

## Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting September 21, 2005

### Public Comment

- Dan Zacharias of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools discussed non-accredited private schools.
- Patricia Lemley discussed certification for American Sign Language
- Brenda Gilman, professor of education, Randolph Macon College, Andrea Hamos, acting dean, Randolph Macon College, and Pat Shoemaker, asst. dean, Radford University discussed teacher-preparation programs.
- Virgil Cook, Rachel Bavister, Richard Koch, Fred Yates, Del. Chris Saxman, and Jay Kline, Jr., discussed the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.

### Consent Agenda

- Final review of financial report on Literary Fund
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Final review of recommendations concerning Literary Fund applications approved for release of funds or placement on a waiting list
- First review of notice of intended regulatory action (NOIRA) to amend the *Regulations Governing Secondary School Transcripts* (8 VAC 20-160-10 et seq.)
- Final Review of proposed legislation related to the recommendation of the Special Committee of the Board of Education to Study and Make Recommendations Relative to Teacher Licensure Assessments

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First Review of Proposed Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.)	The Board amended the proposed regulations and authorized VDOE to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.
First Review of Permanent Regulations for Conducting Division-Level Academic Reviews (8 VAC 20-700-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and approved the proposed regulations and authorized VDOE to proceed with the remaining steps of the Administrative Process Act.
First Review of Options Prepared by Trammell Crow Under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) for the Consolidation of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB)	The Board voted to report to the General Assembly the options presented by Trammell Crow, all of which exceeded the level of funding authorized in the Appropriations Act.
First Review of Request to Extend Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan from Chesterfield County Public Schools	The Board waived first review and approved the extension.
First Review of the Report on the <i>No Child Left Behind Act</i> State and Local Studies (HB 2602 and SB 1136, 2005 General Assembly)	The Board waived first review and directed VDOE to submit the studies to the House Education Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Education and Health Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee by October 1, 2005.

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First Review of the Direct Aid to Public Education Budget for the 2006-2008 Biennium	The Board waived first review and directed VDOE to update and revise the budget as warranted and submit it to the Governor for inclusion in the budget for the 2006-2008. biennium.
Final Review of the Board of Education's Comprehensive Plan: 2005-2010	The Board adopted the plan.
First Review of the 2005 Annual Report on Public Charter Schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia	The Board waived first review and approved the report for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.
First Review of Modifications to the School-level Academic Review Process	The Board waived first review and approved the modifications.
First Review of Updates to the Student Conduct Policy Guidelines	The Board waived first review and approved the updated guidelines.
First Review of Revisions to Remediation Recovery Guidelines	The Board accepted the revised guidelines for first review.
First Review of Proposed Criteria for Implementing Experiential Learning Credits for Alternate Route Applicants Seeking Initial Licensure	The Board received the proposed criteria for first review.
First Review of a Proposal to Withhold School Accreditation for 2005-2006 for Nandua High School in Accomack County and Oak Grove Elementary School in Richmond City	The Board waived first review and adopted the proposal.

**Reports**

- Annual Report from the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted

**Discussion of Current Issues by Board Members**

- Mr. Andrew J. Rotherham congratulated Norfolk Public Schools for receiving the 2005 Broad Prize for Urban Education.
- President Thomas J. Jackson, Jr., discussed the success of Virginia public schools in raising student achievement.
- Dr. Ella P. Ward congratulated Chesapeake Public School for attaining full accreditation for all schools.
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary noted that Virginia met all objectives for learning and achievement under NCLB during 2004-2005.

**Adjournment**

**Public Hearing**

- Public hearing on proposed regulations governing the re-enrollment of students committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice (8 VAC 20-660-10 *et seq.*)

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