

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting June 19, 2008

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions

- Resolution presented to Princess Moss for her work as president of the Virginia Education Association from 2004-2008
- Resolution presented to Thomas R. Smigiel Jr., Norview High School in Norfolk, for recognition as the 2008 Virginia Teacher of the Year and finalist for the 2008 National Teacher of the Year

Public Comment

- Patricia Knox discussed school nurses
- Sylvia Jones of JustChildren discussed school fees and Petersburg Public Schools
- Sarah Geddes of JustChildren discussed Petersburg Public Schools
- Dr. Robert Tomlinson, vice president of Southwest Virginia Community College, discussed Russell County's STEM program
- Dr. Kuntimaddi Sadananda discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Dr. G.V.V. Rao discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Radhika Yadav discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Sant D. Gupta discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Gopal J. Yadav discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Sharvan K. Verma discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Judy McConville of the Social Studies Consortium discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Dr. Meena Srinivasan discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Vijay Kumar discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Siva Rajamarthandan, a Fairfax County student, discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework
- Vaijill Rajamarthandan, a Fairfax County student, discussed proposed History/Social Science curriculum framework

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 fund or placement on a waiting list

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to grant approval to requests to add new endorsement programs at Emory and Henry College, Liberty University, Old Dominion University, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College and University of Virginia's College at Wise	The Board waived first review and approved "conditional approval" for new endorsement programs at the colleges and universities.

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First review of the proposed timeline for the 2008 review of the Standards of Quality (SOQ)	The Board waived first review, approved the timeline and instructed VDOE staff to begin preparations for the SOQ review by the Board.
First review of a proposal to establish the Governor's Career and Technical Academy in Arlington	The Board waived first review and approved the establishment of the Governor's Career and Technical Academy in Arlington to begin operation for the 2008-2009 school year and for startup funding through the National Governors Association (NGA) STEM Center Grant Program.
First review of a proposal to establish the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for Lifelong Initiatives for Education (STEM for LIFE) Governor's Career and Technical Academy in Russell County	The Board waived first review and approved the establishment of Russell County's STEM for LIFE program to begin operation for the 2008-2009 school year and for startup funding through the NGA STEM Center Grant Program.
First review of pupil transportation specifications for school buses	The Board accepted the proposed school bus specifications for first review and instructed VDOE staff to make the proposed specifications available for comment for presentation to the Board for final approval, as early as the July Board meeting.

Reports

- Report on Fees and Charges in the Public School Divisions of Virginia
- Annual Performance Report on Adult Education and Family Literacy

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

- Board member Gary Jones requested information on many special education students are taught in public schools in comparison to the number of special education students taught in private schools and private day schools including breakdowns by age and grade level.

Adjournment

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