Highlights from the Board of Education Meeting
May 23, 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.
- Final review of revision to Literacy Fund project accounts for Russell County.

Resolutions and Recognitions
- Resolution of appreciation presented to Diane T. Atkinson for her outstanding service as a member of the Board of Education.
- Resolution recognizing the outstanding programs of Operation Prom/Graduation.
- Resolutions of appreciation presented to the members of the Student Advisory Committee for 2001-2002.
- Recognition of schools earning the Governor's Award for Outstanding Improvement: Adams Elementary in Henrico County, St. Charles Elementary in Lee County, and Young Park Elementary and Roberts Park Elementary of Norfolk.

Special Presentation
Governor Mark Warner addressed the Board of Education regarding the Standards of Quality and other issues important to quality education. He also announced that he will appoint three working groups to provide recommendations. Governor Warner said the groups will examine schools' unmet needs, accountability, and financing.

Discussion and Action Items

ITEM	ACTION
First review of additional revisions to the regulation governing pupil transportation (8 VAC 20-70-10 et. seq.)	The board waived first review and approved the proposed revisions on final review.
First review of guidelines for awarding differentiated numbers of verified credit for career and technical education certification and licensure examinations	The board accepted the proposed guidelines on first review.
First review of the Accountability Advisory Committee's recommended equivalent scores for substitute tests.	The board waived first review and approved the proposed cut scores on final review.
First review of guidelines for local school boards to award verified units of credit for standard diplomas for students who enter the ninth grade for the first time in school years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003.	The board accepted the proposed guidelines on first review. The board issued an invitation for public comment during the 30 days prior to the next meeting.
First review of the 2002-2003 homeless education state plan.	The board waived first review and approved the plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Education.

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Final review of Virginia's Consolidated State Application (P.L 107-110)	The board approved the application for submission to the U.S. Department of Education..
The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's annual report on the Board of Education.	The board accepted the report, which included five initiatives: recommended guidelines for implementing Option 4-Division Superintendent License; recommendations to enhance the phonic instruction proficiency of pre-service and in-service teachers; summer 2003 pilot project to offer Praxis I to high school graduates interested in pursuing a teaching career, a plan to conduct match, validation and standard-setting studies of Praxis II assessments in special education; and a plan to study the use of the SAT as an alternative for Praxis I.

Public Comment
- Judy Begland of the Hampton Roads Partnership thanked the board and the Governor for recognizing the importance of technical education. She gave copies of a white paper that the Hampton Roads Partnership produced concerning skill certification testing and work force development.
- A parent of a special education student discussed graduation requirements.

Discussion of Current Issues
Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary introduced a videotape showing the awarding of an honorary diploma to World War II veteran Wilson Yager of Chesterfield.

Board President Mark Christie announced the date of the October board meeting has been changed from Thursday, October 17, to Wednesday, October 16, 2002.