

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting May 21, 2008

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Comments

- Virginia Secretary of Education Thomas R. Morris addressed the Board about Governor Timothy Kaine's educational goals.

Public Comment

- Dr. Rakesh Bahadur of Reston commented on how Hinduism is represented in the Standards of Learning (SOL) Curriculum Framework.
- Sahndt Butkha, executive board president of the Durga Temple in Fairfax Station, discussed the representation of Hinduism in the SOL Curriculum Framework.
- Kamlesh Kapur, a retired educator and writer in Chesapeake, made remarks on the presentation in the SOL Curriculum Framework of Hinduism.
- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed school fees.
- Dr. Sharon Waters of Tidewater Community College discussed Suffolk's Fostering Innovation and Relevance through STEM and Trades (FIRST) program.
- Kevin Hughes of the Suffolk Economic Development office commented on the FIRST program.
- Mary Sandy of Virginia Space Grant Consortium discussed Newport News' Governor's Academy for Innovation, Technology and Engineering (GAITE) program.
- Dr. Robert Lever of Northrop Grumman Corporation made remarks on the GAITE program.

Consent Agenda

- Final review of a proposed amendment to the regulation governing the reduction of state aid when the length of the school term is below 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours (8 VAC 20-521-10 et seq.) under the fast track provisions of the Administrative Process Act (APA)
- Final review of a request for approval of an innovative program opening prior to Labor Day from Covington City Public Schools
- Final review of the *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers*

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend and consolidate <i>Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption State Level</i> (8 VAC 20-220-10 et seq.), <i>Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption Local Level</i> (8 VAC 20-230-10 et seq.) and <i>Regulations Governing Textbook Fund Management and Handling on Local Level</i> (8 VAC 20-270-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and authorized the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the requirements of the APA.
First review of a request for increased graduation requirements from Halifax County Public Schools	The Board waived first review and approved Halifax County Public School's request to increase graduation requirements to include a one semester personal finance course.

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First review of proposed revised curriculum framework for 2008 <i>History and Social Science Standards of Learning</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed revised Curriculum Framework for the 2008 <i>History and Social Science Standards of Learning</i> and directed VDOE staff to proceed with the curriculum framework review work plan calling for public comment, final review, and Board adoption of the proposed curriculum framework by summer 2008.
First review of a proposal to establish a Governor's Career and Technical Academy: Fostering Innovation and Relevance through STEM and Trades (FIRST)	The Board waived first review and approved the proposal to establish the FIRST Governor's Career and Technical Academy to begin operation for the 2008-2009 academic year utilizing National Governors Association (NGA) STEM Center Grant Program funds.
First review of a proposal to establish a Governor's Career and Technical Academy: Governor's Academy for Innovation, Technology, and Engineering (GAITE)	The Board waived first review and approved the proposal to establish GAITE to begin operation for the 2008-2009 academic year utilizing NGA STEM Center Grant Program funds.
Action Required to Continue the Process of Consolidating the Two Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	The Board waived first review and approved a resolution to terminate all state-operated programs at the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled-Hampton (VSDBM-H), including all state-operated or state funded residential and day program services as of July 1, 2008. The Board also directed VDOE to continue to work with staff of the two state schools, local school divisions and families of students currently enrolled at VSDBM-H to effect the transition and to provide progress reports.

Reports

- VDOE staff presented a report on Petersburg School's the status of unlicensed teachers and alternative education programs.
- Petersburg staff presented a report on Petersburg School's implementation of the memorandum of understanding and findings of the division-level review.

Adjournment

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