

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting January 12, 2012

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized for outstanding leadership and service to public education the following board members:

- Eleanor B. Saslaw, who served from June 2004-January 2012 and as president from 2010-2012
- Isis M. Castro, who served January 2004-January 2012

Public Comment

- Harold Wright, representing the Virginia Professors of Educational Leadership (VPEL), discussed principal evaluations.
- Tom Shields of VPEL discussed principal evaluations.
- Kitty Boitnott of the Virginia Education Coalition discussed educational funding.
- James Batterson of Suffolk discussed engineering program for K-5 students.
- Tim Herrity, a parent and Henrico County teacher, discussed Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and mathematics.
- Karen Richardson of the Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VISTE) discussed STEM education and virtual curriculum.
- Gary Petrazzuolo of United Parents to Restore Our Academic Resource (UPROAR) discussed a proposed Fairfax County to charter school.
- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed the draft waiver for NCLB flexibility.
- Arthur Bowman of Virginia's Children Engineering Council discussed an upcoming conference.
- Megan Tschannen-Moran of the College of William and Mary discussed principal evaluations.
- Cheryl Ward of Endependence Center and the Virginia Coalition for Students with Disabilities discussed the proposed NCLB flexibility waiver.

Consent Agenda Items:

The board approved the following items:

- 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 recommended cut scores for the end-of-course Standards of Learning (EOC SOL) tests in Algebra I and II based on the 2009 mathematics standards	<p>The board accepted 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

First review of revised Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals	The board accepted the guidelines for first review and is expected to consider this for final action at the February 23 meeting.
First review of proposed addition to Board of Education Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for High School Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools	The board accepted for first review the addition of the Mathematics Capstone course.
First review of proposed state-approved textbooks for K-12 English language arts	The board accepted the list of proposed recommended textbooks for first review. In addition, the board directed VDOE staff to conduct a 30-day public comment period. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the March meeting.
First review of Virginia's application for U.S. Department of Education (USED) flexibility from certain requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)	The board accepted for first review the proposed ESEA flexibility application with edits. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the February 23, meeting.

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

- Virginia's ranking in the newly released Quality Counts' The Global Challenge: Education in a Competitive World report from Education Week.
- Observations regarding the Rockbridge County charter school application presented to the Charter School Committee.

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to

- Petition the license holder in Case 1 for license revocation.

Adjournment

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