

# Board of Education Agenda Item

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Date: July 25, 2007

Topic: Annual Report: Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education

Presenter: Dr. Daisy Stewart, Chairperson of the Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education

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## Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by

State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other:

Action requested at this meeting  Action requested at future meeting: \_\_\_\_\_(date)

## Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action

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**Background Information:** The Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education is comprised of business and industry leaders, professional organization leaders, and representatives from secondary and postsecondary education who are appointed by the Board of Education. The committee submits an annual report to the Board of Education.

**Summary of Major Elements:** The report includes a summary of the committee's meetings and commendations to the Board.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive the report and disseminate to the public upon request.

**Impact on Resources:** This activity can be absorbed through existing agency resources at this time. If the agency is required to absorb the additional duties related to this report, other services may be impacted.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** No further action is required.

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**From the  
Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education  
to the  
Virginia Board of Education**

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**Dr. Daisy Stewart, Chairperson**

**July 25, 2007**

## **Introduction**

The Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education (CTE) was organized in 2003. The principal purpose of the Committee is to provide information about the needs of career and technical education students and programs to the Board of Education and the Department of Education and to make recommendations regarding career and technical education.

The Advisory Committee met four times during the 2006 – 2007 school year: October 10, 2006; January 11, 2007; March 27, 2007; and June 18, 2007.

## **Membership and Organization**

The membership of the Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education is composed of thirteen persons knowledgeable about and concerned with career and technical education. Initial committee members were appointed by the Board of Education president, and committee vacancies are filled annually by the Board. Once approved by the Board, new members come onto the committee the following fall. Members reflect all geographic areas of the state whenever possible. Current membership includes eight representatives from business and industry and five representatives from education. Members serve three-year staggered terms and may be nominated for a second three-year term up to a maximum of two terms. The current officers of the committee are Dr. Daisy Stewart, chairperson; and Mr. Mike Mills, vice chairperson. A list of current members is included in Attachment A.

## **Meeting Highlights**

At its October meeting, the advisory committee hosted Danny LeBlanc, senior advisor to the governor for workforce. The advisory committee invited Mr. LeBlanc for a presentation on the Governor's strategic plan for workforce development and to provide Mr. LeBlanc with information on the status of career and technical education at the secondary level.

The January meeting was held prior to the Virginia Association of Career and Technical Education (VACTE) Legislative Seminar. Advisory committee members participated in VACTE sessions with local administrators and teachers.

Mr. John C. Barnes, III, invited the Advisory Committee to hold its March meeting at Potomac Supply Corporation. This allowed members an opportunity to view some of the manufacturing highlighted in the Manufacturing Summit meetings under the previous administration. Manufacturing is a high-demand field in Virginia.

The final meeting for the year was held in conjunction with the Creating Excellence Awards Program held in Richmond on June 18. Dr. Daisy Stewart and other Advisory Committee members presented the regional and state awards to outstanding local advisory councils. Secretary of Education Thomas Morris was the guest speaker.

## **COMMENDATIONS**

The committee has identified five priority items and respectfully submits these commendations. The Advisory Committee requests the continued support of the activities/programs in these commendations.

### **Commendation #1: The Inclusion of the Industry Certification on the “School Report Card”**

The Advisory Committee commends the State Board of Education and the Virginia Department of Education for their support of the student industry certifications inclusion on the School Report Card. This action shows the importance of continued rigor and relevance within the career and technical education programs in Virginia.

### **Commendation #2: Support of Industry Certifications**

The Advisory Committee commends the continued support of industry certifications for both students and teachers. We believe that this effort will continue to place Virginia in the lead to prepare our students for postsecondary education and the workforce.

### **Commendation #3: Support of Technical Diplomas**

The Advisory Committee commends the administration for its support of career and technical education through its guidance on requirements for the new Technical Diplomas.

### **Commendation #4: Approval of the Perkins Transitional Plan**

The Advisory Committee commends the administration for its support and approval of the Perkins Transitional State Plan for 2007 – 2008.

### **Commendation #5: Support of the Virginia Career and Technical Education (CTE) Curriculum Resource Center and Virginia Career Education Foundation**

The Advisory Committee commends the continued support of the Virginia Career and Technical Education Curriculum Resource Center and the Virginia Career Education Foundation.

The CTE Resource Center provides the career and technical education programs throughout the state with curriculum and other resources that could not be developed by many individual local education agencies. The CTE Center works with Department of Education program area specialists, teachers and business and industry representatives to assure that all CTE curriculums are correlated with national and state standards and also with Virginia’s Standards of Learning. We endorse the CTE Resource’s mission and efforts on behalf of career and technical education.

The Virginia Career Education Foundation exists to raise funds and lend support for initiatives, including public-private partnerships that promote career awareness and quality career and technical programs, particularly for middle and high school students. We believe that the state calendar, grants to local divisions for “CTE Best Practices”, support of student organizations through scholarships, and the Commonwealth Scholars Initiative are all efforts that will enhance career and technical education in Virginia.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Membership List**

**Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education**

**Virginia Advisory Committee for  
Career and Technical Education  
2006-2007**

**Mr. Craig Balzer**  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2008

Principal  
Balzer and Associates, Inc.  
1208 Corporate Circle  
Roanoke, VA 24108

**Mr. John C. Barnes, III**  
October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2009

Vice President, Pallet Division  
Potomac Supply Corporation  
1398 Kinsale Road  
Kinsale, VA 22488

**Ms. Theresa Bryant**  
July 1, 2006 – June 20, 2009

Vice President  
Workforce Development  
Tidewater Community College  
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Norfolk, VA 23510

**Mrs. Tracee B. Carmean**  
October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2009

Vice President  
Riverside Health System  
School of Health Careers  
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Newport News, VA 23601

**Mr. Johnny Cates**  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

Executive Director, AYES Program  
Virginia Auto Dealers Association  
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Richmond, VA 23220-0407

**Mr. Franklin D. Harris**  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

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Southside Electric Cooperative  
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**Mr. Parker Johnson**  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

Accomack County Public School Board  
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July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

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Blacksburg, VA 24060

**Mr. Mike Mills**  
Vice-Chairperson  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

Corporate Distribution Manager  
American Woodmark Corporation  
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Winchester, VA 22604

**Mr. Toney Rigali**  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

Lead Organizer  
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Richmond, VA 23236

**Mrs. Judy Sorrell**  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007  
Program

Director  
Shenandoah Valley Regional Special Ed.  
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Fishersville, VA 22939

**Dr. Daisy Stewart**  
Chairperson  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

Program Leader  
Career and Technical Education  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Virginia Tech  
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Blacksburg, VA 24061

**Mr. Ray Tate**  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

President and CEO  
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