

## Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting September 27, 2006

### Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

### Recognitions by the Board

- The Board of Education recognized Thomas G. Johnson Jr., member of the Board of Education, 2003-2006; and Thomas M. Jackson Jr., member of the Board of Education, 2002-2006, and president of the board, 2003-2006.

### Public Comment

- Dan Zacharias and Doug Wright of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools discussed the Standards of Accreditation.
- Lawrence Sacks discussed the Standards of Learning.
- Beverley Lammy discussed the Standards of Quality.
- Anglea Ciolfi discussed the Standards of Quality.

### Reports on Board of Education Committees

- The board heard reports from David L. Johnson, chairman, Committee on School and Division Accountability; Eleanor B. Saslaw, chairman, Committee on Quality Preschool Programs; Isis M. Castro, chairman, Committee on Literacy; Ella P. Ward and Andrew J. Rotherham, co-chairmen, Committee on Graduation and Dropout Rates; and Gary L. Jones, chairman, Committee on Standards of Quality.

### Consent Agenda

- Final review of financial report on Literary Fund
- Final review of recommendations concerning Literary Fund applications approved for release of fund or placement on a waiting list
- First review of proposed repeal of the *Regulations Governing the Operation of Proprietary Schools and Issuing of Agent Permits* (8 VAC 20-350-10 et seq.)
- First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the *Regulations Governing Services for Gifted Students* (8 VAC 20-40-10 et seq.)

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First Review of a Request to Extend Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan and Approval of an Accreditation Rating for Hampton Harbour Academy from Hampton City Public Schools	The board waived first review and extended the alternative accreditation plan for three years and approved an accreditation rating of "Accreditation Withheld/Improving School" for Hampton Harbour Academy.
First Review of a Request to Extend Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan and Approval of Accreditation Ratings for Mt. Vernon Middle School and New Bridge School from Henrico County Public Schools	The board waived first review and extended the alternative accreditation plan for three years and approved an accreditation rating of "Accreditation Withheld/Improving School" for Mt. Vernon Middle School and New Bridge School.
First Review of a Request from Fairfax County Public Schools for a Pilot Program Using Additional Warning Lights on School Buses	The board waived first review and approved the request under certain provisions and authorized the expansion of the pilot to other divisions.

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Item	Action
Final Review of Pupil Transportation Specifications for School Buses	The board approved the specifications.
Request to Secretary of Education to Approve the Department of General Services to Proceed with the Design Work to Consolidate the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as Authorized by the General Assembly in the 2006 Session	The board voted to request that the Secretary of Education communicate the board's approval for the Department of General Services to proceed as authorized by the 2006 General Assembly.
First Review of English Language Proficiency Standards of Learning	The board accepted the standards for first review.
First Review of Updates to the Student Conduct Policy Guidelines	The board waived first review and approved the guidelines.
First Review of the Proposed Revisions to the Guidance Document Governing Certain Provisions of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131-05 et seq.)	The board accepted the proposed revisions for first review and 30 days of public comment.
First Review of a Plan to Identify Provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 That are Not Integral or Necessary to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Statewide Educational Program (HB 1427 and SB 410) and The Federal No Child Left Behind Act Waiver and Exemption Requests Made by the Virginia Board of Education (HB 1428)	The board waived first review and approved the report for submission to the Governor and General Assembly. Andrew Rotherham voted "no" and asked that his remarks be included in the minutes.
First Review of Proposed Amendments to Virginia's No Child Left Behind Accountability Workbook Affecting Calculations of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2007-2008 School Year Based on Assessments Administered in 2006-2007	The board accepted the proposed amendments for first review.
Final Review of Proposed Response to No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Compliance Monitoring Report on Highly Qualified Teachers	The board approved the proposed response.
Final Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on Board of Education Advisory Committees: Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy, State Special Education Advisory Committee, Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education, Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted, and the Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure	The board adopted the list of nominees recommended for appointment to the Board of Education advisory committees.

**Reports**

- Annual Report of the State Special Education Advisory Committee

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

- President Mark E. Emblidge and Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy K. Cannaday Jr. discussed the 2006-2007 school accreditation ratings. Comments also were made by Al Butler, executive director, Virginia Association of School Superintendents, Fred Morton, superintendent, Henrico County Public Schools, Pam Moran, superintendent, Albemarle County Public Schools, Edgar Hatrick, superintendent, Loudoun County Public Schools, and Albert Armentrout, superintendent, Wythe County Public Schools.

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

**Public Hearings**

- Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to the Regulations for Conducting Division-Level Academic Reviews (8 VAC 30-700-10 et seq.)
- Public Hearing on Regulations Governing the Process for Submitting Proposals to Consolidate School Divisions (8 VAC 20-710 et seq.)

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