

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting July 23, 2009

Moment of Silence. Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

- James Batterson discussed the Science Standards of Learning (SOL).
- Vandl Hodges, Hanover County Public Schools and Virginia Council for Teachers of Mathematics, discussed the Mathematics SOL Curriculum Framework.
- Carolyn Williamson, president of Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, discussed the Mathematics SOL Curriculum Framework.
- Tichi Pinkney-Eppes, Virginia PTA and member of PLACE which is affiliated with the Legal Aide Justice Center, discussed the Standards of Accreditation (SOA).
- Bethany Welcher of JustChildren, discussed school fees.
- Andrew Dere, secondary mathematics department chairman at the Math Science Innovation Center, discussed the Mathematics SOL 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
- First review of proposed revised Guidelines & Standards of Learning for Family Life Education as required by the 2009 General Assembly
- First review of revised Guidelines for Awarding the Veteran Honorary High School Diploma in response to HB 1767 adopted by the 2009 General Assembly
- First review of proposed Board of Education meeting dates for 2010 calendar year
- First review of revised eligibility criteria for cost-saving and service-sharing agreements between school divisions in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- First review of nominations to fill vacancies on Board of Education advisory committees:
 - Advisory Committee on Adult Education & Literacy
 - State Special Education Advisory Committee
 - Virginia Advisory Committee for Career & Technical Education
 - Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted
 - Advisory Board on Teacher Education & Licensure

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of proposed Guidelines for an Academic & Career Plan as required in Section 8 VAC 20-131-140 of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia	The board accepted the proposed Guidelines for the Academic & Career Plan for first review. Following final board approval, notification will be made to school divisions of the guidelines and their availability on the Virginia Department of Education's Web site.
First review of proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Local School Boards & School Divisions (8 VAC 20-720) and repeal of the Regulations Governing Instructional Materials – Selection & Utilization by Local School Boards (8 VAC 20-170), Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption State Level (8 VAC 20- 220), Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption Local Level (8 VAC 20-230), and Regulations Governing Textbook Fund Management & Handling on Local Level (8VAC 20-270)	The board accepted the proposed regulations for first review and authorized Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA).

(more)

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting
July 23, 2009
(continued)

First review of proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Local School Boards & School Divisions (8 VAC 20-720) and repeal of the Rules Governing Fees & Charges (8 VAC 20-370)	The board accepted the proposed regulations for first review and authorized VDOE staff to proceed with the requirements of the APA.
First review of the proposal to establish the Governor's School at Innovation Park (GS@IP) serving students from Manassas City, Manassas Park City and Prince William County Public School Divisions	The board waived first review and approved the proposal which will enable the GS@IP governing board to proceed in seeking operational funding from the 2010 General Assembly in order to open the program in September 2010.
First review of a proposal to establish a governor's career and technical academy: The Governor's Career & Technical Academy for STEM in Richmond	The board waived first review and approved the proposal to establish the Governor's Career & Technical Academy for STEM in Richmond, which will be in operation for the 2009-2010 academic year.
First review of proposed revised Curriculum Framework for 2009 Mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL)	The board accepted for first review the proposed revised 2009 Mathematics SOL Curriculum Framework, and directed staff to post the proposed revisions on the VDOE Web site and seek public comment through September before final review and adoption by the board.
Final review of revisions to criteria for the Virginia Index of Performance, Virginia's incentive program to encourage and recognize school accountability performance and competence to excellence	The board adopted the recommended revisions to the criteria to earn VIP awards and instructed VDOE to implement the new criteria in awards given during the 2009-2010 school year.
First review of updates to the Virginia Board of Education Student Conduct Policy Guidelines	The board waived first review and accepted the guidelines for final review and directed staff to disseminate the guidelines and post on VDOE's Web site.
Final review of proposed guidelines for the Neighborhood Assistance Program for Education	The board approved the proposed guidelines — effective August 1, 2009 — and authorized staff to distribute the guidelines and post them on the VDOE Web site.
First review of the direct aid to public education budget for the 2010-2012 biennium	The board waived first review and adopted the proposed budget projections that continue current Direct Aid programs in the 2010-2012 biennium rebenchmarked for standard technical revisions and showing the cost of removal of the support position funding cap without proposing permanent changes in funding policy. Staff was directed to revise costs as additional technical revisions are completed and report the final calculations and related costs of rebenchmarking (with the support position funding cap applied and removed) to the Governor and the Chairmen of House Appropriations & Senate Finance Committees prior to September 1, 2009.

(more)

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

- Dr. Brewster commended Roberta Schlicher, Cindy Cave and Felicia Dyke for their contributions to the Title I conference.
- Ms. Saslaw commended Patty Pitts, Linda Wallinger and Roberta Schlicker for their participation in the Virginia School Board Association conference

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Revoke the license of Jamal O. Brown.
- Revoke the license of Kelvin Serell Johnson.
- Revoke the license of Danny Lee Swartz Jr.
- Revoke the license of Jodi Lee Counts Snead.
- Revoke the license of Mary Elizabeth Morrison.
- Suspend the license of Michelle Hoskie for one year.
- Revoke the license of Teshia McLean.
- Revoke the license of Conswella Miller.
- Deny renewal (reinstatement) of the license of Paul Donald John West.
- Not suspend the teaching license in Case 5.
- Not take action against the teaching license in Case 6.

Adjournment

###