

Summary of the Board of Education's Planning Session and Business Meeting Held April 27-28, 2011

April 27, 2011, Planning Session

Introductory Remarks

Overview of Presentation Topics

The Board of Education heard presentations and reports on the following topics:

- Highlights of progress in meeting board objectives
- Virginia's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs
- Update on Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOL) assessment program
- Overview of the Virginia Growth Measure
- Overview of the board's Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2016

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Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Dr. James Batterson of Suffolk discussed STEM academies.
- Dr. Kitty Boitnott, president of the Virginia Education Association, discussed teacher evaluation.

Approval of Minutes from the March 24, 2011, meeting

Recognitions

The board presented a resolution of recognition to James A. Percoco of West Springfield High School in Fairfax County for his recent induction into the National Teacher Hall of Fame.

Consent Agenda

The board approved the following:

- Financial report on Literary Fund
- Recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Recommendations concerning Literary Fund applications approved for release of Funds or placement on a waiting list

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of the proposed revisions to the Regulations Governing Career & Technical Education (8VAC 20-120-10 et seq.)	The board approved the proposed revisions.
Final review of a request for continuation of an alternative accreditation plan from Danville Public Schools for J.M. Langston Focus School	The board approved Danville Public Schools' request concerning J.M. Langston Focus School for alternative-accreditation-plan continuation for the September 2011-September 2013 accreditation cycle.
Final review of a request for continuation of an alternative accreditation plan from Richmond Public Schools for Richmond Alternative School	The board approved Richmond Public Schools' request concerning Richmond Alternative School for alternative-accreditation-plan continuation for the September 2011-September 2013 accreditation cycle.

Final review of revised Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards & Evaluation Criteria for Teachers and Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers	The board approved the revised guidance documents to become effective on July 1, 2012, and authorized school boards and divisions to implement the guidelines sooner should they so choose.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education & Licensure (ABTEL) to approve a cut score for the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary & Special Education Teachers Assessment	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's cut-score recommendation of 157 for the RVE: Elementary & Special Education Teachers assessment. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 19, 2011, meeting.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve a cut score for the RVE: Reading Specialist Assessment	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to approve the cut score of 162 for the Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist assessment. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 19, 2011, meeting.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to revise the definitions of "at-risk of becoming low-performing" and "low-performing institutions of higher education in Virginia" as required by Title II of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA)	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommended revisions to the definitions. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 19, 2011, meeting.

Reports

The board received the CTE Statewide Annual Performance Report for 2009-2010 related to Perkins IV performance standards.

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Revoke the license of Diana Eckes Canter
- Revoke the license of Bruce Lee Harman
- Deny a license to Elliot Lawrence Ramo
- Revoke the license of Anthony G. Ward
- Continue Case Number 1 until July 2011
- Issue a license in Case Number 3

Adjournment

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