

## Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting October 18, 2007

### Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Public Comment

- Robbie T. Patton, Carroll County High School principal, discussed dropout rate definitions.
- Joseph Shumate, Carroll County High School GED teacher, discussed dropout and graduation rates.
- Dana Cooper Roberts, parent, discussed special education issues.
- Angela Ciolfi, JustChildren, discussed dropout and graduation rates.

#### Consent Agenda

- Final review of financial report on 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
- First review of proposed funding distributions for local project Discovery Programs and delegation of authority request

#### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to revise the regulations governing pupil transportation (8 VAC 20-70)	The Board waived first review and authorized VDOE to submit the NOIRA to the Department of Planning and Budget and to the State Registrar.
Final review of pupil transportation specifications for school buses	The Board approved the revised school bus specifications.
Final review of a request for a continued rating of Conditionally Accredited from Sussex County Public Schools for Annie B. Jackson and Ellen W. Chambliss Elementary Schools	The Board approved Sussex County Public Schools' request for Conditionally Accredited ratings for the two schools.
First review of the annual report for State-Funded Remedial Programs	The Board waived first review and accepted the report for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.
First review of the <i>Proposed Process for Initiating a Governor's Career and Technical Academy</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed process and administrative guidelines for initiating a Governor's Career and Technical Academy.
First review of the <i>Study of High School Dropout and Graduation Rates in the Commonwealth</i> (SJR 329)	The Board waived first review and approved the study for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.
First review of proposed revised <i>History and Social Science Standards of Learning</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed revisions, and will proceed with public hearings, final review, and adoption by winter 2008.

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First review of proposed revised <i>Driver Education Standards of Learning</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed revisions, and will proceed with public hearings, final review, and adoption by winter 2008.
First review of proposed revised <i>Health Education Standards of Learning</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed revisions, and will proceed with public hearings, final review, and adoption by winter 2008.
First review of proposed revised <i>Physical Education Standards of Learning</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed revisions, and will proceed with public hearings, final review, and adoption by winter 2008.
First review of proposed <i>Curriculum Framework for Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis Standards of Learning</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed curriculum framework, and as required by the Code, a public hearing will follow the November board meeting.
First review of a request for approval of an additional endorsement program in Administration and Supervision preK-12 at Hampton University	The Board waived first review and granted conditional program approval for the additional endorsement at Hampton University.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to grant continuing accreditation to the teacher education program at Ferrum College	The Board waived first review and approved continuing accreditation for Ferrum College's teacher education program.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) assessment as an option of demonstrating proficiency in American Sign Language and establish a proficiency level for the assessment	The Board waived first review and approved the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) as a prescribed American Sign Language assessment option and the proficiency level of "advanced" for the assessment.
First review of the Board of Education's 2007 <i>Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia</i>	The Board accepted the draft report for first review and gave permission for staff to accept suggestions for additions and changes to be incorporated into the report prior to final review at the November board meeting.
Final review of proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2008 Calendar Year	The Board adopted the meeting schedule for 2008.

**Reports**

- The Board accepted the Virginia Council for Private Education's annual report.

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

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy K. Cannaday Jr. discussed guidance provided to school divisions concerning Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.
- Dr. Cannaday noted that Virginia has two new Milken Family Foundation's National Educator award winners: one from Richmond Public Schools and the other from Prince William County Public Schools

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**Discussion of Current Issues by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction (continued.)**

- Dr. Cannaday noted that ten Virginia schools recently were awarded federal Blue Ribbon Schools recognition.
- Dr. Cannaday and Board members discussed at-risk program funding.
- Board Member Gary Jones discussed SOQ funding and the 2008 General Assembly.

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

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