

Summary of the Board of Education's Planning Session & Business Meeting Held April 25-26, 2012

April 25, 2012, Planning Session

Introductory Remarks

Overview of Presentation Topics

The Board of Education heard presentations and reports on the following topics:

- Setting goals and measuring progress
- Highlights of progress in meeting Board of Education objectives
- Progress towards closing the achievement gap
- Profile of Virginia's instructional school personnel

April 26, 2012, Business Meeting

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2012, meeting

Public Comment

- Herb De Groft of the Isle of Wight School Board discussed recycling and conservation opportunities.
- Ron Smith of Styro Thermo Recycle Solutions discussed cost savings through recycling opportunities.
- Eric Welch, executive director of the Fairfax Leadership Academy, discussed proposed Fairfax charter school.
- Ravneet Kaur of Fairfax discussed proposed Fairfax charter school.
- Elliott Roth of Fairfax discussed proposed Fairfax charter school.
- Wanda Hernandez discussed proposed Fairfax charter school.
- Sukaina Alshami discussed proposed Fairfax charter school.
- Michael Cassidy of the Alliance for Virginia's Students Coalition discussed the Standards of Quality.

Written comments were received from the following:

- James Merrill, superintendent of Virginia Beach Public Schools
- Steven Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers
- Gary Petrazzuolo, representative of United Parents to Renovate Our Academic Resources (UPROAR)
- Vidya Ramanujam of Fairfax County

Consent Agenda

The board approved 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

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Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to promulgate regulations revising the Regulations Establishing the Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131) to include Standards for the Accreditation of public virtual schools operating under the authority of the local school boards	The board accepted the NOIRA for first review .The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.
Final review of a request from Carroll County Public Schools for approval of an alternative accreditation plan for Carroll County Public School's Virginia Virtual Academy (VAVA)	The board approved the alternative accreditation plan with certain waiver requests, beginning in school year 2011-2012 and continuing until virtual school accreditation regulations — pursuant to HB 1215 (2012) — become effective. The board also approved the one-time only waiver requests for school year 2011-2012: The board instructed VDOE staff to notify the Carroll County School Board and superintendent of the decision.
Final review of the consensus report from the Board of Education Charter School Committee on the proposed Fairfax Leadership Academy charter school application	The board approved the Charter School Committee's recommendation that the application for Fairfax Leadership Academy meets all applicable application criteria and directed VDOE staff to notify the applicant and the Fairfax County Board of Education of the action.
Final review of a proposal from Virginia Beach Public Schools to establish a governor's STEM academy for engineering, marketing, and information technology studies	The board approved the proposal to establish a Governor's STEM academy at Landstown High School and Technology Academy with a proposed start date of fall 2012.
First review of a proposal from Fairfax County Public Schools to establish the New Commonwealth Governor's STEM Academy at Chantilly High School and Chantilly Academy	The board accepted for first review the proposal to establish the New Commonwealth Governor's STEM Academy at Chantilly High School and Chantilly Academy with a proposed start date of fall 2013. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.
First review of a proposal from Roanoke County Public Schools to establish the Governor's STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology	The board accepted for first review the proposal to establish the Governor's STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology with a proposed start date of fall 2012. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.
First review of a proposal from Chesapeake City Public Schools to establish the Grassfield High School Governor's STEM Academy	The board accepted for first review the proposal to establish Grassfield High School Governor's STEM Academy with a proposed start date of fall 2012. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.
First review of revisions of industry, professional or trade association certification examinations and occupational competency assessments to meet the requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Advanced Mathematics and Technology seals and the student-selected verified credit	The board accepted for first review the revised list of industry certification examinations, occupational competency assessments and licenses to meet the requirements for the diploma seals and student-selected verified credit. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.
First Review of Timetable for the Review and Approval of the Revised Computer Technology Standards of Learning	The board waived first review and approved the timetable for review of the Computer Technology Standards of Learning.

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<p>First Review of Recommended Cut Scores for Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test (VMAST) for Grades 3-8 Mathematics and Algebra I</p>	<p>The board accepted for first review the following proposed "cut" scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 out of 32 for fail/basic ○ 22 out of 32 for pass/proficient ○ 29 out of 32 for pass/advanced • Grade 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 23 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 28 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 26 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 26 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 27 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Algebra I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 24 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 36 out of 40 for pass/advanced <p>The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.</p>
<p>First Review of a Recommended Cut Score for the Numeracy Requirement of the Modified Standard Diploma on the Grade 8 Standards of Learning Mathematics Tests Based on the 2009 Mathematics Standards</p>	<p>The Board of Education accepted for first review a cut score of 25 out of 50 on the grade 8 SOL mathematics test for the modified standard diploma. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the May 24 meeting.</p>

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Revoke the license of Joshua P. Myers.
- Revoke the license of Randall J. Pilon.
- Revoke the license of Wesley Brian Earnest.
- Revoke the license of Richard Sidebottom.
- Deny a license to Edward Esslinger.
- Suspend the license of Debra Carter Johnson until June 30, 2013.
- Issue a license in Case Number 4.
- Approve the issuance a provisional license in Case Number 6 upon employment in a Virginia public or accredited nonpublic school.

Adjournment

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