

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting May 25, 2005

Public Comment

- Dr. Patrick M. Konopnicki, Virginia Beach Public Schools, and Linda Dorr, Henry County Public Schools, discussed career and technical education.
- Pablo Cuevas, a member of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, discussed teacher-licensure assessments.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a request from Alexandria Public Schools for approval of an innovative program involving opening prior to Labor Day	The Board waived first review and approved the request.
First review of a recommendation to approve a teacher education program at Christopher Newport University	The Board waived first review and approved the program subject to stipulated corrective actions.
First review of a request to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for additional flexibility in the inclusion of the performance of students with disabilities in the calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress	The Board waived first review and authorized the submission of the request to USED.
First review of a proposed timeline for the review and approval of the revised Fine Arts Standards of Learning (SOL)	The Board waived first review and approved the timeline.
First review of recommended adjustments to cut scores for the reading subtest of the Stanford English Language Proficiency test when used as a substitute for the grade 3 SOL English Test and the grade 5 and grade 8 SOL English reading tests.	The Board struck this item from the May agenda.
First review of a recommendation from the Special Committee of the Board of Education to Study and Make Recommendations Relative to Teacher Licensure Assessments	The Board accepted the recommendation for first review.
Report on the status of proposed waivers and amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan required by the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> .	The Board authorized President Thomas M. Jackson, Jr. to negotiate with USED.

Discussion of Current Issues

- Mr. Gary L. Jones and Mrs. Isis M. Castro discussed the recommendation of the Special Committee of the Board of Education to Study and Make Recommendations Relative to Teacher Licensure Assessments.
- Mr. Thomas G. Johnson, Jr. discussed early childhood education and the Virginia schools for the deaf, blind, and multi-disabled.
- Mr. David L. Johnson discussed a report in *USA Today* on the rising prestige of teachers.

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Adjournment

Public hearing on proposed Computer Technology Standards of Learning for
Grades K-12

Annual meeting of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind Foundation

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