

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting March 27, 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
- Revision of Literary Fund project amounts for Wythe County and Nottoway County

Resolutions and Recognitions

- Recognition of Virginia's Regional Teachers of the Year and the Virginia Teacher of the Year

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review for approval of the proposed revisions of the Rules Governing General Educational Development Certificates (8 VAC 20-360-10 et. Seq.).	Continued until a future meeting of the board.
First review of proposed revisions to the Regulations Adjusting Grievances for School Personnel (8 VAC 20-90-10 et. Seq.).	The board waived first review and approved the proposed revisions on final review.
Final review of revised Mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL) Curriculum Framework.	The board approved the revised curriculum framework.
First review of requests from Danville, Fairfax County, and Virginia Beach for approvals of innovative programs involving opening prior to Labor Day.	The board waived first review and approved the requests.
First review of a request for approval of increased graduation requirements from the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Relations.	The board received the request for first review.
First review of revised Standards of Learning review schedule.	The board waived first review and approved the revised schedule on final review. The revised schedule allows for the revision of the English SOL by November 2002 to ensure that Virginia is positioned to provide annual testing in reading in grades 3-8 as required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001.

First review of nominations to the State Special Education Advisory Committee.	The board waived first review and approved the nominations. New appointments: Anne Fischer (Region II Parent Representative), Carmen Sanchez (Region IV Parent Representative), Karen Tompkins (Private Schools and Public Charter Schools Representative). Reappointments: Heidi Lawyer (Region I Parent Representative), Charlene Christopher (Teacher Representative).
First review of process for state adoption of instructional materials.	The board waived first review and approved the process.
Final review of additional models/programs that include methods to satisfy provisions in the Regulations Establishing Accrediting Standards for Public Schools in Virginia.	The board approved the additional models/programs.
Statewide Performance Report Summary for Career and Technical Education.	The board received the report.
Report on technical assistance document related to sample courses of study that satisfy Standard Diploma graduation requirements.	The board received the report.
Report on changes to the General Educational Development (GED) Tests.	The board received the report.

Public Comment

A parent from Chesterfield County discussed testing accommodations.

Joan Byrne of the Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (VASCD) brought to the board's attention a June 27 institute in Williamsburg for K-3 educators on guided reading sponsored by VASCD and the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals.

Discussion of Current Issues

Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary commended Assistant Superintendent for Technology Lan Neugent for receiving the national Making It Happen Award for vision and leadership in the field of educational technology. The Making it Happen award is sponsored by several leading education technology companies and foundations.

Dr. DeMary brought to the board's attention that the Virginia Satellite Education Network is the second largest such network in the nation and currently offers high school credit courses to about 1,500 students in the commonwealth.

Board President Mark Christie announced that the date of the June board meeting has been changed from Thursday, June 27, to Wednesday, June 26, 2002. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Room B.

Mr. Christie discussed the timeline for the submission of Virginia's consolidated plan to comply with the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (also known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001) to the United States Department of Education. Mr. Christie stated that the board would review a draft plan during its April 26 meeting and approve a final plan during the May 23 meeting. Mr. Christie also announced that the board would begin receiving public input and comment on the legislation immediately.

Adjournment