

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ H. _____

Date: July 23, 2009

Topic: First Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on Board of Education Advisory Committees: Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy, State Special Education Advisory Committee, Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education, Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted, and the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

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Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by

State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other: Board of Education Bylaws

Action requested at this meeting

Action requested at future meeting

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

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date:

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Background Information: Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

Advisory Committees. Advisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state-mandated committees. An advisory committee shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. All appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. . . .

The Board of Education's bylaws also specify the term of service in Article Sixteen, Section 4, as follows:

Section 4. Term of Service. Appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be appointed to a second consecutive three-year term, but shall not be eligible to serve for more than six consecutive years . . .

The Board of Education has six advisory committees, five of which have vacancies for the three-year term of July 2009 to June 2012. The nomination process for the Student Advisory Committee is handled through a special procedure that will be conducted in the early fall.

Two advisory committees require specific categories for membership. The categories are set by the *Code of Virginia* or by state or federal regulation. In addition, the Board's bylaws permit persons to be reappointed to a second term.

Superintendent's Memo Number 128-09 dated May 8, 2009, announced the call for nominations to fill the current advisory committee vacancies. The call for nominations indicated which vacancies involved an incumbent eligible for reappointment. The call for nominations was sent to public school principals, statewide education organizations, interest groups, advocates, and individuals who had expressed interest. This information was also posted on the Board of Education's Web page. The deadline for submission was June 15, 2009.

Following the close of the nomination period, the nominations were reviewed. Those recommended for appointment or reappointment were selected based upon qualifications and on the required categories for membership (if applicable). It is important to note that every attempt was made to balance the membership by geographic region as well as gender and ethnicity.

Summary of Major Elements: The nominees recommended for appointment or reappointment to the 2009-2012 term are as follows:

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

- Business Community Representative: Ms. Rena Berlin, Director of Education, Virginia Holocaust Museum
- Classroom Teacher (Middle): Ms. Kathy Heil, Mathematics Teacher, Grade 8, King George Middle School, King George County Schools
- Classroom Teacher (Secondary): Ms. Patricia McGloine, Social Studies Teacher, Princess Anne High School, Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- Higher Education (Public): Dr. Susan G. Magliaro, Director, School of Education, Virginia Tech

- Nonpublic School: Ms. Courtney Gaskins, Teacher of Special Education, Youth for Tomorrow, Bristow, Virginia
- Classroom Teacher (Elementary): Incumbent-reappointment to a second term: Ms. Dawn Rees-Blakeman, Westside Elementary School, Roanoke City Public Schools
- Higher Education (Independent): Incumbent-reappointment to a second term: Dr. Carole C. Grove, Director, Master of Arts in Teaching Program, Mary Baldwin College
- School Board Member: Incumbent-reappointment to a second term: Ms. Ann Y. Williams, Hopewell City School Board

State Special Education Advisory Committee

- Region II Parent: Mrs. Sandra Hermann, Virginia Beach
- Region III Parent: Mrs. Lori Jackson, Mathews County
- Region VII Parent: Mrs. Jackie Myal, Pulaski County
- Region VIII Parent: Mrs. Bernadette Jones, Amelia County
- Region I Parent: Mrs. Carletta Wilson, Richmond: Incumbent-reappointment to a second term
- Classroom Teacher: Ms. Melodie Henderson, Chesterfield County: Incumbent-reappointment to a second term

Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy

- Ms. Elaine Callahan, Adult Education Program Manager, Henrico County Public Schools
- Ms. Betsy Mathias, Regional Adult Education Program Manager, Spotsylvania County Public Schools
- Ms. Annette Loschert, Executive Director, Literacy Volunteers of the Roanoke Valley
- Dr. Bonita Moore, Director, Adult and Community Education, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Ms. Paulette Richmond, Academic Coordinator for Adult Education, Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- Dr. Troilen Seward, Educational Consultant, Claremont, VA

Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee

- Mr. Allan R. Melton, Manager of Product Training, The Apprentice School, Northrop Grumman-Region II
- Mr. Frederick R. Norman, Owner, Commonwealth of Virginia Consulting, LLC, an Information Technology business development consulting firm-Region I
- Mrs. Lynn May, Registered Nurse-Region III
- Ms. Jane Foy, Co-host and Producer, WINA Morning News Program, Charlottesville-Region V
- Mr. Chad Ratliff, General Manager and Co-Owner of the Ratliff Group, LLC (Real Estate Investment Firm)-Region VII

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted

- Ms. Patti Davis, Parent, Ashland
- Dr. Carol V. Horn, Coordinator of Gifted Programs, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Mr. Reginald Johns, Gifted Resource Teacher, Hampton City Public Schools
- Ms. Veronica Annette Kouassi, Assistant Director, Appomattox Regional Governor's School, Petersburg
- Ms. Kerri M. Wilson, VSBA Board of Directors, Harrisonburg City School Board
- Dr. Ellen Fithian, Independent Educational Consultant, Poquoson: Incumbent-reappointment to a second term
- Dr. Judith Greathouse, Coordinator of Gifted Programs, Frederick County Public Schools: Incumbent-reappointment to a second term
- Mr. Brian Pace, Director, Piedmont Governor's School: Incumbent-reappointment to a second term

Superintendent's Recommendation: The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and adopt the list of nominees recommended for appointment to Board of Education advisory committees for the July 2009-June 2012 term.

Impact on Resources: The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds. Where applicable, federal funds are provided to support the expenses and the work of an advisory committee.

Timetable for Further Review/Action: Department of Education staff will notify the nominees appointed to the Board of Education advisory committees so that the committee meetings for the 2009-2010 school year may be set as soon as possible.