

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting March 24, 2004

Resolutions and Recognitions

Presentation of the Leadership in Arts Instruction Award to Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools, and Dale Kalkofen, assistant superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools.

Public Comment

Beverly Lammay of Henrico County Public Schools thanked the Board of Education for moving the period for public comment.

Michael C. Farley, president of the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities, discussed proposed Regulations Governing Private Day Schools for Children with Disabilities.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final Review of proposed Regulations Governing Private Day Schools for Children with Disabilities	The Board approved the regulations.
First review of a request for approval of an innovative program involving opening prior to Labor Day from the Virginia Beach City School Board.	The Board approved the request.
First review of revised Division-Level Academic Review Process.	The Board accepted the agenda item on first review.
First review of a letter to USED requesting an exception to the 1-percent cap on the number of students with disabilities whose proficient scores on the Alternate Assessment may be counted toward calculating AYP.	The Board waived first review and approved the letter.
Final review of Virginia's Special Education Annual Performance Report.	The Board approved the report.
Final review of Virginia's definition of alternate route for highly qualified teachers.	The Board approved the definition.
Final review of recommendation from the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure regarding the establishment of a qualifying score on the SAT as a substitute test for Praxis I.	The Board approved the recommendation.

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First review of recommended cut scores for the literacy and numeracy assessments required for the Modified Standard Diploma.	The Board waived first review and approved the recommended cut scores.
First review of revisions to the "Small n School" process under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> .	The Board waived first review and approved the revisions.
First review of proposed revisions to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> .	The Board waived first review and approved the revisions.
First review of the Stanford English Language Proficiency Test as a substitute test of literacy for limited English proficient students with disabilities who are pursuing the Modified Standard Diploma.	The Board waived first review and approved the test.
First review of recommended cut scores for History Standards of Learning Tests based on the 2001 history standards.	The Board waived first review and approved the cut scores.

Reports

- Statewide Performance Report Summary for Career and Technical Education.
- Report on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Teachers Project Creating the Meritorious New Teacher Candidate Designation.

Discussion by Board Members

Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary discussed the March 27-28 Great Virginia Teach-In.

Adjournment

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