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## **January 30, 2014 – School Board Members Attend VSBA Capital Conference**

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### **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND VSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE**

**Staunton, VA** – Three members of the Staunton City School Board were in Richmond January 27 and 28 for the Virginia School Boards Association’s Capital Conference. Robert Boyle, Amy Darby, and William Lobb attended the event, which brought together school board members, superintendents, state delegates and senators, Virginia Board of Education members, and others to consider the major educational issues facing the 2014 General Assembly.

During the two-day event, attendees heard from Virginia Secretary of Education, Anne Holton, and received information on a variety of topics, including the ever-changing political scene in Virginia, state budget issues, and legislation being considered that will have an impact on public education and school board operations. “Attending the VSBA’s Capital Conference gave us the opportunity to hear more information concerning the Governor’s budget and to meet with Delegate Bell, Delegate Landes, and Senator Hanger. This allowed us to discuss our concerns with them regarding several bills and for them to be fully aware of our commitment to what is best for Staunton City Schools,” said Mrs. Darby.

In planning for the event in Richmond, Mr. Boyle, Mrs. Darby and Mr. Lobb had previously scheduled appointments with area legislators to allow ample time for discussion of pertinent issues. “I felt it was a great opportunity to personally express our interest in their support for bills that we and other boards believe are important to the interest and benefit of the children taught in our schools and their teachers”, said Mr. Boyle. “We appreciated their availability during a very busy legislative time at the Capital.”

Mr. Lobb added, “Our state school board association is doing a wonderful job keeping the local boards informed on the educational bills, lobbying for us, and sponsoring this conference and several others during the year to help educate us on what is happening in Richmond.”