

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting July 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.
- First review of revision to Literary Fund project amount for Pittsylvania County.
- First review of change in interest rate for two Alleghany County Literary Fund loans.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of Henrico County Public School's request for an exemption from the school breakfast program.	The board waived first review and approved the request for an exemption on final review.
First review of implementation of HB 1206 regarding adoption and family life education.	The board waived first review and approved revised guidelines regarding family life education that include language regarding the benefits of adoption as a positive choice in the event of an unwanted pregnancy.
First review of proposed Guidelines for Academic Review Processes for Schools Accredited with Warning.	The board waived first review and approved the guidelines.
Final review of Board of Education Guidelines for Local School Boards to Award Verified Units of Credit for Standard Diplomas for Students Who Entered the Ninth Grade for the First Time in School Years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003.	The board amended the proposed guidelines to allow local school boards to award verified units of credit in history/social science and science only. The board then adopted the proposed guidelines on final review.
Final review of Guidelines for Provision of Public School Choice Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.	The board approved the proposed guidelines on final review.
Final review of Criteria for the Providers of Supplemental Educational Services Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.	The board approved the proposed criteria on final review.

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion of Current Issues

President Mark Christie announced that the board's Committee to Implement New Federal Legislation would begin its study of early reading instruction at its September 4 meeting. Mr. Christie said the committee would receive a presentation from a nationally known expert on early reading.

Board member Scott Goodman requested that the board receive regular updates on the implementation of public school choice in Virginia. Mr. Goodman also commended Petersburg Public Schools for its enthusiastic cooperation with Governor Mark Warner's Partnership for Achieving Successful Schools.

Board member Mark Emblidge commended Chesapeake Public Schools for sharing its curriculum with Petersburg.

Board member Gary Jones announced that the board's Committee on the Standards of Quality would meet in Richmond during the last week of August.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary announced that the Department of Education has selected StandardsWork, a nonprofit educational consultancy based in Washington, D.C., to conduct the first phase of the impact study recommended by the department's Standards of Learning Test Technical Advisory Committee. Dr. DeMary said the study would be completed in December.

Public Hearing

Public hearing on proposed Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel (8 VAC 20-440-10 et seq.).

No members of the public addressed the board.

Executive Session

The board considered seven licensure matters in executive session.

Adjournment