

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDARDS OF QUALITY COMMITTEE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

MINUTES

June 24, 2009

The Board of Education Standards of Quality Committee met at the James Monroe State Office Building, Jefferson Conference Room, 22nd Floor, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Dr. Mark E. Emblidge, President

Dr. Ella P. Ward, Vice President

Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Committee Chair

Dr. Thomas M. Brewster

Mr. David L. Johnson

Mr. K. Rob Krupicka

Dr. Virginia L. McLaughlin

Mrs. Isis M. Castro

Dr. Patricia I. Wright

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mrs. Saslaw, committee chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. She announced that another public hearing would be held regarding proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality on July 22.

Ms. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent, Policy and Communications, provided committee members with a progress report on the work of the consultant and Department of Education staff on the review of the Standards of Quality.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY

Nine organizations were invited to provide comments regarding revisions to the Standards of Quality. Following is a list of each organization that attended the public hearing and the spokesperson who provided comments:

Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE)

Mr. Wyllys VanDerwerker, VCASE President, Director of Special Education,
Lynchburg City Public Schools

Virginia Association of School Nurses (VASN)

Ms. Patricia Knox, VASN Legislative Chair, School Nurse Coordinator,
Bedford County Public Schools

Virginia School Counselor Association (VSCA)

Ms. Michelle Dowdy, VSCA President

Virginia Consortium of Gifted Education Administrators (VCGEA)

Dr. Bess Worley, VCGEA Chair, Director of Gifted Education, Gloucester County Public Schools

The public was also invited to provide comment. Six comments were received.

Dr. Robin E. Polton, Virginia Friends of Mali
Ms. Jeree Harris, Law Student, Intern at JustChildren
Ms. Michelle Prescott, Virginia PTA Health and Safety Chair
Mr. Linwood Christian, Petersburg Advocates for Children
Ms. Sheri McCullen, Parent, advocate for school nurses
Ms. Anne Bohon, Parent, advocate for school counselors
Dr. Diane Reese, Professional School Counselor, could not attend in person, but submitted written comments via Ms. Bohon.

A link to copies of the written comments provided by the speakers may be found on the Virginia Department of Education Standards of Quality Web page at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/quality/index.shtml>.

Following the speakers, Mrs. Saslaw announced that the committee would be holding one more public comment meeting on July 22. She also announced that four public hearings would be held around the state and that comments would also be received at the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Education meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board of Education Committee on the Standards of Quality, Mrs. Saslaw adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.