

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting June 24, 2010

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

- James Batterson of Suffolk discussed Standards of Learning.
- Patty Wilson discussed student transcripts.
- Victoria Oakley of Virginia State Reading Association recognized Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright for her support of literacy.
- Melvin Law discussed charter schools.

Recognitions

- The board recognized students from Cheryl MacGill's graduate program class.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of proposed amendments to the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-131-5 et seq.) to conform to HB 111 and SB 352 Passed by the 2010 General Assembly	The board waived first review and approved the proposed amendments and authorized VDOE staff to proceed with the remaining steps required by the Administrative Process Act (APA).
First review of a proposed fast-track amendment for 8 VAC 20-630 Standards for State-Funded Remedial Programs	The board waived first review and approved the proposed amendments and authorized VDOE staff to proceed with the remaining steps required by the APA.
First review of a request for approval of waivers of 8 VAC 20-110-50 of the <i>Regulations Governing Pupil Accounting Records</i> and 8 VAC 20-131-240 of the <i>Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia</i> from Richmond City Public Schools	The board accepted for first review the waiver request for Patrick Henry School for Science and the Arts that field trips and other activities and events would be approved by the parents, and would be reported to, but not approved by, the Richmond School Board. The request will be presented for final review at the July 22, 2010, board meeting.
Final review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to accredit the professional education program at Virginia Wesleyan College through the Board of Education-approved process	The board approved ABTEL's recommendation that Virginia Wesleyan College's professional education program be "accredited," and requested that the college promptly correct a weakness cited under Standard 2 by fully implementing its plan for systematically collecting, analyzing and reporting longitudinal data on candidate performance.
First review of a recommendation ABTEL to approve a Braille assessment for teachers seeking an initial license with an endorsement in special education-visual impairment	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to approve the Texas Education Agency's Braille Proficiency Test administered by the Educational Testing Service as the required assessment for teachers seeking an initial license with the special education-visual impairment endorsement and authorized VDOE staff to begin the standard-setting process for the test. This request will be presented for final review at the July 22, 2010, board meeting.

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<p>Final review of recommendations of ABTEL to approve passing scores for the Praxis II World Language Assessments in German, French and Spanish and to approve the assessments and passing scores as another option to meet endorsement requirements for native speakers or candidates who have learned the foreign language</p>	<p>The board approved ABTEL's passing scores recommendations for the revised World Language German, French and Spanish assessments and approved the use of the revised Praxis II assessments in German, French and Spanish as additional test options to meet endorsement requirements for native speakers or candidates who have learned a foreign language without formal academic credit. In addition, the board requested that pass rates for Virginia test takers be reviewed when sufficient test scores are received, and directed VDOE staff to notify school divisions and institutions of higher education of the decision.</p>
<p>Final review of a proposal to allow Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus BC to verify two mathematics credits</p>	<p>The board approved the proposal to allow AP Calculus BC to count as two mathematics verified credits and directed VDOE staff to notify local school divisions.</p>
<p>Final review of proposed amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan under the <i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i></p>	<p>The board adopted the proposed amendments to the Virginia Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan and authorized VDOE staff to submit the request to USED for approval so that the methodology may be used to make AYP determinations in the summer of 2010.</p>

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

- The board endorsed Virginia's decision not to abandon the Standards of Learning in order to adopt the Common Core State Standards and approved a statement.
- The board thanked Secretary of Education Gerard Robinson for his assistance in securing charter school experts for the standing committee meeting.

Adjournment

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