

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting November 17, 2011

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2011, meeting

Recognitions

- The board welcomed Emily Webb, special assistant to the secretary of education.
- The board welcomed Deputy Secretary of Education Javaid Siddiqi.
- The board presented a resolution to Bonnie Berry of Ottobine Elementary School in Rockingham County Public Schools for being named the 2011 National Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Global Association of Teachers of Economics.
- The board recognized November 13-19, 2011, as the 90th annual observation of American Education Week.
- The board honored Margaret Roberts for her service as executive assistant to the state board and her years with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

Public Comment

- Kitty Boitnott, president of the Virginia Education Association, discussed the “Mitchell 20: Teacher Quality is the Answer” movie and National Board Certification.
- Jeanette Sawyer, a parent, discussed disability student subgroups.
- Rev. Eddy Aliff, executive director of the Virginia Assembly of Independent Baptists, discussed the federal Early Learning Challenge opportunity and licensure of religious daycare programs.
- Edie Patterson, executive director of the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, discussed afterschool programs.
- Michelle Schmitt, a member of the leadership council of the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time, discussed afterschool programs.
- Sharon Veatch, executive director of the Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Network, discussed access to quality daycare.
- Angela Ciolfi, legal director of JustChildren, discussed school suspensions and exclusions.
- Juneilous Mason, a student, discussed results of expulsion.
- Crystal Shin, an attorney with JustChildren, read statement of former student Dyrell Carr regarding results of suspension.

Consent Agenda Item:

The board approved for final review the nominations to fill vacancies on the board’s state special education advisory committee.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final 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.)	<p>The board granted “approved” status to the education endorsement programs offered at:</p> <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 received “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 <p>Candidates enrolled in Lynchburg College’s music education-instrumental preK-12 program and Old Dominion University’s French preK-12 program will be permitted to complete their programs of study, however new candidates will not be admitted to the programs.</p>

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Final 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 approved the colleges' and universities' new endorsements.
Final 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 (SOA) may be amended or discontinued	The board approved the process that allows local school boards to discontinue or amend additional locally approved graduation requirements, so long as the remaining graduation requirements meet or exceed SOA requirements. The board also directed VDOE staff to provide guidance information to local school divisions.
Final review of the Board of Education's 2011 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The board adopted the report and instructed VDOE staff to make the necessary board additions, edits and technical updates prior to submission to the governor and General Assembly. The board also instructed VDOE staff to transmit the final report as required by the Code of Virginia and to post it on the VDOE website.
First review of a request from Carroll County Public Schools for approval of Waivers from the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131) to Establish a Virtual School	The board accepted Carroll County's request for first review. The board is expected to take final action at the January 12, 2012, meeting.
First review of recommended cut scores for the end-of-course Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II based on the 2009 mathematics standards	<p>The board accepted for first review the following cut scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 for pass/proficient ○ 45 for pass/advanced • Geometry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 for pass/proficient ○ 44 for pass/advanced • Algebra II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 for pass/proficient ○ 43 for advanced/college path <p>The board is expected to take final action at the January 12, 2012, meeting.</p>

Reports

- Annual Report of the State Special Education Advisory Committee

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Approve the renewal of a license in case #1.
- Deny reinstatement of the license of Adrian Houston.
- Not pursue petitioning for the revocation of the license in case #3 based on the information presented that did not show reasonable cause.

Adjournment

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