

VEA Convention Delegates Pass 3 VBEA New Business Items!

The VEA Convention, held April 19-21 in Hampton Virginia, centered on two main themes: One, how to increase pay for public school educators in the Commonwealth of Virginia and two, provide for the safety of our students and employees in public schools. Across the state, delegates shared information on how to move our association forward. It was an exciting convention.



Over 30 New Business Items (NBI's) were presented, discussed, and voted into action. The VBEA presented three NBI's and all three were adopted. NBI 1 asks that VEA press for legislation in the General Assembly that will mandate a duty-free lunch for all teachers. NBI 9 tasks the VEA to develop a petition that

asks citizens to recognize that educators are not paid enough and that they deserve more pay. The petition will be circulated through social media, as well as other methods. The petition lays the ground work for the third NBI. NBI 11 creates a steering committee to develop a plan of action that calls for increasing public school employee compensation as the number one priority in Virginia.

It is important we are strategic in how we advocate for funding for public education. Recent events in West Virginia, Kansas, Arizona, and now North Carolina call for the VEA to act accordingly. As the representative of District O, I will make sure VEA leadership understands we are ready to act.

Kelly Walker, VBEA President

VBEA Assistant of the Year Celebration!



Hold the Date----May 14, 2018
5:00 pm Kellam High School
See a School Representative for
information



Retiring???
Join us for the VBEA Retirement
Celebration on June 4 at 5pm
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The Voice: Nate Kinneson

By Kelly Walker

Nate Kinneson, a music teacher at Malibu elementary, recently ran for a seat in Norfolk’s Ward 2, for School Board. Deeply rooted in the community and passionate about having a teacher’s voice on School Board, Nate ran his campaign on providing practical answers to many issues facing educators in Norfolk.

The VBEA is very proud of Nate and his commitment to public education. As advocates of public education, it is important to reach deep and commit to running for public office. Who better to speak to the complex issues we face every day in classroom than practicing public school educators? Focusing on retaining and attracting quality educators, Nate ran a close race. In the end, Nate was able to be a voice on public education, even though he did not win.

Kudos to Nate Kinneson for running for public office in Norfolk. It takes guts to run for public office and the VBEA is so proud of you. As you know, life-time member Bev Anderson, Dottie Holtz, and former VBEA President currently serve on the VBCPS school board. Cheryl Turpin represents us in the General Assembly. We must continue to run for political office to ensure the voice of educators are heard and have the opportunity to make critical decisions that affect us all.

Upcoming Events

- 5/14** Assistant of the Year Award Kellam 5pm
- 5/22** School Board Meeting Admin Building
- 5/23** VBEA Board Meeting VBEA Office
- 5/31** Custodian Meeting VBEA Office
- 6/4** Retiree Reception VBEA Office 5pm
- 6/6** Member Meeting Princess Anne HS
- 6/20** Rep Training VBEA Office 9-12



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