

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting June 25, 2003

Resolutions and Recognitions

- Outstanding Elementary School Principal: Melody T. McCloud, principal, Robert R. Morton Elementary School, Hampton.
- Outstanding Middle School Principal: Rae E. Darlington, principal, Graham Park Middle School, Prince William County.
- Outstanding Secondary School Principal: Arthur V. Brandriff, principal, Western Branch High School, Chesapeake.
- Outstanding Secondary School Assistant Principal: Linda Walker Via, assistant principal, Thomas Hunter Middle School, Mathews County.

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.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of proposed revisions to the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel (8 VAC 20-21-10 et seq.)	The board accepted the proposed revisions on first review and authorized the continuation of the Administrative Process Act, including the 60-day public comment period.
Final review of proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality (SOQ).	The board approved the proposed revisions and adopted a resolution expressing its support for the creation of a mathematics specialist endorsement and eventually including the endorsement in the SOQ.
Final review of revisions to the board-approved List of Industry, Professional, or Trade Association Certification Examinations to Meet the Requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education and Advanced Mathematics and Technology Seals and Student-Selected Verified Credit.	The board approved the revisions to the list.

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Final review of a recommendation to continue program approval of teacher preparation programs at Hampton University and Norfolk State University.	The board approved the recommendation.
Final review of appointments to the Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL), July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006.	The board approved the following appointments: Rene Ashjian (Business Community Representative), Sharon Condrey (Elementary Classroom Teacher), Aimee Holleb (Middle School Classroom Teacher), Rebecca A. Hill (Middle School Classroom Teacher), Cynthia Baird (Secondary Classroom Teacher), James B. Scott (Division Superintendent), Ronald Diss (Higher Education – Independent), and William H. Graves, III (Higher Education – Public).
First review of a proposal to discontinue the current teacher education program and establish a new teacher preparation program at Christopher Newport University.	The board accepted the proposal on first review.
Final review of the proposed criteria for the Board of Education Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics Education (HB 1503).	The board approved the proposed criteria.
First review of Consolidated State Application Submission due September 1, 2003, under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.	The board accepted the proposed submission on first review.
First review of nominations for appointment to the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted for the September 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006 term.	The board accepted the nominations on first review.
First review of approval of local school division remedial plans.	The board waived first review and approved the remedial plans.
First review of Report on Electronic Meetings Held by the Board of Education: 2002-03.	The board accepted the report on first review.
Final review of the proposed Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education Curriculum for Home-School Students (HB 1503).	The board approved the curriculum.

Reports

- Report and recommendations from the Board of Education’s Student Advisory Committee.
- Report on the Governor’s Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant.
- Report on the Governor’s Project Graduation Initiative.

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Public Comment

Virginia Education Association Jean Bankos commended the board for approving the proposed revisions to the SOQ.

Virginia Elementary School Principals Association Executive Director Tom Shortt presented a resolution recognizing the service to public education of Board President Mark C. Christie.

Discussion of Current Issues

Board President Christie summarized the achievements of Virginia students under the Standards of Learning program and thanked superintendents, principals, and teachers for their efforts in raising student achievement. Mr. Christie also expressed his appreciation of his fellow board members.

Board member Susan T. Noble expressed her appreciation of her fellow board members.

Board Vice-President Susan Genovese and board members M. Scott Goodman, Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., Mark E. Emblidge, and Ruby W. Rogers expressed their appreciation of Ms. Noble and Mr. Christie.

Adjournment

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