

**Summary of the Board of Education
Planning Session & Meeting
April 29-30, 2009**

Board Planning Session, April 29, 2009

Opening Comments

Presentations

The Student Advisory Committee made reports on the following issues for board consideration:

- Increasing the recognition of students in a variety of achievement areas.
- Expanding online education.
- Improving foreign language and technology education in Virginia public schools.

Standards of Quality Standing Committee

Committee Chair Eleanor Saslaw described the schedule for the process of reviewing the Standards of Quality (SOQ) and public comment opportunities. The committee also heard presentations on the review process and the funding process.

Planning Session

The board conducted its annual planning session and reviewed the following information for consideration:

- An overview of the Comprehensive Plan
- Highlights of progress and activities toward meeting board objectives
- A progress report on the Office of Early Childhood Development
- Technology innovations in Virginia's assessment program
- The use of research to develop Virginia's On-Time Graduation tool pilot.

Recognition

Governor Timothy M. Kaine visited with the board and commended the board for its work to advance his education agenda.

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Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of March 26, 2009, Minutes

Recognitions

- The Board of Education recognized Sarah Warnick as Southern Regional Education Board Online Teacher of the Year for Virginia

Public Comment

- James Batterson of Suffolk discussed the science Standards of Learning (SOL).
- Bruce Davidson of Newport News discussed the science SOL.
- Dr. Al Butler of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents introduced the following to discuss the Standards of Quality (SOQ):
 - Superintendent Marcus Newsome, Chesterfield County Public Schools

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- Superintendent Milton Liverman, Suffolk Public Schools.
- Superintendent Scott Kiser, Martinsville Public Schools.
- Jim Campbell, Prince William Public Schools, representing Superintendent Steven Walts.

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 the proposed consolidated <i>Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions</i> , 8VAC20-720	The board waived first review and authorized Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA).
Final review of the proposed revisions to the <i>Regulations Governing Jointly Owned and Operated Schools and Jointly Operated Programs</i> (8 VAC 20-280-10 et seq.)	The board waived first review and authorized VDOE staff to proceed with the remaining requirements of the APA. VDOE will notify local school divisions of the changes when the regulations become effective.
First review of the proposed plan for the 2009 review of the Standards of Quality (SOQ)	The board waived first review and approved the plan to review the SOQ. The standing committee on the SOQ will meet in May, June, and July. The first review of the proposed revisions to the SOQ is planned for the September 17, 2009, meeting, and the final review and approval is planned for the October 22, 2009 meeting.
First review of approval of local school division remedial plans	The board waived first review and approved the report on remedial plans of local school divisions.

Reports

- Accepted a report from the Petersburg School Board on the board's request to begin planning for the implementation of the Restructuring Contingency Plan for the 2009-2010 School Year
- Accepted a report on the Petersburg Public Schools' alternative education programs.
- Accepted the Bridging Business and Education for the 21st Century Workforce – A Strategic Plan for Virginia's Career Pathways System report for review and monitoring.

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

- Dr. Brewster thanked VDOE staff for providing timely information to school divisions concerning the swine flu issues.

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- Dr. Ward and Dr. Emblidge thanked VDOE staff for providing informative presentations during the planning session.
- Mr. Moore and Dr. Ward commented on opportunities for additional business and education partnerships and commended those currently involved in these partnerships.

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Revoke the license of Tysa Alexander.
- Revoke the license of Lloyd Alston.
- Revoke the license of Stanley William DeLoach Jr.
- Revoke the license of Peter Harris.
- Revoke the license of Matthew McGuire.
- Revoke the license of Felix Ray Whitley.
- Revoke the license of Thomas Cole Williams.
- Deny the renewal of the license of Weily Bokel.
- Not take action against the license of one individual.
- Issue a provisional (special education) license to one individual.
- Issue a collegiate professional license to one individual.

Adjournment

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