

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting February 25, 2004

Resolutions and Recognitions

Recognition of the 2004 Virginia Regional Teachers of the Year and the 2004 Virginia Teacher of the Year.

Consent Agenda

- Final review of recommendations concerning release of Literary Fund loans for placement on waiting list.
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans.
- Final review of financial report on Literary Fund.
- First review of a request from Hanover County to carryover unspent School Health Incentive Funds from fiscal year 2003 to fiscal year 2004.

Action and Discussion Items

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First review of proposed permanent Regulations Governing the General Achievement Diploma.	The Board waived first review and authorized Department of Education to proceed with the public comment procedures under the Administrative Process Act.
First review of Virginia's Definition of Alternate Route for Highly Qualified Teachers.	The Board accepted the definition for first review.
First review of recommendations from the Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure regarding the establishment of a qualifying score on the SAT as a substitute for Praxis I.	The Board accepted the recommendations for first review.
Final review of a revision to the Criteria and Process for the Adoption of Instructional Models/Programs that Include Instructional Methods to Satisfy Provisions in the Regulations Establishing Accreditation Standards for Public Schools in Virginia.	The Board approved the revision on final review.

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First review of the Board of Education's List of Career and Technical Education Certification Examinations and Occupational Competency Assessments to Meet the Requirements for Diploma Seals and Student-Selected Verified Credit.	The Board waived first review and approved the list.
First review of locally-developed or selected English Language Proficiency Assessments to satisfy the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.	The Board waived first review and approved the assessments.
First review of the Special Education Annual Part B State Performance Report.	The Board accepted the report for first review.
First review of the WorkKeys: Reading, WorkKeys: Math, ACT, EXPLORE, and ACT: PLAN as substitute tests of numeracy and literacy for students with disabilities pursuing the Modified Standard Diploma.	The Board waived first review and approved the substitute tests.
First review of a proposed revision to the Board of Education's Guidelines for a Waiver of Verified Credit for Certain Transfer Students.	The Board waived first review and approved the revision on final review.
First review of a request for increased graduation requirements from a local school board (Floyd County).	The Board waived first review and approved the request.
First review of Even Start family literacy performance indicators.	The Board waived first review and adopted the performance indicators.

Reports

- Report on the Great Virginia Teach-In: March 27-28, 2004.
- Report from the Board of Education's Student Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

- Charles French, school liaison officer, Ft. Monroe, discussed testing of students from military families and reciprocity.
- Kristi Wilson and Cathy Ware discussed Praxis I.

Discussion by Board Members

Board President Thomas M. Jackson, Jr. announced that beginning at the Board's March meeting, public comment would be heard following presentations of resolutions and recognitions.

Adjournment