

# Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting March 22, 2012

## Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

## Recognitions

- The Board of Education (BOE) recognized Neil Beech, principal of Osbourn Park High School in Prince William County for being named the Virginia Recipient of the 2011 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

## Approval of Minutes

## Public Comment

- Stephen King, chairman of the Virginia Coalition of Fine Arts Teachers, discussed new teacher evaluation process.
- Eric Welch, executive director of the Fairfax Leadership Academy, discussed charter school application.
- Christine Adams, PTA president of Bailey's Elementary School in Fairfax County, discussed charter school application.
- Andrew McDevitt, parent and member of the Fairfax County School Board Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee, discussed charter school application.
- Jose Aguayo, graduate of Fairfax County Public Schools and treasurer of United for Social Justice, discussed charter school application.
- Tanya Naranjo Glorioso, parent and social services worker from Fairfax County, discussed charter school application.
- James Batterson of Suffolk discussed engineering endorsement.
- Joe Cox, Colonial Heights superintendent and chairman of Region I Superintendent's Study Group, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Amy Crafton, Colonial Heights mathematics teacher, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Jeff Blankenbeckler, Colonial Heights mathematics and special education teacher, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Kevin Napier, Colonial Heights student, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Valerie Knapp, Colonial Heights student, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Kitty Boitnott, president of the Virginia Education Association, discussed teacher contract issues before the General Assembly.
- Ben Kiser, Gloucester County superintendent and president-elect of Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS), discussed new mathematics assessments and the VASS Blueprint.
- Jim Merrill, Virginia Beach superintendent, discussed new mathematics assessments and the VASS Blueprint.
- Gail Pope, Manassas superintendent and chairman of Region 4 Superintendent's Study Group, discussed new mathematics assessments and English-as-a-Second-Language students.
- Alan Siebert, Salem superintendent and chairman of Region 6 Superintendent's Study Group, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Pam Moran, Albemarle County superintendent and VASS president, discussed new mathematics assessments.
- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed subgroup accountability and the federal waiver for No Child Left Behind.
- Ann Carson, president of Virginia PTA, discussed assessments.

## Action and Discussion Items

| Item  | Action   |
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| Final review of recommended cut scores for the Grades 3-8 mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL) tests based on the 2009 mathematics standards | <p>The board approved the following cut scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 16 out of 40 for fail/basic</li> <li>▪ 26 out of 40 for pass/proficient</li> <li>▪ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 17 out of 50 for fail/basic</li> <li>▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient</li> <li>▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Grade 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 18 out of 50 for fail/basic</li> <li>▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient</li> <li>▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Grade 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 16 out of 50 for fail/basic</li> <li>▪ 28 out of 50 for pass/proficient</li> <li>▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Grade 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 17 out of 50 for fail/basic</li> <li>▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient</li> <li>▪ 45 out of 50 for pass/advanced</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Grade 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 17 out of 50 for fail/basic</li> <li>▪ 31 out of 50 for pass/proficient</li> <li>▪ 46 out of 50 for pass/advanced</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Final review of proposed state-approved textbooks for K-12 English-language arts   | The board approved the list of recommended textbooks for K-12 English-language arts and directed staff to post the list on the VDOE website.   |
| First review of the consensus report from the BOE Charter School Committee on the proposed Fairfax Leadership Academy charter school application | The board accepted for first review the Charter School Committee's recommended finding that the Fairfax Leadership Academy application meets all applicable BOE charter school application criteria. The board is expected to consider the application for final action at the April 26 meeting.   |
| First review of a proposal to establish a Governor's STEM Academy for Engineering, Marketing & Information Technology Studies                    | The board accepted for first review the proposal to establish a STEM academy at Landstown High School & Technical Academy in Virginia Beach. The board is expected to consider the application for final action at the April 26 meeting.   |

## Reports

- Report on Major K-12 Legislation Passed by the 2012 General Assembly
- Report on Longitudinal Data - Increasing Virginia's Capacity to Understand Students' Pathways to Success in College and the Work Force

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

- Discussion of evaluation of fine arts teachers and other educators teaching subjects that do not have a corresponding SOL assessment.

## Adjournment

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