

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting April 20, 2005

Public Comment

- Rachel Bavister, Alice Frick, Kathy Lehman, and Fred Yates discussed the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Update on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton and Staunton	The Board received the update. Board President Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., requested that the Attorney General advise the Board regarding the July 31, 2005 deadline specified in HB 1500 for selecting a site for consolidation.
Report and recommendations from the Board of Education's 2004-05 Student Advisory Committee	The Board received the report.
First review of approval of local division remedial plans	The Board accepted the report for first review.
Final review of proposed criteria for Board of Education review of private educational management companies	The Board approved the criteria.
First review of procedures for Board of Education review of private educational management companies	The Board accepted the proposed procedures for first review.
Final review of alignment of Board of Education "Highly Qualified" policies with requirements for special education teachers under the <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004</i>	The Board approved the requirements for highly qualified special education teachers and revisions to the Highly Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) to include special education teachers.
First review of a request for increased graduation requirements from a local school board (Salem)	The Board waived first review and approved the request from Salem Public Schools.
Informational briefing on "SchoolMatters," a Web-based national education data service	The Board received the briefing
Statewide Career and Technical Education Performance Report Summary for the Virginia Community College System, as a sub-recipient of Perkins funds from the Department of Education	The Board accepted the report and directed that it be communicated to the appropriate audiences.
Report on the status of proposed waivers and amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application and Accountability Plan required by the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> .	The Board received the report and requested that a senior official of United States Department of Education attend future meetings of the Board. The Board also approved a proposed amendment to establish separate starting points and annual measurable objectives for subgroups.

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Executive Session

Discussion of Topics and Issues Related to Board of Education Regulations

- Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communications Anne Wescott briefed the Board on current provisions of the Standards of Accreditation.
- Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Education and Licensure Thomas Elliott briefed the Board on current provisions of the Board's teacher licensure regulations.
- Dr. Elliott briefed the Board on current provisions of the Board's approved program regulations.

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