

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ L. _____

Date: September 23, 2010

Topic: First Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on Board of Education Advisory Committees: Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy, State Special Education Advisory Committee, Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education, Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted, and the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

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Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by

State or federal law or regulation

Board of Education regulation

Other: Board of Education Bylaws

Action requested at this meeting

Action requested at future meeting

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

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Background Information: Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

Advisory Committees. Advisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state-mandated committees. An advisory committee shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. All appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. . . .

The Board of Education's bylaws also specify the term of service in Article Sixteen, Section 4, as follows:

Section 4. Term of Service. Appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be appointed to a second consecutive three-year term, but shall not be eligible to serve for more than six consecutive years . . .

The Board of Education has six advisory committees, five of which have vacancies for the three-year term of October 2010 to June 2013. Two advisory committees require specific categories for membership. The categories are set by the *Code of Virginia* or by state or federal regulation. In addition, the Board's bylaws permit persons to be reappointed to a second term.

Superintendent's Memo number 169-10 dated July 23, 2010, announced the call for nominations to fill the current advisory committee vacancies. The call for nominations was sent to public school principals, statewide education organizations, interest groups, advocates, and individuals who had expressed interest. This information was also posted on the Board of Education's Web page. The deadline for submission was August 27, 2010.

Following the close of the nomination period, the nominations were reviewed. Persons recommended for appointment or reappointment were selected based upon qualifications and on the required categories for membership (if applicable). It is important to note that every attempt was made to balance the membership by geographic region as well as gender and ethnicity.

Summary of Major Elements: The list of nominees recommended for appointment or reappointment to the 2010-2013 term are as follows:

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

- Ms. Janice Underwood, Secondary Special Education Teacher, Hampton City
- Dr. James Roberts, Division Superintendent, Chesapeake City
- Dr. Cathy Fisher, Higher Education (Independent), to fill an unexpired term 7/1/2009-6/30/2012
- Ms. Ruth Wallace, School Board Member, Botetourt, to fill an unexpired term 7/1/2009-6/30/2012
- Ms. Angela Turley, Elementary School Teacher, reappointment to a second term
- Ms. Tracey Dingus, Middle School Teacher, Bristol City, reappointment to a second term

State Special Education Advisory Committee

- Dr. Scott R. Kizner, Division Superintendent, Harrisonburg City, Local Education Official
- Ms. Judy Averill, Transition Coordinator, Chesterfield County Schools, Representative of Transition/CTE; reappointment to a second term
- Ms. Suzanne Bowers, Parent: Region 4, reappointment to a second term
- Ms. Mona Holmes, Parent: Region 5, reappointment to a second term
- Ms. Christina Draper, Person with a Disability, reappointment to a second term

Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy

- Dr. Thomas Brewster, Assistant Superintendent, Pulaski County Public Schools and chair, Virginia Career Education Foundation

Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee

- Ms. Anne Carson, Region 1, President-Elect of the Virginia PTA, Glen Allen
- Mr. Robert Mayfield, Region 5, Plant Manager – Tenaska, Scottsville, Virginia
- Ms. Karen DeRoche Black, Region 2, Technology Academy Coordinator for Chesapeake City Public Schools

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted

- Dr. Matthew J. Edinger, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Gifted Education, University of Richmond, Richmond
- Ms. Amy S. Lamb, K-12 Mathematics Specialist, Northumberland County Public Schools
- Ms. Beverly Catlin, Coordinator of Instruction, Charlottesville County Public Schools, reappointment to a second term
- Ms. Tomica Crosby, Teacher, Suffolk County Public Schools, reappointment to a second term
- Ms. Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Director of Instruction, Alleghany County Public Schools, reappointment to a second term
- Mrs. Diane Naff, Supervisor of Gifted Education, Montgomery County Public Schools, reappointment to a second term

Superintendent's Recommendation: The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and adopt the list of nominees recommended for appointment to Board of Education advisory committees for the 2010-2013 term.

Impact on Resources: The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds. Where applicable, federal funds are provided to support the expenses and the work of an advisory committee.

Timetable for Further Review/Action: Department of Education staff will notify the nominees appointed to the Board of Education advisory committees so that the committee meetings for the 2010-2011 school year may be set as soon as possible.