

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting January 14, 2010

Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of Minutes of the November 17, 2009, meeting

Recognitions

- The Board of Education welcomed newly appointed Billy Cannaday to the board.
- Mark Emblidge was recognized for his service as president of the board.
- The board presented a resolution in memory of S. John Davis, who served as superintendent of public instruction from 1978 to 1990.
- The board recognized Virginia's 2010 Teacher of the year, Catherine S. Webb a speech language pathologist and special education teacher at Narrows Elementary School in Giles County.

Public Comment

- Mark Christie of the State Corporation Commission and former board president discussed Mark Emblidge's service to the board.
- Steve King, government relations chair with the Virginia Music Educators Association, discussed graduation requirements.
- Rena Berlin, director of education at the Virginia Holocaust Museum and former Fairfax educator, discussed professional development opportunities for teachers and textbooks.
- Ronnie Jacobs Cohen, director of Community Relations Council and the Holocaust Commission of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater, discussed textbooks.
- James Batterson of Suffolk discussed chemistry Standards of Learning (SOL).
- Phil Worrell, superintendent of Greensville County Public Schools and Virginia Association of School Superintendents representative, discussed delaying board mandates.
- Amy Woolard, JustChildren, discussed truancy issues.
- Sarah Geddis, JustChildren, discussed educational issues facing the General Assembly.
- Juanita Matkins, president of the Virginia Association of Science Teachers, discussed science SOL.

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
- First review of the 2009 Annual Report on Electronic Meetings
- First review of revisions of industry, professional or trade association certification examinations and occupational competency assessments to meet the requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Advanced Mathematics and Technology seals and the student-selected verified credit

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a request for approval of an innovative program opening prior to Labor Day from Charlotte County Public Schools	The board waived first review and approved the request.

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Final review of proposed amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001	The board adopted the proposed amendments and directed Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to submit the amendments to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) to meet the January 15, 2010, deadline.
Final review of proposed revised English SOL	The board approved the proposed revised English SOL and directed staff to post the document on the VDOE Web site.
Final review of proposed revised Science SOL	The board approved the proposed revised Science SOL and directed staff to post the document on the VDOE Web site.
First review of state adoption of textbooks and instructional materials for K-12 history and social science	The board accepted for first review the list of textbooks and instructional materials recommended for state adoption and announced a 30-day public comment period. The public comments will be considered by the board during a final review on March 18, 2010.
Final review of educational technology plan for Virginia: 2010-2015	The board approved the plan.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to approve education programs offered by Virginia institutions of higher education as required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.)	The board waived first review and approved ABTEL's recommendation to grant status of "approved with stipulations" for elementary education PK-6, history/social science and mathematics education programs at Saint Paul's College; and approved ABTEL's recommendation to grant all other education programs (endorsement areas) "approved" status.
Final review of the ABTEL's recommended passing score for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	The board approved a cut score of 163. The board directed VDOE staff to notify school divisions and institutions of higher education of the decision.

Reports

- The board accepted the "Progress Report on Analyses Aimed at Understanding College Readiness in Virginia."

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to approve:

- the issuance of a provisional special education license to one individual.
- the issuance of a license/statement of eligibility to one individual
- the renewal of a teaching license to one individual.

Adjournment

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