Alignment Committee Minutes
January 13, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
VHSL Office – Lower Conference Room

Members Present: 6A North, Matt Ragone, South County High School; 6A South, Cherif Sadki, Gar-Field High School; 5A South, Kevin Cole, Hickory High School ; 5A North, Joe Pisani, Massaponax High School; 4A North, Ron Petrella, Heritage (LC) High School; 4A South, Randy Johnson, Dinwiddie High School; 3A East, Buddy Herndon, Spotsylvania High School; 3A West, Steve Spangler, Cave Spring High School; 2A East, Dan Jones, King William High School; 2A West, Jamie Talbott, James River High School; 1A East, Drew Layne, West Point High School; 1A West, Stan Dunham, Northwood High School; Ken Tilley, VHSL.

Members Absent: Dave Jeck.

Also attending were Lora Bickley, recording secretary and VHSL staff Tom Dolan, Shawn Knight; as well as Bob Rose, Colonial Heights High School; Darrin Matthews, Carroll County High School; Deb Decker and Crystal Worley, Franklin County High School; Ryan Malloy and John Wheeler, Atlee High School; Wanda Bibb and Matt Crowder, Patrick Henry High School – Ashland and John Trott, Hanover County Schools; Greg Hood and Meghan Foley, James Madison High School and E. G. Bradshaw, Eastern View High School.

I. **Agenda Approval**: Randy Johnson moved, Dan Jones seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

II. **Approval of December 17, 2015 Minutes**: Kevin Cole moved, Ron Petrella seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to correct the 1A West Region vote in regard to the new region make-up as 20-5-1 instead of 15-8-1 and approved the minutes as presented with the correction.

III. **Purposes of Meeting**: To hear appeals and make recommendations from the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Initial Proposed Alignment Plan.

IV. **Items included for Review**:

A. December 17, 2015 Alignment Committee Minutes
B. Summary of Appeals for 2017-18 and 2018-19
C. Appeals Letters
D. Initial Proposed 24-Region Alignment Plan, 2017-18 and 2018-19
E. Adopted District Alignment Plan for 2015-16 and 2016-17 as amended at the October 5, 2015 Alignment Committee Meeting

V. **Appeals:** Executive Director Tilley noted that two appeals were not included since Buckingham's letter was to withdraw their appeal and the new Prince William County school (Colgan High School) to be assigned by the Executive Director according to the Handbook guidelines.

1. **Carroll County**: Ron Petrella moved, Dan Jones seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the request to move from the River Ridge District to the Three Rivers District.

Justification: Factors cited by Carroll County as the basis for the request appeared to warrant a change, the two districts supported the request, and the change would not be contrary to established parameters.

2. **Franklin County**: Buddy Herndon moved, Drew Layne seconded and the committee voted 0-12 to approve the request to move from 6A to 5A. Thus the motion failed.

   Justification: This request would deviate from the parameters set that schools will not play up or down in classification.

   Buddy Herndon moved, Randy Johnson seconded and the committee voted 4-7-1 (Dunham, Layne, Talbott, Sadki voting yes; Petrella abstaining) to approve the request to move from the Piedmont District to the River Ridge District. Thus the motion failed

   Justification: This request failed to garner support from the districts affected by the change.

3. **Graham**: Jamie Talbott moved, Stan Dunham seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the request to move from the Mountain Empire District to the Southwest District.

   Justification: This request garnered support from the districts affected by the change and would not be contrary to established parameters.

4. **Grayson County**: Jamie Talbott moved, Stan Dunham seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the request to move from the Mountain Empire District to the Southwest District.

   Justification: This request garnered support from the districts affected by the change and would not be contrary to established parameters.

5. **Marion Senior**: Jamie Talbott moved, Randy Johnson seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the request to move from the Hogoheegee District to the Southwest District.

   Justification: This request garnered support from the districts affected by the change and would not be contrary to established parameters.

6. **Atlee**: Dan Jones moved, Kevin Cole seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the request to move from 5A West Region to 5A Central Region.

   Justification: The basis of the request appeared to warrant a change, and the two regions supported the request.

7. **Patrick Henry (Ashland)**: Dan Jones moved, Kevin Cole seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to approve the request to move from 5A West Region to 5A Central Region.

   Justification: The basis of the request appeared to warrant a change, and the two regions supported the request.

8. **James Madison**: Buddy Herndon moved, Kevin Cole seconded and the committee voted 0-12 to approve the request to move from the new district placement in Concorde District back to the Liberty District. Thus the motion failed.

   Justification: The request would create a greater imbalance between the districts affected by the change and received minimal support from the respective districts schools.

9. **Eastern View**: Ron Petrella moved, Stan Dunham seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to table the request to move from 4A Central Region to 4A North Region.

   Justification: Once the March 31 ADM figures are released, the 4A North Region will know if schools will move out of the region into a different classification.

VI. **Recommendations to Executive Committee:** Dan Jones moved, Randy Johnson seconded and the committee voted 12-0 to dissolve conferences at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year. After hearing appeals, the Alignment Committee's Revised 24-Region Alignment Plan for 2017-18 and 2018-19, reflecting changes approved as noted above, will be forwarded to the February Executive Committee for approval.

VII. **Alignment Committee Proposed Timeline**:

- March 8 – Meet to formulate the process and consider parameters for subsequent Alignment Committee meetings.
- March 10 – Discuss alignment issues at the Membership Meeting.
- June 15 (alternate date June 21) – Alignment Committee meets to act on official March 31, 2016 ADM figures and consider necessary changes resulting from deviations of 5% or greater as well as other appeals requests that would be consistent with any established parameters.

VIII. **Business from the Floor**: The committee discussed the need to meet prior to the June 15 Alignment Committee meeting to establish the process for future meetings.

IX. **Adjournment**: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.