

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting July 25, 2007

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Kenyatta Washington, Petersburg Advocates for Children, discussed Petersburg Public Schools.
- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed special education regulations.

Recognitions

- The board recognized Goochland County Public Schools, Russell County Public Schools, Wise County Public Schools and York County Public Schools for earning SACS CASI accreditation.

Consent Agenda

- Final review of financial report on the Literary Fund
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Final review of recommendations concerning Literary Fund applications approved for release of funds or placement on a waiting list
- Final review of proposed Guidelines for Family Life Education as required by the 2007 General Assembly

Action and Discussion Items

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| Final review of a request from Westmoreland County Public Schools for increased graduation requirements | The board approved the request. |
| First review of a request from Russell County Public Schools for increased graduation requirements | The board accepted the request for first review. |
| Second review of revised English Language Proficiency Standards of Learning | The board accepted the revised standards for second review and public comment in August. |
| First review of the 2007 Annual Report on Public Charter Schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia | The board waived first review and accepted the report. |
| Final review of draft Guidelines Establishing an Incentive Program to Encourage and Recognize School Accountability Performance and Competence to Excellence (8 VAC 20-131-325) | The board approved the guidelines. |
| First 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 on Teacher Education and Licensure | The board waived first review and approved the nominations. |

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| First review of Pupil Transportation Specifications for School Buses | The board accepted the proposed specifications for first review and public comment. |
| First review of Direct Aid for Public Education Budget for the 2008-2010 Biennium | The board waived first review and approved the budget for submission to the Governor. |

Reports

Annual Report: Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education
Report on Virginia's Preschool Curriculum Review Rubric and Planning Tool

Discussion of Current Issues

- Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Human Relations Lan Neugent discussed Internet safety and his testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee.
- Board member Gary Jones discussed regulations of residential facilities.

Executive Session

Adjournment

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