



**R&R Committee Minutes  
September 24, 2009  
10:30 a.m.**

- I. **Call to order:** Dave Melton, Chairman, Fredericksburg City Superintendent, Larry Stewart (Central Region alternate for Jeff Crook), Matoaca High School; Mike Nichols, Eastern Region, Heritage High School; Tim Thomas, Northern Region, Westfield High School; Susan Ross, Northwest Region, Loudoun Valley High School; Harper Donahoe, Region I, Caroline High School; Fitzgerald Barnes (Region II alternate for Doug Straley), Monticello High School; Stephen Leaman, Region III, Broadway High School; Steve Spangler, Region IV, Cave Spring High School; Stan Latham, Region A, Sussex Central High School; Steve Barnett, Region B, Riverheads High School; Barry Hollandsworth, Region C, Floyd County High School; Larry Compton, Region D, Haysi High School and Ken Tilley, VHSL.
- Others present: Lora Bickley, VHSL, Recording Secretary.
- II. **Agenda approval:** Larry Compton moved, Steve Barnett seconded and the committee voted 11-0 to approve the agenda as presented.
- III. **Review of materials:** Dave Melton gave a brief overview of the materials previously sent to committee members.
- IV. **Input from regions:**
- Region D** Larry Compton reported that the addition of divisional playoffs (baseball, softball and volleyball) may take care of some of the region's concerns. Future consolidation may also ease some of the problems. Concerns remain about what can be done for the small schools. The region is in favor of using set figures for realignment purposes.
- Region C** Barry Hollandsworth indicated that his region has no concerns.
- Region B** Steve Barnett reported that his region is relatively satisfied and that the largest Group A schools are in Region B.
- Region A** Stan Latham noted that his region is still in favor of using set figures for realignment purposes.
- Region IV** Steve Spangler reported his region is relatively satisfied with the alignment. However, with the current economic situation, travel is still a concern.
- Region III** Steve Leaman indicated his region wants to continue to maintain balance and keep travel at a minimum. District size is also an issue.
- Region II** Fitzgerald Barnes noted that balance and geography continue to be concerns and that their region had gone to expanded football playoffs.
- Region I** Harper Donahoe reported that his region is currently satisfied, but the region still remains concerned about travel.
- Northern** Tim Thomas indicated that there were no issues raised at their last meeting.
- Northwest** Sue Ross reported that geography remains an issue.
- Central** Larry Stewart noted that his region remains satisfied.
- Eastern** Mike Nichols indicated that his region is satisfied with the current alignment but have concerns when traveling for playoffs. They have had a drop off in revenue for regular season games.
- V. **Identify and discuss principles and measures** to consider during this realignment cycle.

The committee was in agreement that the survey document should be sent out to member schools so they can identify what principles should be taken into consideration when preparing the 2011-12 and 2012-13 alignment.

Changes were made in the original form and Lora will incorporate changes and send to committee members for review prior to sending to the membership on October 1. The committee recommended that combination districts be a question on the updated survey. Forms will be returned back to their region representative on the R&R Committee.

R&R will be a breakout session on October 6 at the Membership Meetings, and the committee is asked to be present to answer questions and discuss concerns.

The committee questioned which set of figures (September or March) should be used for classification purposes. Ken advised them that a change in the numbers would require a handbook amendment. If the committee recommends changing which numbers are to be used for classification, it could not occur until the 2013-14 and 2014-15 cycle.

VI. **Confirm timeline:**

- November 17 meeting to present initial plan to Executive Committee on December 2
- January 26 meeting to consider revisions to plan for presentation to Executive Committee on February 24 and membership in March
- April 19 meeting to consider appeals and present final plan to Executive Committee on May 6

VII. **Business from floor:** Four new schools will open in 2010: Glen Allen High School, Henrico County; East Rockingham High School, Rockingham County; Tuscarora High School and Woodgrove High School, Loudoun County. A new high school in Prince William County is scheduled to open in 2011.

VIII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.