

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting February 23, 2012

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Election of President and Vice President

The board elected:

- David Foster as president
- Betsy Beamer as vice president

Approval of Minutes of the January 12 business meeting

Recognitions

The board recognized the following 2012 Regional Teachers of the Year:

- Region 1 — Jamie B. Mullenau, Hanover County Public Schools
- Region 2 — Thomas A. Shenk, Portsmouth Public Schools
- Region 3 — Lori G. Askew, Caroline County Public Schools
- Region 4 — Jamie B. Sawatzky, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Region 6 — Carol L. Webster, Roanoke County Public Schools
- Region 7 — Tiffany Carter, Bland County Public Schools
- Region 8 — Rachel B. Johnson, Mecklenburg County Public Schools
- Virginia Teacher of the Year and Region 5 — Margaret A. “Meg” Smith, Lynchburg Public Schools

Public Comment

- Kitty Boitnott, president of the Virginia Education Association, discussed House Bill 576.
- Joan Daly, a representative of the parent advocacy group United Parents to Restore Our Academic Resource (UPROAR), discussed proposed charter school in Fairfax County.
- Nicole Dooley of JustChildren, discussed proposed ESEA waiver.
- Gary Petrazzuolo, a representative of UPROAR, discussed proposed charter school in Fairfax County.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of proposed addition to Board of Education Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for High School Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools	The board approved adding the Mathematics Capstone course to the list of those satisfying graduation requirements and directed Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to notify school divisions of the addition.
Final review of revised Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals	The board approved the revised guidelines, with an effective date for school divisions no later than on July 1, 2013.
Final review of Virginia’s application for US Department of Education (USED) flexibility from certain requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)	The board approved the flexibility application and authorized the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the board president, to make technical amendments, submit the application to USED by the Feb. 28, 2012, deadline and negotiate substantive revisions to the application.
First review of the consensus report from the Board of Education Charter School Committee on the proposed Buffalo Creek Charter School application	The board waived first review and approved the Charter School Committee’s recommendation that the application meets all applicable board criteria, and directed VDOE staff to notify the applicant and the Rockbridge County School Board of the board’s action.

<p>First review of recommended cut scores for the Grades 3-8 Mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL) tests based on the 2009 Mathematics Standards</p>	<p>The board accepted for first review the following cut scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 16 out of 40 for fails/basic ▪ 26 out of 40 for pass/proficient ▪ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 17 out of 50 for fails/basic ▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient ▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced • Grade 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 18 out of 50 for fails/basic ▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient ▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced • Grade 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 16 out of 50 for fails/basic ▪ 28 out of 50 for pass/proficient ▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced • Grade 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 17 out of 50 for fails/basic ▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient ▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced • Grade 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 17 out of 50 for fails/basic ▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient ▪ 46 out of 50 for pass/advanced <p>The board is expected to consider this for final action at the March 22 meeting.</p>
<p>First review of timeline for the review and approval of the revised Fine Arts Standards of Learning</p>	<p>The board waived first review and approved the timeline for reviewing the SOLs for fine arts.</p>

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

- The board discussed the results of the fall administration of the new mathematics tests.

Adjournment

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