

# Board of Education Agenda Item

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ October 27, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic:** First Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on the Board of Education Advisory Committee: the State Special Education Advisory Committee

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## Origin:

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; November 17, 2011

## Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action: date: action:

## Background Information:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that the state establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the state. The statute further requires that the membership include parents of children with disabilities; individuals with disabilities; teachers; representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel; state and local education officials; administrators of programs for children with disabilities; representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; representatives of private schools and public charter schools; a representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; a representative

from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care; and representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies. A majority of the members of the committee must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities. Membership structure includes a parent of a child with a disability from each of the eight regions.

The positions of a *representative of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities* and a *representative from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care* are currently vacant.

**Summary of Major Elements:**

Kathryn A. Hayfield, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Rehabilitative Services was nominated to fill the state agency vacancy by James Rothrock, Commissioner.

Cynthia Bauer, Senior Permanency Policy Specialist, Virginia Department of Social Services, was nominated to fill the foster care vacancy by Therese Wolf, Permanency Program Manager.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education accept for first review the nomination of Kathryn A. Hayfield and Cynthia Bauer to the State Special Education Advisory Committee.

**Impact on Resources:** The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the State Special Education Advisory Committee are supported through federal IDEA funds.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:** The Board of Education will be asked to conduct final review at its meeting November 17, 2011.