

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting November 19, 2003

Resolutions and Recognitions

The Board presented a Resolution of Recognition to Mark A. Edwards, Ed. D, superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools, recipient of the 2003 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education.

The Board presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Joan W. Murphy, Esq., assistant attorney general, for outstanding service as advisor to the Board of Education.

The Board presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Comcast Digital Cable for outstanding public service to enhance parental involvement in the public schools of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Consent Agenda

- First review of a request from Alleghany County for a partial release of a Literary Fund lien.
- First review of a request from Manassas Park City Public Schools concerning a deed of easement for property on which there is a Literary Fund lien.

Action and Discussion Items

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| First review of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for the Standards for Interdepartmental Regulation of Children's Residential Facilities (22 VAC 42-10-10 et seq.) and a NOIRA for the Standards for Interdepartmental Regulation of Children's Residential Facilities (22 VAC 42-11-10 et seq.). | The Board waived first review and approved the NOIRAs to begin the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA) to repeal the existing regulations and promulgate new regulations. |
| First review of proposed Regulations Governing Scoliosis Screening Programs (8 VAC 20-690-10 et seq.). | The Board accepted the proposed regulations on first review and authorized the Department of Education to proceed with public comment procedures under the APA and Executive Orders. |

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| First review of additional revisions to the Regulations Governing the Operation of Proprietary Schools and Issuing of Agent Permits (8 VAC 20-350-10 et seq.). | The Board accepted the additional revisions on first review for submission to the next phase of the APA that would permit publication for public comment. |
| First review of fast track proposed Regulations Governing the General Educational Development Certificates (8 VAC 20-360-10 et. Seq.). | The Board accepted the proposed regulations on first review and authorized the department to proceed with the fast track revision process established in the APA by the 2003 General Assembly, including public comment, for adopting regulations governing the General Educational Development Certificates. |
| First review of a request to withdraw Section 8 VAC 20-21-100 from the proposed Licensure Regulations for School Personnel. | The Board accepted the request on first review. |
| Final review of the <i>2003 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of the Public Schools in Virginia</i> . | The Board approved the report and authorized the department to include the recently released results of the 2003 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) and make minor edits. |
| Final review of Instructional Models and Programs that Include Instructional Methods to Satisfy Provisions in <i>Regulations Establishing Accrediting Standards for Public Schools in Virginia</i> . | The Board approved the revised list of instructional models and programs and directed the department to disseminate the revised list to school divisions. |
| Final review of the 2003 Annual Report on Charter Schools in Virginia. | The Board approved the report. |
| First review of the 2003 Annual Report on Regional Alternative Education Projects. | The Board waived first review and approved the report. |
| First review of addition to the Board-Approved List of Supplemental Educational Services Providers Under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> . | The Board waived first review and approved the addition to the list of Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes. |
| First review of the division-level academic review process. | The Board accepted the proposed process on first review. |
| First review of the Annual Report for State Funded Remedial Programs. | The Board waived first review and approved the report. |
| First review of recommended cut scores for the new Standards of Learning (SOL) history tests. | The Board waived first review and approved the following cut scores: World History I and World History II: pass/proficient 30, advanced 50; Virginia and U.S. History: pass/proficient 30, advanced 51; World Geography: pass/proficient: 33, advanced 50. |
| First review of revisions to the Limited English Proficient (LEP) Performance Indicator 2.1 to the September 1, 2003, submission under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> . | The Board waived first review and approved the revisions. |
| First review of recommended scores on the Work Keys: Writing Test to be considered as equivalent to pass/proficient and pass/advanced on the SOL end-of-course English: Writing test. | The Board waived first review and approved 3 as the cut score for pass/proficient and 4 as the cut score for pass/advanced. |

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Reports

Report on the statewide spring 2003 Standards of Learning test results and 2003-2004 accreditation ratings of the commonwealth's public schools.

Report on the 2004-2005 state adoption of selected textbooks and instruction materials.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion by Board Members

Mr. M. Scott Goodman discussed the report of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind Consolidation Task Force.

Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary commended Mr. Goodman for his service as chairman of the task force.

Dr. DeMary recognized the contribution of Chesterfield County Public Schools in the development of the Project Graduation Online Reading Tutorial and reported that 800 students are now participating in a pilot of the tutorial. Board members were invited to participate in a demonstration of the tutorial.

Adjournment

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