

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting February 28, 2007

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

- Board of Education President Mark Emblidge and Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy K. Cannaday Jr. discussed potential consequences for school divisions and the state of continued use of the SELP assessment as a proxy for Standards of Learning reading tests.

Recognitions by the Board

- Resolution of recognition presented to Virginia's 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award recipients: Ms. Daphne R. Keiser, principal, Burnley-Moran Elementary School, Charlottesville Public Schools and Mr. Joshua Cole, fifth-grade teacher, Chalkley Elementary School, Chesterfield County Public Schools

Public Comment

- Jeff Cobb, vice president, Virginia Education Association, discussed the annual "Read Across America" campaign.

Reports from Board of Education Committee Chairpersons

- Mr. David L. Johnson reported on the activities of the Committee on School and Division Accountability.
- Mrs. Eleanor B. Saslaw reported on the activities of the Early Childhood Committee.
- Mrs. Isis M. Castro reported on the activities of the Literacy Committee.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8VAc 20-131-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and approved the NOIRA.
Report from the Board of Education's 2006-2007 Student Advisory Committee	The Board received the report on the topics to be studied by the Student Advisory Committee, including cultural and international awareness, drug and alcohol abuse, and closing the achievement gap.
Resolution releasing Richmond Public Schools from the division-level academic review process	The Board approved the resolution.

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First review of a revision to the terminology used in the criteria and disclaimers to identify and select instructional interventions in the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia	The Board waived first review and approved the revision.
First review of a proposed addition to the Board-approved list of instructional interventions that satisfy provisions in the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia.	The Board waived first review and approved the addition.
First review of proposed additions to the Board-approved list of Supplemental Educational Services Providers under No Child Left Behind	The Board waived first review and approved the additions.
First review of Standards of Learning for a new, optional high school mathematics course	The Board accepted the proposed standards for first review.
First review of Virginia's 2007-2008 transitional state plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006	The Board accepted the plan for first review.
First review of a High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) for Visiting International Faculty cultural exchange teachers	The Board accepted the proposed HOUSSE for first review.
Final review of proposed revised foreign language Standards of Learning	The Board approved the standards.
Final review of recommended cut scores for the SAT I Writing Test when used as a substitute for the Standards of Learning End of Course English: Writing Test	The Board approved the following cut scores on the SAT I Writing Test: Proficient: 400; Advanced Proficiency: 500.
First review of revised Board of Education meeting dates for March-November 2007	The Board waived first review and approved the revised meeting dates.
First review by the Board of Education to ratify and appoint the division superintendent in Franklin City pursuant to Sections 22.1-60 and 22.1-61 of the Code of Virginia	The Board waived first review and ratified the appointment of Mr. William M. Pruett as division superintendent for Franklin City Public Schools.

Reports

- Report on Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Physical and Motor Development and for Personal and Social Development (Preschool Standards)
- Report on the Implementation of the Supplemental Educational Services Requirement under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Adjournment

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