

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting April 24-25, 2002

Consent Agenda

- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans.
- Final review of recommendations concerning release of Literary Fund loans for placement on waiting list.
- Final review of financial report on Literary Fund.

Resolutions and Recognitions

- Recognition of former Board of Education President Kirk T. Schroder.
- Recognition of Arlington Science Focus School fourth-grade chorus and Barrett Elementary School (Arlington Co.) fifth-grade chorus. Both groups performed songs related to the content of the Standards of Learning.
- Recognition of past chairmen of the Virginia Advisory Committee for Education of the Gifted on the occasion of the committee's 20th anniversary.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of consolidating the Proprietary Schools Advisory Committees and appointing committee members.	The board waived first review and approved the consolidation on final review. The following persons were appointed to the consolidated committee: Cordell Briggs, William T. Butler, Betty J. Dierstein, Jack E. Kotvas, Robert McNeely, Ann B. Perry, Bishnu P. Poudel, and Mark Singer.
Letter from Governor Mark R. Warner requesting that the board consider the awarding of differentiated numbers of verified credits for career and technical certifications.	The board directed board member Thomas M. Jackson, Jr. to work with department staff and relevant advisory committees to study the issue.
First review for approval of industry, professional, or trade association certifications to meet the requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Seal, the Board of Education's Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology, and the student-selected verified credit.	The board waived first review and approved 29 additional tests identified as meeting criteria to satisfy requirements for the Career and Technical Education Seal and student-selected verified credit. Of these tests, 23 have been identified as meeting the criteria to satisfy requirements of the Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology. The board also voted on final review to delete nine certifications previously approved for diploma seals and student-selected verified credit that no longer meet the board's criteria.

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First review of request for increased graduation requirements for the Appomattox Regional Governor's School.	The board waived first review and approved the request on final review.
Final review of request for increased graduation requirements for the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Relations.	The board approved the request.
Report on the April 22-23 Teacher Education Forum co-sponsored by the board's Committee to Enhance the K-12 Teaching Profession in Virginia.	The board received the report.
Informational report on the Web-based Standards of Learning Technology Initiative.	The board received the report and viewed a demonstration of the TestNav delivery system developed by NCS Pearson, Inc.
Report on Board of Education responsibilities as a result of legislation adopted by the 2002 General Assembly.	The board received the report.
First review of Virginia's Consolidated State Application for funding under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.	The board accepted the draft application on first review and scheduled final review for May 23.
First review of application for Dropout Prevention Grant under Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.	The board waived first review and authorized the board's committee studying implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to submit the application to the U.S. Department of Education.
Preliminary report on the results of academic reviews for the 2001-2002 school year.	The board received the report.
Discussion of Guidelines for the Awarding of Verified Credits by Local School Boards to Transition Students Entering the Ninth Grade for the First Time in School Years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, Applicable to the Standard Diploma.	The board appointed a committee comprised of members Gary L. Jones, Mark E. Emblidge, Susan L. Genovese, and Mark C. Christie, with Ms. Genovese serving as chairman, to develop proposed guidelines for the board's review in May.

Executive Session

The board considered four teacher-licensure matters in executive session. After returning to open session, the board voted to approve the Superintendent of Public Instruction's recommendations in all four cases.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Discussion of Current Issues

There was no discussion of current issues.

Annual Meeting of the Foundation for the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

The following officers were approved: Audrey B. Davidson, president, Ruby W. Rogers, vice-president, Daniel S. Timberlake, secretary treasurer, and Karen Trump, executive director.

Adjournment