

# Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: I.

Date: November 20, 2008

Topic: Annual Report: Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education

Presenter: Judy Sorrell, Vice-Chair of the Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education  
Ms. Elizabeth Russell, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education Services

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## Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by  
 State or federal law or regulation  
 Board of Education regulation  
 Other:

Action requested at this meeting  Action requested at future meeting: \_\_\_\_\_(date)

## Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action  
date \_\_\_\_\_  
action \_\_\_\_\_

**Background Information:** The Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education is comprised of business and industry leaders, professional organization leaders, and representatives from secondary and postsecondary education who are appointed by the Board of Education. The committee submits an annual report to the Board of Education.

**Summary of Major Elements:** The report includes a summary of the committee's meetings and commendations to the Board.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive the report and disseminate to the public upon request.

**Impact on Resources:** This activity can be absorbed through existing agency resources at this time. If the agency is required to absorb the additional duties related to this report, other services may be impacted.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** No further action is required.

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**From the**  
**Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education**  
**to the**  
**Virginia Board of Education**

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**Judy Sorrell, Vice-Chair**

**November 20, 2008**  
**Introduction**

The Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education (CTE) was organized in 2003. The principal purpose of the Committee is to provide information about the needs of career and technical education students and programs to the Board of Education and the Department of Education and to make recommendations regarding career and technical education.

The Advisory Committee met four times during the 2007 - 2008 school year: October 23, 2007; January 16, 2008; April 29, 2008, and June 16, 2008.

### **Membership and Organization**

The membership of the Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education is composed of persons knowledgeable about and concerned with career and technical education. Initial committee members were appointed by the Board of Education president, and committee vacancies are filled annually by the Board. Once approved by the Board, new members come onto the committee the following fall. Members reflect all geographic areas of the state whenever possible. Membership for the 2007 – 2008 school year included eight representatives from business and industry and five representatives from education. The current board has a total of fourteen members. Members serve three-year staggered terms and may be nominated for a second three-year term up to a maximum of two terms. Officers of the committee for the 2007 – 2008 school year were: Dr. Daisy Stewart, chairperson; and Mr. Mike Mills, vice chairperson. The current officers are Mr. Mike Mills, chairperson; Mrs. Judy Sorrell, vice chairperson; and Mrs. Sandy Hespe, secretary. A list of members for 2007 – 2008 and for the 2008-2009 year are attached.

### **Meeting Highlights**

At its October meeting, the Advisory Committee met prior to the Virginia CTE Administrators Conference in Virginia Beach with a presentation by David Tysinger, Economist for the Virginia Employment Commission/Economic Information Services Division. The restructuring of the Virginia Department of Education structure with Career and Technical Education being placed under the new Technology and Career Education Division with Lan Neugent as the assistant superintendent was announced. The meeting ended with a tour of the Virginia Beach Advanced Technology Center.

The January meeting was held prior to the Virginia Association of Career and Technical Education (VACTE) Legislative Seminar. Highlights of the January meeting included a report on the U. S. Department of Education federal review of the Virginia Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education in December. The review indicated less than one percent of items reviewed as needing adjustment. After the meeting, advisory committee members participated in VACTE sessions with local administrators and teachers.

Discussions at the April meeting were on the proposed Academic and Career Plan, Technical and Advanced Technical Diplomas, and the new Governor's Career and Technical Academies. The Advisory Committee also discussed the addition of a liaison between VACTE and the state advisory committee.

The final meeting for the year was held in conjunction with the Creating Excellence Awards Program held in Richmond on June 16. Advisory Committee members presented the regional and state awards to outstanding local advisory councils. A special award was presented to the Virginia PTA for their support of Virginia's Career and Technical Education, career clusters, and career pathways.

## **COMMENDATIONS**

The committee has identified five priority items and respectfully submits these commendations. The Advisory Committee requests the continued support of the activities/programs in these commendations.

### **Commendation #1: Approval of the Process to Initiate Governor's Career and Technical Academies**

The Advisory Committee commends the Virginia Board of Education and the Virginia Department of Education for their efforts to promote preparation of Virginia's CTE students for college and career readiness, especially in the STEM areas.

### **Commendation #2: Support of Industry Certifications**

The Advisory Committee commends the continued support of industry certifications for both students and teachers. We believe that this effort will continue to place Virginia in the lead to prepare our students for postsecondary education and the work force. The continued inclusion of the industry certifications on the School Report Card shows the importance of continued rigor and relevance within the career and technical education programs in Virginia.

### **Commendation #3: Support of Technical Diplomas**

The Advisory Committee commends the administration for its support of career and technical education through its guidance on requirements for the new Technical Diplomas.

### **Commendation #4: Approval of the Perkins Five Year Plan**

The Advisory Committee commends the administration for its support and approval of the Perkins Five Year Plan for 2008 – 2013.

### **Commendation #5: Support of the Virginia Career and Technical Education (CTE) Curriculum Resource Center and Virginia Career Education Foundation**

The Advisory Committee commends the continued support of the Virginia Career and Technical Education Curriculum Resource Center and the Virginia Career Education Foundation.

The CTE Resource Center continues to provide the career and technical education programs throughout the state with curriculum and other resources that could not be developed by many individual local education agencies. The CTE Center works with Department of Education program area specialists, teachers and business and industry representatives to assure that all CTE curriculums are correlated with national and state standards and also with Virginia's Standards of Learning. We endorse the CTE Resource's mission and efforts on behalf of career and technical education.

The Virginia Career Education Foundation (VCEF) exists to raise funds and lend support for initiatives, including public-private partnerships that promote career awareness and quality career and technical programs, particularly for middle and high school students. The VCEF's Governor's Career and Technical Education Exemplary Standards Awards Program developed as part of the National Governors Association STEM grant will provide a criterion-referenced process that involves the faculty of higher education and business partners in examining the curriculum and outcomes to ensure continuous improvement of the quality of individual career and technical education programs. These standards will help to assure the

continued success of the new Governor's Career and Technical Education Academies.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Member List**

**Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education  
2006-2007**

**Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education  
2007-2008**

**Mr. Craig Balzer**

Principal  
Balzer and Associates, Inc.  
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2008

**Mr. John C. Barnes, III**

Vice President, Pallet Division  
Potomac Supply Corporation  
October 1, 2006 - Sept. 29, 2009

**Ms. Theresa Bryant**

Vice President  
Workforce Development  
Tidewater Community College  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

**Ms. Tracee B. Carmean**

Vice President  
Riverside Health System  
Riverside School of Health Careers  
October 1, 2006 - Sept. 29, 2009

**Mr. Johnny Cates**

Executive Director AYES Program  
Virginia Auto Dealers Association  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

**Mr. Franklin D. Harris**

Manager of Public and Member Relations  
Southside Electric Cooperative  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

**Ms. Sandy Hesper**

Instructional Specialist  
York County Public Schools  
July 1, 2007 – June 20, 2010

**Mr. Parker Johnson**

Accomack County Public School Board  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

**Dr. Brenda D. Long**

Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

**Mr. Mike Mills, Vice-chair**  
Corporate Distribution Manager  
American Woodmark Corporation  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

**Mr. Toney Rigali**  
Lead Organizer  
Virginia Pipe Trades Association  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

**Mrs. Judy Sorrell**  
Director  
Shenandoah Valley Regional Program  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

**Dr. Daisy Stewart, Chair**  
Program Leader  
Career and Technical Education  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Virginia Tech  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

**Mr. Ray Tate**  
President and CEO  
Old Dominion Glass Company  
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Member List**  
**Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education**  
**2008-2009**

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2008 – 2009**

**Mr. John C. Barnes, III**

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Potomac Supply Corporation  
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Workforce Development  
Tidewater Community College  
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October 1, 2006 - Sept. 29, 2009

**Mr. Johnny Cates**

Executive Director AYES Program  
Virginia Auto Dealers Association  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

**Mr. John E. Cotton**

Director  
Environmental Health, Safety, and Security  
July 17, 2008 – June 30, 2011

**Mr. Franklin D. Harris**

Manager of Public and Member Relations  
Southside Electric Cooperative  
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

**Mr. Alan R. Hawthorne**

Executive Director, Joint Industrial  
Development Authority of Wythe County  
July 17, 2008 – June 30, 2011

**Ms. Sandy Hesse, Secretary**

Instructional Specialist  
York County Public Schools  
July 1, 2007 – June 20, 2010

**Mr. Byron K. Hinton**

Chairman

Stafford County CTE Committee

July 17, 2008 – June 30, 2011

**Ms. Virginia R. Jones**

Supervisor of Academies

Halifax County Public Schools

July 17, 2008 – June 30, 2011

**Mr. Mike Mills, Chair**

Corporate Distribution Manager

American Woodmark Corporation

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

**Mr. Toney Rigali**

Lead Organizer

Virginia Pipe Trades Association

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

**Mrs. Judy Sorrell, Vice-chair**

Director

Shenandoah Valley Regional Program

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007

**Mr. Jerry W. Stewart**

Workforce Development Coordinator

City of Virginia Beach Economic Development Division

July 17, 2008 – June 30, 2011

**Dr. Brenda Long**

Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education Liaison

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2011