

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ B. _____

Date: _____ February 15, 2006 _____

Topic: Report from the Board of Education's 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee

Presenters: Mrs. Isis M. Castro and Mrs. Eleanor B. Saslaw, Members of the Board of Education and Sponsors of the Student Advisory Committee

Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by
 State or federal law or regulation
 Board of Education regulation
 Other: _____

Action requested at this meeting

Action requested at future meeting: Final report and recommendations will be presented at the April 26-27, 2006, Board of Education meeting

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action
date: _____
action: _____

Background Information: Members of the 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee were selected from more than 100 nominations received in November 2005 from public middle and high schools across the state. Each middle school and high school was eligible to nominate one student for consideration. Statewide student organizations were also invited to submit nominees. The nominees completed an application packet that included letters of recommendation and essays.

Representatives of the Board of Education reviewed all applications and selected the new members according to Board of Education policy. The membership of the Student Advisory Committee is set forth in Article X of the Board of Education's bylaws. Of the 12 members of the Student Advisory Committee, one high school student is selected from each of the Department of Education's eight Superintendents' Study Group regions, and four middle school students are selected at-large (see attached membership list).

Summary of Major Elements: During the first meeting in December 2005, the members of the Student Advisory Committee discussed a broad spectrum of issues and concerns for students in the public schools across the state. From this discussion, the committee members selected three topics for in-depth study and divided into small work groups focused on the three topics.

At the committee's second meeting on February 14, 2006, the members will continue their discussions and formulate preliminary findings.

At the February 15th Board of Education meeting, the members of the Student Advisory Committee will be introduced and will present a summary of the topics selected for in-depth study.

Superintendent's Recommendation: N/A

Impact on Resources: Department of Education funds are used to support the work of the Student Advisory Committee by reimbursing for travel and other expenses related to the committee's meetings.

Timetable for Further Review/Action: The 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee is scheduled to hold its final meeting on April 25-26, 2006. The committee will present its findings and final recommendations to the Board of Education at the April 26, 2006 meeting.

Members of the 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee

Victoria Artis
Daniel Morgan Middle School
Winchester, Virginia

Christina Azimi
James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School
Fairfax, Virginia

Michael Burt
Hidden Valley High School
Roanoke, Virginia

Taikein Cooper
Prince Edward County High School
Farmville, Virginia

Jennifer Deskins
Bruton High School
Williamsburg, Virginia

Vincent Feucht
West Point High School
West Point, Virginia

Carlie Fogleman
Lebanon High School
Lebanon, Virginia

Stacey LaRiviere
Bailey Bridge Middle School
Midlothian, Virginia

Adrian Lehnen
George Washington Middle School
Alexandria, Virginia

Dion Quick
Hugo Owens Middle School
Chesapeake, Virginia

Franklin Tennyson
Hermitage High School
Glen Allen, Virginia

Alexandra Whitehead
Staunton River High School
Moneta, Virginia