

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting March 19, 2008

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First Review of Recommended Cut Scores for the Revised Grade 3 Standards of Learning Science (SOL) Test	The Board waived first review and adopted grade 8 science SOL cut scores for pass/proficient and pass/advanced achievement levels.
First Review of Timeline for the Review and Approval of Revised Mathematics Standards of Learning	The Board waived first review and granted approval for VDOE staff to proceed with the review process for revised math SOL.
Final review of the Proposed Standards for the Governor's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Exemplary Standards Awards Program	The Board approved the proposed standards, which will be made available on the Virginia Career Education Foundation Web site for programs interested in being considered for an award.
Final Review of Rescinding Current English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards of Learning and Approval of World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) ELP Standards	The Board rescinded current ELP standards and adopted the WIDA ELP standards and directed the standards be posted on the VDOE Web site and that the WIDA consortium provide training to school divisions on implementation of the standards.
Final Review of Virginia's Five-Year State Plan for Fiscal Years 2008-2013 for the <i>Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006</i>	The Board approved Virginia's proposed five-year state plan. Following public hearings, the plan will be resubmitted for final approval at the March 2008 Board meeting.

Reports

- The Board received a report on the status of 2008 General Assembly actions.
- The Board accepted a report on a grant awarded for the development of new alternate assessments for students with disabilities pursuing modified achievement standards.

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

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy Cannaday discussed the March 18 announcement by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings of a new pilot program under No Child Left Behind aimed at helping states differentiate between underperforming schools in need of dramatic intervention and those closer to meeting the goals envisioned in the legislation.

Adjournment

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