

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting November 29, 2006

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions by the Board

- Recognition of Virginia's 2007 Regional Teachers of the Year and the 2007 Virginia Teacher of the Year.
- Recognition of Dr. Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda, Poet Laureate of Virginia, 2006-2008.

Public Comment

- Angela Ciolfi of the JustChildren program discussed the calculation of graduation rates.
- Cindy Hetzel of Voices for Virginia's Children discussed the calculation of graduation rates.
- Sylinda Gilchrist of the Virginia School Counselors Association discussed the Standards of Quality (SOQ).

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of releasing Lee County Public Schools from the division-level academic review process	The Board waived first review and released Lee County Public Schools from the division-level academic review process.
Final review of proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality	The Board approved the proposed revisions for submission to the 2007 General Assembly.
First review of report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the high school graduation rate formula	The Board waived first review and approved the report.
First review of Preliminary Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on Statewide Data Collection and Analysis Relating the Requirements for Obtaining a High School Diploma for Students with Limited English Proficiency	The Board waived first review and accepted the preliminary report.
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.
First review of revisions of industry, professional, or trade association certification examinations and occupational competency assessments to meet the requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education and Advanced Mathematics and Technology Seals and the student-selected verified credit	The Board waived first review and approved the revised list.

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First review of the Board of Education's 2006 Annual Report on Electronic Meetings	The Board waived first review and approved the report.
Final review of the Board of Education's 2006 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The Board approved the report.
First review of recommended cut scores for reading and mathematics for the Virginia Grade Level Alternative	The board waived first review and adopted the recommended cut scores.
First review of locally developed or selected English language proficiency assessments to satisfy the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> requirement	The board waived first review and approved the assessments.
Memorandum of Understanding for Petersburg Public Schools in accordance with the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-131-315 et seq.)	The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Petersburg Public Schools
Report on evaluation of year-round school programs	The board accepted the report.

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

Adjournment

Public Hearings

- Proposed revisions to the Foreign Language Standards of Learning and the proposed revisions to the English Language Proficiency Standards of Learning
- Proposed *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the proposed *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel*

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