

## Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting February 15, 2006

### Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

- Board member David L. Johnson discussed the passing of Harry L. Smith, a long-time public information officer for Department of Education. The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Smith, who died February 13, at the age of 91 years.

### Election of the Offices of President and Vice President of the Board of Education

- The Board elected Mark E. Emblidge as President and Ella P. Ward as Vice-President.

### Recognitions by the Board

- The Board presented state flags to 2006 Virginia Teacher of the Year Deborah S. Goforth and the 2006 Virginia Regional Teachers of Year.

### Reports to the Board of Education

- The 2005-2006 Student Advisory Committee reported that it is studying the following issues: peer mediation and conflict resolution; the availability of student internships and job-shadowing programs, and the development of money-management skills; and the establishment of a "Spirit of the Commonwealth" award to recognize the achievements of well-rounded students.

### Public Comment

- Etta Jane Hall, Prince William County Public Schools, discussed the Standards of Accreditation and school guidance counselors.
- Linda Moore and Tim Moore discussed assessments and graduation requirements for students with disabilities.
- Angela Ciolfi, JustChildren Program, and Linwood Christian, Petersburg Advocates for Children, discussed the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.
- Thomas M. Berry, Jr., and Tina Lambert, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Mark Hubbard, Virginia Credit Union, discussed personal-finance education.
- A letter from Sen. Russell Potts of Winchester in support of personal finance-education was read to the Board.

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of proposed revisions to the <i>Regulations Governing Secondary School Transcripts</i> (8 VAC 20-160-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and authorized department staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Processes Act (APA).
First review of proposed amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i>	The Board accepted the proposed amendments for first review.

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First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to grant continuing program approval to the University of Mary Washington and Sweet Briar College	The Board waived first review and granted continuing program approval to the University of Mary Washington and Sweet Briar College.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to establish cut scores for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment	The Board received the recommendation for first review.
First review of the proposed procedure for appointment of a school division superintendent by the Board of Education pursuant to Sections 22.1-60 and 22.1-61 of the <i>Code of Virginia</i>	The Board received the proposed procedure for first review.
Final review of a proposal to revise the accreditation guidelines to clarify the pass rates required for the new reading and mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for grades 4, 6, and 7	The Board waived first review and approved the revision of the accreditation guidelines.
First Review of a request from the Charlottesville School Board for the Board of Education to ratify and appoint the school division superintendent pursuant to Sections 22.1-60 and 22.1-61 of the <i>Code of Virginia</i>	The Board waived first review and ratified the appointment.

**Discussion of Current Issues by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright recognized Deputy Secretary of Education Judy Heiman and Assistant Secretary of Education Doug Garcia.

**Adjournment**

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