

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting May 19, 2011

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance Approval of Minutes of the April 27-28, 2011, meeting

Recognitions

- The board welcomed students from the Hampton Roads Center of the George Washington University graduate program in Educational Leadership and Administration.

Public Comment

- Dr. James Batterson of Suffolk discussed engineering curriculum and teacher requirements.
- Ann Rasmussen of Voices for Virginia's Children discussed school readiness.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of the proposed amendments to the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131-5 et seq.) to conform to HB 1554 & SB 810, HB 1793, HB 2172 & SB 953 and HB 2494, passed by the 2011 General Assembly; and HB 566 & SB 630 passed by the 2010 General Assembly	The board accepted for first review the proposed technical changes for alignment with General Assembly actions. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the June 23, 2011, meeting.
Final review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education & Licensure (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 approved ABTEL's recommended revisions and directed Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to submit the revised definitions to the Title II Office of the US Department of Education and Virginia institutions of higher education.
Final review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve a cut score for the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary & Special Education Teachers Assessment	The board approved ABTEL's recommended cut score of 157 for the RVE: Elementary & Special Education Teachers Assessment and directed VDOE staff to notify school divisions and institutions of higher education of the approved cut score.
Final review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve a cut score for the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist Assessment	The board approved ABTEL's recommended cut score of 162 for the RVE: Reading Specialist Assessment and directed VDOE staff to notify school divisions and institutions of higher education of the approved cut score.
Final review of the board's Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2016	The board adopted the plan, authorized VDOE staff to make any additional technical and editorial adjustments as necessary and directed staff to post the approved plan on VDOE's website.
Final review of a request for approval of an innovative program opening prior to Labor Day from Alexandria Public Schools.	This agenda item was removed at the request of Alexandria Public Schools.
First review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Albemarle County Public Schools for the Albemarle County Community Public Charter School	The board accepted for first review the request for an alternative accreditation plan for the Albemarle County Community Public Charter School. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the June 23, 2011, meeting.

First review of a request for continuation of alternative accreditation plans from Fairfax County Public Schools for the Kilmer and Key Centers	The board accepted for first review the request for alternative accreditation plans for Fairfax County Public Schools' Kilmer and Key Centers. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the June 23, 2011, meeting.
First review of a request for approval of alternative accreditation plans from Fairfax County Public Schools for Mountain View High School, Woodson Adult High School and Bryant Alternative High School	The board accepted for first review the request for alternative accreditation plans for Fairfax County's Mountain View High School, Woodson Adult High School and Bryant Alternative High School. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the June 23, 2011, meeting.
First review of proposed state-approved textbooks for K-12 Mathematics	The board accepted for first review the list of proposed recommended K-12 mathematics textbooks. The board directed VDOE staff to begin a 30-day public comment period. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the July 28, 2011.
First review of recommended cut scores for history for the Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA)	<p>The Board waived first review and adopted the following VGLA cut scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 58 percent for pass/proficient ○ 88 percent for pass/advanced • Virginia Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 53 percent pass/proficient ○ 80 percent pass/advanced • US History to 1865 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 55 percent pass/proficient ○ 85 percent pass/advanced • US History: 1865 to the Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 55 percent pass/proficient ○ 85 percent pass/advanced • Civics & Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 53 percent pass/proficient ○ 85 percent pass/advanced <p>The information is expected to be disseminated to the school divisions via a Superintendent's Memorandum.</p>

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

- Board Member Winsome Sears initiated discussions of existing SOL flexibility, the purpose of standards, where the responsibility lies for classroom instruction after SOL testing is completed, the possibility of expanding diagnostic tests and the possibility of a board work session regarding existing early-childhood programs.

Adjournment

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