

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting March 29, 2007

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Remarks by the Secretary of Education

- Secretary of Education Thomas R. Morris discussed college and workforce readiness and the work of the P-16 Council and American Diploma Project.

Public Comment

- Cathy Kinzler discussed qualifications for teachers.
- John Holland discussed recommendations for the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind regarding the assessment of limited English proficient students.
- Angela Ciolfi discussed high school graduation and school accreditation.
- Sarah Geddes discussed her interest in education policy.
- Gwen E. Edwards, superintendent of Nottoway County Public Schools, discussed teacher licensure.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of proposed revisions to the Regulations Governing Secondary School Transcripts (8 VAC 20-160-10 et seq.)	The board approved the revisions to the regulations and directed staff to notify school divisions when final approval is granted through the Administrative Processes Act (APA).
First review of proposed revisions to the Standards for Interdepartmental Regulation of Children's Residential Facilities	The board waived first review and approved the proposed revisions to the standards.
Report from the Advisory Council on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) on recommendations on the proposed Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.) and proposed Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC 20-22-10 et seq.)	The board accepted the report.
Final review of the Proposed Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.)	The board approved the regulations and directed staff to proceed with the requirements of the APA.
Final review of the proposed Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC 20-22-10 et seq.)	The board amended the proposed regulations to continue allowing teachers with provisional licenses three years to pass required licensure assessments and directed staff to proceed with the requirements of the APA.
First review of proposed schedule for the adoption of history and social science textbooks and instructional materials	The board waived first review and approved the proposed schedule.

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Final review of a High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) for Visiting International Faculty (VIF) cultural exchange teachers	The board approved the HOUSSE for exchange teachers.
First review of a recommendation from ABTEL to grant continuing accreditation to teacher education programs at Bridgewater College, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia State University	The board waived first review and approved the recommendation.
Final review of Virginia's 2007-2008 transitional state plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006	The board approved the plan for submission to USED.
First review of the proposed Board of Education "Spirit of the Commonwealth Award"	The board accepted the proposed award for first review.

Reports

- Statewide Annual Performance Report for career and technical education and the Virginia Community College System, as a sub-recipient of Perkins funds from the Department of Education
- Report on process for updating the Board of Education's Comprehensive Plan, 2005-2010

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

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy K. Cannaday Jr. discussed legislation passed by the 2007 General Assembly and the importance of the board's comprehensive plan.

Adjournment

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