

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting October 25, 2006

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions by the Board

- The board recognized the outstanding service of Daniel S. Timberlake, deputy secretary of finance for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and former assistant superintendent for finance, Virginia Department of Education; and Thomas A. Elliott, assistant superintendent for teacher education, licensure, and professional practice, Virginia Department of Education.

Public Comment

- Teddi Predaris of Fairfax County Public Schools discussed the VGLA.
- Donna Hankins of Prince William County Public Schools discussed the VGLA.
- Wanda Hamilton of Harrisonburg Public Schools discussed the VGLA.
- Janine Sadki of Alexandria Public Schools discussed the VGLA.
- Angela Ciolfi of the JustChildren Program discussed procedural safeguards for special education students and the Standards of Quality.

Reports on Board of Education Committees

- Eleanor B. Saslaw reported on the activities of the Committee on Quality Preschool Programs.
- David L. Johnson reported on the activities of the Committee on School and Division Accountability.
- Isis M. Castro reported on the activities of the Committee on Literacy.
- Ella P. Ward and Andrew J. Rotherham reported on the activities of the Committee on Graduation and Dropout Rates.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of the proposed revisions to the Guidance Document Governing Certain Provisions of the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-131-05 et seq.)	The board adopted the revisions to the guidance document.
Final review of proposed <i>Regulations Governing the Process for Submitting Proposals to Consolidate School Divisions</i> (8 VAC 20-710-10 et seq.)	The board adopted the proposed regulations and authorized staff of the department to proceed with the remaining steps required by the Administrative Process Act (APA).
Final review of permanent <i>Regulations for Conducting Division-Level Academic Reviews</i>	The board adopted the proposed regulations and authorized staff of the department to proceed with the remaining steps required by the Administrative Process Act (APA).

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First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the <i>Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-80-10 et seq.)	The board waived first review and authorized the department to proceed with the requirements of the APA.
First review of a request for a rating of Conditionally Accredited from Richmond Public Schools for George W. Carver Elementary School	The board waived first review and approved the request.
First review of a request for a rating of Conditionally Accredited from Richmond Public Schools for Richmond Alternative School	The board waived first review and approved the request.
First review of a request for a rating of Conditionally Accredited from Sussex County Public Schools for Annie B. Jackson Elementary School and Ellen Chambliss Elementary School	The board waived first review and approved the request.
First review of a framework for a Memorandum of Understanding for Petersburg Public Schools in accordance with <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i> (SOA) (8 VAC 20-131-315 et seq.)	The board accepted the framework for first review and delegated review and final approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to the president of the Board of Education and the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with SOA guidelines.
First review of the Annual Report for State-Funded Remedial Programs	The board waived first review and approved the report for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.
First review of proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to the Board-Approved List of Supplemental Education Services Providers Under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i>	The board waived first review and approved the revised list.
First review of proposed revised Foreign Language Standards of Learning (SOL)	The board accepted the revised standards for first review.
First review of a proposal to develop Standards of Learning for a new, optional high school mathematics course	The board waived first review and authorized the department to proceed with the development of Standards of Learning for a new, optional high school mathematics course tentatively titled "Algebra and Data Analysis."
First review of the 2006 Annual Report on Regional Alternative Education Programs	The board waived first review and approved the report.
First review of the Board of Education's 2006 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The board accepted the report for first review.

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First review of proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality	The board accepted the proposed revisions for first review.
Final review of proposed amendments to Virginia's NCLB Accountability Workbook affecting calculations of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2007-2008 school year based on assessments administered in 2006-2007	The board approved the proposed amendments. <i>The superintendent of public instruction stated that the department and board would seek an audience with USED regarding concerns expressed about discontinuing SELP and the use of the VGLA to assess the achievement of limited English students.</i>

Reports

- Report: The Virginia International Education Task Force
- Annual Report from the Virginia Council for Private Education

Executive Session

Adjournment

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