

# Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting May 24, 2006

## Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

### Recognitions by the Board

- President Mark Emblidge introduced newly-appointed Board member Kelvin L. Moore of Lynchburg.
- The Board recognized Scott County as the 2006 Distinguished Title I School Division and Fairfax County as the 2006 Highly Distinguished Title I School Division.

### Public Comment

- Raymond Herrera, quality of life regional liaison, U.S. Navy/USMC, discussed verified units of credit and out-of-state assessments.
- Dan Zacharias, executive director of Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, discussed the Standards of Accreditation.
- George McVey, Virginia Council for Private Education, discussed the Standards of Accreditation.
- Michael Burroughs, Association of Christian Teachers and Schools, discussed the Standards of Accreditation.
- Angela Ciolfi, JustChildren Program, discussed the Standards of Accreditation.
- Amy Woolard, JustChildren Program, discussed the Standards of Accreditation.

### Action and Discussion Items

| Item   | Action   |
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| Final review of the proposed revisions to the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i>   | The Board approved the proposed revisions and authorized the Department of Education to proceed with the remaining steps required by the Administrative Process Act.                       |
| First Review of Pupil Transportation Specifications for School Buses   | The Board accepted the proposed specifications for first review.   |
| First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to grant continuing accreditation to the teacher education programs at Eastern Mennonite University, Marymount University, and Virginia Union University | The Board waived first review and granted continuing accreditation to the teacher education programs at Eastern Mennonite University, Marymount University, and Virginia Union University. |
| Final review of a recommendation of ABTEL to grant continuing program approval with stipulations to the teacher education program at St. Paul's College  | The Board granted continuing program approval with stipulations to the teacher education program at St. Paul's College.  |
| First review of recommended cut scores for the Standards of Learning (SOL) mathematics and reading tests in grades 3 through 8   | The Board waived first review and adopted the recommended cut scores.  |
| First review of recommended cut scores for the SOL writing test for grade 8  | The Board waived first review and adopted the recommended cut score.   |

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**Action and Discussion Items**

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| Final review of approval of local school division remedial plans | The Board approved the report on local school division remedial plans |

**Reports**

- Update on status of proposed amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan and compliance requirements under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
- Review of the Board of Education's legislative responsibilities resulting from actions of the 2006 Virginia General Assembly

**Discussion of Current Issues**

- There was no discussion of current issues by Board members

**Adjournment**

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**Action and Discussion Items (continued)**

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

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment of Business Session**

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