

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting October 27, 2011

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of the September 22, 2011, meeting

Recognitions

- The board presented resolutions to Isle of Wight County Public Schools, Mathews County Public Schools and Salem Public Schools for their recent accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS/CASI).
- The board recognized Stacy Hoeflich, a teacher at John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, for receiving the 2011 National History Teacher of the Year award.
- The board recognized Brenda L. Welburn for her service as executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Public Comment

- O.J. Cole, chairman of Mathews County Board of Supervisors, discussed support of school divisions regarding relief from mandates.
- John Persinger, chairman of Mathews County School Board, discussed financial support of school divisions.
- David Holleran, superintendent of Mathews County Public Schools, discussed the 65-percent rule and rigor in Standards of Learning (SOL).
- Angela Ciofe of JustChildren discussed financial support of public schools and effective schoolwide discipline.
- Rosa Atkins, superintendent of Charlottesville Public Schools and representing the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS), discussed career-and-college readiness and Algebra II.
- Brian Ratliff, superintendent of Amherst County Public Schools and representing VASS, discussed equalizing advanced learning opportunities for students.
- Amy Griffin, superintendent of Cumberland County Public Schools and representing VASS, discussed Algebra II and college-and-career readiness.
- Charles Lackey, superintendent of Franklin County Public Schools and representing VASS, discussed the need for board representation from the central, south or southwest part of the state.
- Roger Morris, superintendent of Patrick County Public Schools, discussed support of the division after the school fire and the need for further research concerning college readiness.
- Gail Pope, superintendent of Manassas Public Schools and representing VASS, discussed diverse student population and the impact of Algebra II as a college-ready designation.
- H. Alan Seibert, superintendent of Salem Public Schools and representing Region 6, discussed opposition of changing the “pass advance” status label.

Consent Agenda Items:

The board approved for final review 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 requests for ratings of “conditionally accredited” from Norfolk School Board and Northampton County School Board	The board approved the ratings of conditionally accredited for Norfolk Public Schools’ Lindenwood Elementary and Northampton County Public Schools’ Kiptopeke Elementary.

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Final review of request for rating of conditionally accredited from Norfolk Public Schools for Lafayette-Winona Middle School	The board approved maintaining a rating of accreditation denied for the 2011-2012 school year based on Lafayette-Winona Middle School's 2010-2011 assessments.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to approve education programs offered by Virginia institutions of higher education as required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.)	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendations to grant "approved" status to the education endorsement programs offered at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of William and Mary • University of Virginia and the University of Virginia's College at Wise • all other colleges and universities with the exception of the following two that were recommended for approval denied status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the music education-instrumental preK-12 program at Lynchburg College ○ the French preK-12 program at Old Dominion University The board is expected to take final action at the November 17 meeting.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to grant approval to add new education (endorsement) programs at Averett University, Bluefield College, George Mason University, Regent University, Shenandoah University, University of Richmond and Virginia State University	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to grant "approved" status to the new endorsement programs (including approval of partnerships and collaborations) at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Averett University • Bluefield College • George Mason University • Regent University • Shenandoah University • University of Richmond • Virginia State University The board is expected to take final action at the November 17 meeting.
First review of the process by which locally prescribed graduation requirements that exceed the requirements in 8 VAC 20-131-50 of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia may be amended or discontinued	The board accepted for first review the proposal to permit school divisions to rescind additional graduation requirements as long as the requirements meet or exceed those in the Standards of Accreditation. The board is expected to take final action at the November 17 meeting.
First review of the Board of Education's 2011 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The board received the draft for first review and provided VDOE staff with suggestions for additions and changes to be incorporated into the report prior to the final review at the November 17 meeting.
First review of nominations to fill vacancies on the Board of Education Advisory Committee's State Special Education Advisory Committee	The board accepted for first review the nomination of Kathryn A. Hayfield and Cynthia Bauer to the State Special Education Advisory Committee. The board is expected to take final action at the November 17 meeting.

Reports

The board accepted the following:

- Annual Report from the Virginia Council for Private Education
- Report from the Virginia Association of School Superintendents Regarding the Blueprint for the Future of Public Education
- Report on the Department of Education's Effective Schoolwide Discipline Initiative
- Report on Special Education Enrollment Trends

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Revoke the license of David Ryan Witten
- Reinstate the license of Casey Lynn Carico
- Issue a license in Case Number 1
- Revoke the license of Jessica Williams Guy
- Issue a license in Case Number 3
- Issued a license in Case Number 4

Adjournment

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