

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting October 23, 2008

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation:

Otis Fulton of MetaMetrics described Lexile Measures, a new reading resource for educators and parents.

Reports

The Board accepted the annual report from the Virginia Council for Private Education.

Public Comment

- Kitty Boitnaut, Virginia Education Association, discussed the proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation.
- Bette Neal, Virginia Association of Secondary Principals, discussed the proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation.
- Angela Ciolfi, JustChildren, discussed the proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation.
- Mary Jo Fields, Virginia Municipal League, discussed the proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation.

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
- Final review of proposed revised *Guidelines and Standards of Learning for Family Life Education* as required by the 2008 General Assembly

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to revise the definitions of "at-risk of becoming low-performing" and "low-performing institutions of higher education" in Virginia as required by Title II of the Higher Education Act	The Board accepted for first review the ABTEL recommendation to revise the definitions. The Board is expected to consider the recommended revisions for approval at November meeting.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations based on PK-12 school needs required by the <i>Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia</i>	The Board waived first review and approved the accountability measurement as required by regulation.

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First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to grant approval to requests to add new endorsement programs at George Mason University, James Madison University, Liberty University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Norfolk State University, Randolph College, Regent University, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	The Board waived first review and granted conditional approval for the new endorsement programs at the requesting colleges and universities.
First review of the <i>“Advancing Virginia’s Leadership Agenda” Guidance Document: Standards and Indicators for School Leaders and Documentation for the Principal of Distinction (Level II) Administration and Supervision Endorsement</i>	The Board accepted the guidance document for first review and is expected to consider the recommended revisions for approval at November meeting.
First review of a proposal to develop Standards of Learning (SOL) for a new high school economics and personal finance course	The Board waived first review and authorized VDOE to proceed with the development of SOL for a new course tentatively titled “Economics and Financial Literacy.”
First review of proposed revised <i>Mathematics SOL</i>	The Board accepted for first review the proposed revised mathematics SOL. Public hearings and final review by the Board are anticipated in winter 2009.
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 as required by the <i>Code of Virginia</i> .
First review of the 2007-2008 Annual Report on Regional Alternative Education Programs	The Board waived first review and accepted the report for submission to the Governor and General Assembly as required by the <i>Code of Virginia</i> .
First review of the Board of Education’s 2008 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The Board accepted the draft for first review and will provide VDOE staff suggestions for additions and changes to be incorporated into the report prior to the final review on November 20, 2008.
Second review of the Standards of Quality	The Board accepted for second review the proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality for final review by the Board at the November 20, 2008.

Executive Session

- The Board revoked the license of Jack Nelson Robinson.

Adjournment

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