

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting April 27, 2007

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Resolutions/Recognitions

- The board adopted a resolution expressing support and sympathy for students, faculty and staff of Virginia Tech and to all families affected by the April 16 shootings at the university.
- Proclamation recognizing Marian Morris, Executive Assistant for Board Relations, for service and administrative support to the board for 11 years and to the Virginia Department of Education for 35 years.
- Recognition of the 2007 Distinguished Title I School Divisions:
 - Halifax County Public Schools
 - Highland County Public Schools
 - Lynchburg City Public Schools
 - Nottoway County Public Schools
 - Poquoson City Public Schools
 - Roanoke County Public Schools
 - Scott County Public Schools
 - West Point Public Schools
- The board presented resolutions of recognition to the members of the 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

- Sarah Geddes thanked Dr. Cannaday for his participation during a recent Petersburg Public Schools forum.
- Angela Ciolfi discussed the Petersburg Public Schools forum and high school graduation.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the Regulations Governing Literary Loan Applications in Virginia	The board waived first review and authorized staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Processes Act (APA).
First review of the NOIRA to revise the Regulations Governing Jointly Owned and Operated Schools and Jointly Operated Programs	The board waived first review and authorized staff to proceed with requirements of the APA.
Final review of the BOE's proposed <i>Spirit of the Commonwealth Award</i>	The board adopted the proposed criteria and guidelines for the award.
Report from the BOE's 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee (SAC)	The board accepted the following SAC reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing opportunities cultural awareness, international studies and foreign language in the public education system • Expansion of drug abuse and alcohol awareness and prevention programs in middle schools • Closing the achievement gap by continuing the successes of preschool education into the elementary school years and beyond

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First review of a regulation delegating approval of other states' comprehensive subject-area assessments as substitute tests, pursuant to the BOE's Guidance Document Governing Certain Provisions of the Regulations Establishing Standards of Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia	The board accepted for first review a resolution concerning transfer students' use of tests taken in others states for verified credits.
First review of a request for increasing graduation requirements from Waynesboro Public Schools	The board accepted for first review the request to increase graduation requirements concerning a course in finance.
First review of a request for increasing graduation requirements from Botetourt County Public Schools	The board accepted for first review the request to increase graduation requirements concerning additional electives.
First review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from the Richmond City Public Schools for Richmond Alternative School	The board accepted for first review the request to waive the accreditation requirements for foreign language, physical education and fine arts at Richmond Alternative School.
First review of approval of local school division remedial plans	The board accepted for first review information on school divisions' remediation plans for summer 2007.
First review of proposed additions to the board-approved list of supplemental education services providers under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001	The board waived first review and accepted the revised list of providers.
First review of the revised application for a Literary Fund loan and delegation of duties to the superintendent of public instruction related to the form of the application.	The board waived first review and adopted the resolution and revised application delegating certain authority to the superintendent of public instruction.

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

- Review of video clips on VDOE Web site providing an overview of the challenges facing Lee County and the essential actions that resulted in increased student learning and achievement

Executive Session

Adjournment

Public Hearing

- A hearing was held to accept public comments concerning the proposed Standards of Learning for a new, optional high school mathematics course.

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