

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting September 22, 2004

Resolutions and Recognitions

- Mrs. Ruby Rogers, member of the Board of Education, 1998-2004 and Mrs. Susan Genovese, member of the Board of Education, 2000-2004, and vice-president, 2002-2004, were recognized for outstanding service to the public schools of the commonwealth.

Public Comment

- Ms. Princess Moss, president, Virginia Education Association
- Mr. Gary Anderson, executive director, Read Aloud Virginia
- Dr. Gary McCann, superintendent, Lee County Public Schools
- Mr. Kevin Keenan, JustChildren Program
- Sarah Geddes, Child Advocacy Program
- Gwendolyn Harris, parent, Richmond City
- Katie Ryan, JustChildren Program

Consent Agenda

- Final review of recommendations concerning the release of Literary Fund loans for placement on the waiting list
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Final review of Financial Report on Literary Fund

Action and Discussion Items

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First review of Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to promulgate regulations governing re-enrollment plans (8 VAC 20-660-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and approved the NOIRA to promulgate regulations under the Administrative Process Act (APA).
First review of proposed technical revisions to the Regulations Governing Procedures for Adjusting Grievances of School Personnel (8 VAC 20-90-10 et seq.)	The Board accepted the item for first review.
First review of emergency Regulations for Conducting Division-Level Academic Reviews (8 VAC 20-700-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and authorized staff to proceed with the remaining steps required by the APA.
First review of proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality (SOQ)	The Board accepted the proposed revisions for first review and scheduled public hearings for October 13 in Hampton Roads and October 14 in Richmond, Northern Virginia, and Southwestern Virginia.

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Final review of proposed revisions to the Board of Education's bylaws regarding appointment and operation of advisory committees	The Board approved the revisions to its bylaws.
Final review of proposed modifications to the school-level academic review process	The Board approved the modifications.
Final review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Fairfax County	The Board accepted the request for first review.
First review of timeline for the review and approval of revised Computer/Technology Standards of Learning	The Board waived first review and approved the timeline.
First review of an Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) recommendation to establish ACT scores as a substitute for Praxis I	The Board waived first review and approved the recommendation.
First review of a recommendation to establish proficiency levels for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test as alternate tests to the Modern Language Association (MLA) Proficiency Test for Teachers and Advanced Students.	The Board waived first review and approved the recommendation.
First review of cut scores for Praxis I proposed by ABTEL based on the re-validation and standard-setting study conducted on July 22, 2004	The Board tabled this item until its October meeting.
First review of an ABTEL recommendation supporting a proposed cut score for the school leaders licensure assessment (SLLA)	The Board tabled this item until its October meeting.
First review of proposed revisions to the Board of Education's Model Student Conduct Guidelines	The Board waived first review and approved the revisions.
First review of response to a recommendation from the 2003 Student Advisory Committee regarding student diversity	The Board accepted the response for first review.

Reports

- Annual Report of the State Special Education Advisory Committee
- Report on the Board of Education's Authority and Responsibility Under the Provisions Regarding Sanctions Contained in the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)*

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Discussion of Current Issues

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary and members of the Board congratulated retiring Assistant Superintendent Charles Finley for his service to the department and public schools of the commonwealth.
- Dr. DeMary announced that Director of the Office of Accreditation Cheryl Magill is resigning to take a position on the faculty of Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. DeMary and members of the Board congratulated Dr. Magill and thanked her for her service to the department and public schools of the commonwealth.
- Board member Ella P. Ward announced that 3rd grade teacher Carleton Howell and 5th grade teacher Vanessa Jones of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Chesapeake were honored on September 20 as No Child Left Behind American Stars of Teaching.

Adjournment