

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting October 22, 2009

Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of Minutes

Recognitions

- The Board of Education recognized the Virginia Museum of Fine Art's Education and Statewide Partnerships Trustee Committee.

Public Comment

- Terry Sisson, Madison County Public School psychologist, and representative of the Virginia Association of School Psychologists, discussed role and duties of school psychologists.
- Jim Brown, Prince George County Public School special education director and representative of the Virginia Association of School Psychologists, discussed role of school psychologists.
- David Hagen, Science Museum of Virginia and representative of the Virginia Mathematics/Science Coalition, discussed proposed revisions to the mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL).
- James Batterson of Suffolk discussed proposed revisions to the science and mathematics SOL.
- Sarah Geddes of JustChildren discussed graduation and school discipline policies.

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
Final review of the Standards of Quality (SOQ)	The board approved the SOQ report, proposed policy directions and recommended amendments. In addition, the board directed Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to make any necessary technical edits and transmit the report to the governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2009.
First review of a revised memorandum of understanding (MOU) for Petersburg City Public Schools to include compliance with the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (SOA) 8 VAC 20-131-315	The board accepted for first review the revised Petersburg Public Schools MOU. The board will consider for final review the proposed MOU at the November 2009 meeting.
First review of a report on career and technical education (CTE) programs in Petersburg City Public Schools	The board waived first review and accepted for final review the report on the enrollment of Blandford Academy students in CTE programs at Petersburg High School.
First review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's (ABTEL) recommendation regarding the certification of Braille instructors in response to the Virginia General Assembly House Bill 2224	The board accepted ABTEL's Braille certification recommendation for first review. The board will consider the recommendation for final review at the November 2009 meeting. Following approval, the recommendation will be forwarded to the chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 31, 2009.

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Final review of proposed revised curriculum framework for 2009 Mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL)	The board approved the proposed revised curriculum framework for the 2009 Mathematics SOL and directed VDOE staff to make any necessary technical edits. The board also directed staff to post the document on the VDOE Web site.
First review of proposed revised English SOL	The board accepted for first review the proposed revised English SOL. The English SOL review work plan calls for public hearings, final review and adoption by the board in January 2010.
First review of proposed revised Science SOL	The board accepted for first review the proposed revised Science SOL. The Science SOL review work plan calls for public comment, public hearings, final review and adoption by the board in early 2010.
First review of the 2008-2009 Annual Report on Regional Alternative Education Programs	The board waived first review and approved the regional alternative education programs annual report as required by §22.1-209.1:2 of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> . The board directed VDOE staff to forward the report to the governor and the General Assembly.
First review of Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2009-15	The board accepted the proposed six-year educational technology plan for first review and directed staff to post the proposed plan for public review and comments on the VDOE Web site for 20 days. Comments will be presented to the board at the November 2009 meeting for final review.
First review of the Board of Education's 2009 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The board received the draft report for first review and gave staff suggestions for additions and changes to the report prior to final review at the November 2009 meeting. Following the board's final adoption, the report will be transmitted to the governor and the General Assembly as required by the <i>Code of Virginia</i> and will also be posted on the VDOE Web site.

Reports

- The board accepted the Virginia Council for Private Education's annual report.

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

- Dr. Ward commended VDOE staff for the Teacher of the Year program and acknowledged Giles County educator Catherine S. Webb's being named the Virginia 2010 Teacher of the Year.

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted:

- To approve the issuance of initial licenses to two individuals
- To approve the renewal of the teaching license of one individual
- Not to take action against licenses of two individuals
- Not to suspend the license of one individual, but to send a letter of reprimand
- To deny the license (statement of eligibility) of Steven Patrick Ferrell
- To revoke the license of Chadwick Blackwell
- To revoke the license of Rodney Bower
- To revoke license of Kelly L. Graham

Adjournment

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