

## Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting March 23, 2005

### Resolutions and Recognitions

- Recognition of the recipients of the Board of Education's Leadership in Cultural Diversity Education Award: Lynchburg Public Schools and First Colonial High School, Virginia Beach Public Schools
- Recognition of Virginia's 2005 Regional Teachers of the Year and the 2005 Virginia Teacher of the Year

### Public Comment

- Carolyn Canty discussed Praxis I.
- Andrew Guillen discussed Praxis I.
- Ellie Sparks discussed "Reach Out and Read," an early literacy program.

### Consent Agenda

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

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the <i>Regulations Governing Literary Loan Applications in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-100-10 et seq.)	The Board deferred action until its May meeting.
First review of the establishment of a special committee of the Board of Education to study and make recommendations relative to teacher licensure assessments	The Board waived first review and established the special committee.
First review of Praxis I cut scores proposed by the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)	The Board deferred this item until receipt of recommendations from its special committee on teacher licensure assessments.
First review of a recommendation to continue program approval of teacher preparation programs reviewed in the fall of 2004	The Board waived first review and approved continuing program approval for Roanoke College, the University of Virginia's College at Wise, and Randolph-Macon Women's College.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
First review of nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee	The Board waived first review and approved the nomination of Dr. Michael Behrmann.
First review of the alignment of the Board of Education's proposed "highly qualified" policies to requirements for special education teachers under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004	The Board accepted the proposed policies for first review.
First review of proposed criteria for Board of Education review of private educational management companies	The Board accepted the proposed criteria for first review.
First review of proposed revised Computer/Technology Standards of Learning (SOL) for Grades K-12	The Board accepted the proposed revised standards for distribution and for comment at a public hearing during the Board's May 25, 2005 meeting.

**Reports**

- Status update on the recommendations of the Joint Committee of the Board of Education and Board of Health regarding the feasibility of developing an education curriculum for proper nutrition and exercise for students in grades K-12
- Statewide Performance Report on Career and Technical Education

**Discussion of Current Issues**

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary discussed recent and anticipated information from the United States Department of Education regarding proposed waivers from certain provisions of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

**Adjournment**

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