

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting September 17, 2009

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- The board approved the minutes of the July 23, 2009 meeting.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final Review of Pupil Transportation Specifications for School Buses	The board approved the specifications.
First Review of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for Proposed Regulations Governing Unexcused Absences and Truancy	The board waived first review and authorized department staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.
First Review of Requests from Norfolk City School Board for a Rating of Conditionally Accredited for Lafayette-Winona Middle School and Northside Middle School	The board waived first review and approved conditional accreditation for the two schools.
First Review of Requests for Continuation of the Rating of Conditionally Accredited from Norfolk City School Board and Richmond City School Board	The board waived first review and approved continued conditional accreditation for the two schools.
First Review of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding for Sussex County Public Schools to Include Compliance with the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i> (SOA) 8 VAC 20-131-315	The board waived first review and accepted the revised memorandum of understanding with Sussex County Public Schools.
First Review of a Report on the Investigation of a Testing Irregularity and Resulting Non-compliance with 8 VAC 20-131-30 of the Standards for Accrediting Schools at A.P. Hill Elementary School in Petersburg City for the 2008-2009 School Year	The board waived first review and approved a rating of fully accredited for A.P. Hill Elementary School based on the achievement of the students and actions taken by the division to address the findings of the investigation.
Final Review of Proposed Guidelines for an Academic and Career Plan as Required in Section 8 VAC 20-131-140 of the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i>	The board approved the guidelines.
First Review of the 2008-2009 Annual Report on Public Charter Schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia	The board waived first review and approved the report for transmission with technical edits to reflect current accreditation ratings to the Governor and General Assembly.
First Review of the Standards of Quality	The board accepted for first review proposed policy directions for the Standards of Quality and proposed options for revisions to the standards to address those policy directions.
Adult Education Annual Performance Report	The board waived first review and approved the report.

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

- President Mark E. Emblidge commended the work of Kent Dickey, assistant superintendent for finance, Virginia Department of Education
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright discussed proposed conditions for states applying for "Race to the Top" funding under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Adjournment

Public Hearing on the Proposed Economics and Personal Finance Standards of Learning

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