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State Central Committee Meeting September 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the offices of McGuireWoods LLC in Richmond, VA on September 8, 2018. Vice Chairman Mike Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:45am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Wendell Walker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Kile.

The Republican Creed was read by Susan Lascolette.

The Chair appointed Dave Foster, Robert Cunningham and Sandy Liddy Bourne to the Proxy Committee.

The following members attended in person:

Mike Thomas	Amanda Batten	David Ross
Morton Blackwell	Wendell Walker	Susan Lascolette
Cynthia Dunbar	Nancy Dye	Dewey McDonnell
Jill Cook	Russ Wright	Nancy Smith
John Selph	Larry Kile	Sandy Liddy Bourne
Chris Marston	Robert Cunningham	David Foster
Bob Watson	Carol Dawson	Michelle Jenkins
Dennis Free	Jeff Ryer	Marcy Hernick
Jennifer Lee	Bill Curtis	Corey Scott
Jack Wilson	Wesley Edwards	Susan Edwards
Melvin Adams	Carole de Triquet	Sharon Ashurst
Jennifer Brown	Bill Coburn	Mark Sell
Ben Slone	Barbara Tabb	Julie Williams
Mark Kelly	Carey Allen	Richard McCarty
Adam Tolbert	Renee Maxey	Erin Porch
Andrew Nicholson	Ed Yensho	Ryan Rauner
Paul Prados	Joanne Holden	Ian Frith
Eric Nielsen	Steve "Doc" Troxel	Courtney Britt
Kishore Thota	Joseph Sonsmith	Erika Dyer
Mary Franklin	Anne Fitzgerald	Dustin Rinehart
Chris Stolle	Carrie Thompson	Linda Bartlett
John Cosgrove	Mark Hile	Marie Quinn

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Robert Thomas

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. After notification of receipt of an additional electronic form, a supplemental proxy report was given. Twelve proxies were found to be in order, ten written and two electronic.

The following members attended by proxy:

Jerry Kilgore – proxy held by Donald C Williams
Steve Albertson - proxy held by Willie Deutsch
Chad Green – proxy held by M George Clark
Travis Witt – proxy held by Diana Shores
Carolyn Weems - proxy held by Cindy Free
Steve Trent - proxy held by Christine de Triquet-Byrum
Charlie Keller – proxy held by Andrew Loposser
Will Kirk – proxy held by Chris Shores
Nate Boyer - proxy held by Hudson McWilliams
Angela Swygert - proxy held by Peter Foster
Bill DeSteph – proxy held by Frank M Ruff, Jr
Eve Gleason – proxy held by Ben Bush

The minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2018 (corrected) and June 30, 2018, were approved.

Reports from National Committee Members

Morton Blackwell did not report

Cynthia Dunbar reported that the next meeting will be in DC and no guests will be allowed to attend.

Chairman's Report

The Chair recognized new members of the Committee.

Carole de Triquet moved to reconvene in executive session for the purpose of discussing finances. The motion carried by voice vote; the Committee convened in executive session at 11:14am.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 11:24am.

New Business

Election of Eastern Vice Chairman

The Vice Chair stated the rules for the election.

Andrew Nicholson moved for a roll call vote for both elections. Motion failed on counted rising vote, 28-48.

The rules as proposed by the Vice Chair were adopted by voice vote.

The Vice Chair called a brief recess at 11:35am to allow the candidates to appoint tellers. The Committee reconvened at 11:39am.

The Vice Chair announced the teller committee members for Eastern Vice Chair election: Adam Tolbert, Andrew Lopper, Richard McCarty and Willie Deutsch, and for RPV Chairman election: Barbara Tabb, Carey Allen, Dewey McDonnell and Nancy Smith.

Jennifer Lee nominated Chris Marston.

Linda Bartlett nominated Mauricio Tamargo

After the candidates addressed the Committee, members cast their votes and business proceeded while the teller tallied the votes.

Reports from Allied Organizations

VFRW Report was given by Mary Franklin.

YRFV report was given by Erika Dyer.

CRFV report was given by Chair Eric Nielsen.

Reports from District Chairmen

The First District report was given by Bob Watson.

The Second District report was given by Dennis Free.

The teller's committee announced the election of Chris Marston as Eastern Vice Chairman, 43-35.

Election of Chairman of Republican Party of Virginia

Carole de Triquet nominated Jack Wilson.

Ben Slone seconded the nomination.

Dewey McDonnell nominated Chuck Smith.

After the candidates addressed the Committee, members cast their votes and business proceeded while the teller tallied the votes.

Reports from District Chairman (cont'd)

The Third District report was given by Jennifer Lee.

The Fifth District report was given by Melvin Adams.

The teller's committee announced the election of Jack Wilson as Chairman, 53-25.

At 12:49pm, Chairman Wilson addressed the Committee and announced a recess for lunch.

At 1:11pm, the Chair called the Committee back to order. The Chair certified that the Committee's earlier executive session included only a discussion of finance as directed by the motion to convene the executive session.

Appeal from the Sixth District Committee

Doc Troxel moved that the appeal be dismissed; motion failed on counted rising vote, 34-38.

The Chair proposed the following rules: Ten minutes per side for presentation, one minute for each member to speak, for a total of fifty minutes.

Jennifer Brown presented in favor of the appeal.

Doc Troxel and Carrie Thompson presented in opposition.

Paul Prados moved for partial relief, to grant the appeal on a limited basis to allow the Sixth District chair to appoint the *ad hoc* committee, but in all other regards, the decision of the Sixth District Committee will remain in effect.

Mike Thomas offered an amendment in the form of a substitute motion to uphold the appeal.

Mr. Thomas restated his motion to limit the granting of the appeal to the 3/5 vote threshold question.

A motion was made to end debate. On a counted rising vote, the two-thirds threshold was not reached, so debate continued.

All time for debate having expired, the question occurred on the Thomas motion to amend.

Cynthia Dunbar moved to postpone the appeal indefinitely. The motion passed on a counted rising vote, 38-34.

Resolution to support RPV's Resolution regarding Opt-in for Sex-Ed

Susan Lascolette moved adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION PROTECTING STUDENTS FROM EXPOSURE TO POTENTIALLY UNSUITABLE CONTENT BY SUPPORTING A PARENT'S RIGHT TO GRANT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT FOR SEX EDUCATION

WHEREAS, parents are a child's first and foremost educators, and have primary responsibility for the education of their children. Parents have a right to direct their children's education, care, and upbringing;¹

WHEREAS, education is much more than schooling. Education is the whole range of activities by which families and communities transmit to a younger generation, not just

*knowledge and skills, but ethical and behavioral norms and traditions. It is the handing over of a cultural identity;*²

*WHEREAS, American education has, for the last several decades, been the focus of constant controversy, as centralizing forces from outside the family and community have sought to remake education in order to remake America. This has done immense damage;*³

WHEREAS, school administrators routinely ask parents for their prior written permission for students to participate in various school-related instruction and activities, including, but not limited to: field trips, sports, and distribution of medicine;

WHEREAS, parents and their students should be afforded the same respect with regard to the increasingly sensitive and controversial nature of human sexuality instruction;

WHEREAS, much of the content in human sexuality instruction centers on contentious and sensitive issues, including but not limited to: abortion, birth control, sexual activity, sexual orientation, transgenderism, and/or gender identity;

WHEREAS, the content often includes a personal analysis or survey that reflects or influences the student's opinions on sensitive topics such as religious beliefs and practices, sexual orientation, and/or sexual activity;

WHEREAS, most states grant an obscenity exemption that allows content that would otherwise be deemed harmful to minors to be disseminated for educational purposes, creating the potential for inappropriate content to be included within human sexuality instruction;

WHEREAS, such information, content, or ideology is most appropriately placed within the discretion of the parents or guardians;

WHEREAS, the current opt-out paradigm assumes parental consent to student participation, allowing schools to automatically enroll students in potentially explicit, sensitive, and/or controversial human sexuality instruction without prior written permission;

WHEREAS, human sexuality instruction frequently places the wishes and concerns of the parents and/or guardians at odds with those of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the wishes and concerns of the parents and/or guardians are preeminent to those of the School District and should be acknowledged by simply affording parents and/or guardians the right to grant permission for such instruction; therefore

RESOLVED, that public schools must disclose the content contained within human sexuality instruction to the parents and/or guardians of all unemancipated students and shall only enroll those students whose parents and/or guardians provide prior written

permission to opt their student into human sexuality instruction;

RESOLVED, that the default shall be that no human sexuality instruction shall be provided to any student not yet emancipated without prior written consent from their parent and/or guardian, making an opt-out default an insufficient protection for either the safety of the student or the rights of the parent;

RESOLVED, that the Virginia Legislature is encouraged to enact legislation that implements these notices and safeguards to protect students from exposure to potentially inappropriate and salacious content and to acknowledge the right of the parents and/or guardians to direct their children's education, care, and upbringing, including their right to protect them from exposure to content they find unsuitable.

1 Platform of the Republican Party, Issued by the Republican National Committee, page 33 (2016, Cleveland, Ohio). 2 Id.

3 Id. 4 Amended to be Virginia-specific

Adopted by the Republican National Committee, July 20, 2018

Jeff Ryer moved to postpone the vote until the December 14th SCC meeting.

A motion was made to end debate on the motion to postpone. More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the motion to end debate carried.

The motion to postpone failed on a counted rising vote 29-40.

Chris Marston moved to limit debate to 10 minutes; motion was approved without objection.

All time for debate having expired, the vote was called and the resolution was adopted on a counted rising vote of 40-22.

The Chair moved to dispense with all remaining District reports, approved by voice vote.

Announcements

Linda Bartlett announced the VFRW's celebration of the anniversary of the 19th Amendment in June 2019.

Upon adoption of a motion to adjourn by voice vote, the Committee adjourned at 3:11pm.