrs. Dorothy McAuliffe, YES

Delegate Robert Thomas, YES

Dr. Dede Bailer, YES

Mr. Brad Williams, YES

CAPT Joey Frantzen, YES

Dr. Aaron Spence, YES

***Closing Remarks***

Dr. Lane adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.