

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting November 29, 2012

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of the October 25, 2012, meeting

Recognitions

The board recognized Virginia's 2013 Regional Teachers of the Year and State Teacher of the Year.

Public Comment

- Nancy Armstrong, superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, discussed the consolidated campus and school.
- Michele Dowdy, co-chair of the Virginia Alliance for School Counseling, discussed Standards of Quality (SOQ).
- Jeree Harris, JustChildren, discussed truancy regulations and training for paraprofessionals working with students with autism spectrum disorder.
- Andy Stamp, associate executive director of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, discussed the SOQ.
- Wendell Roberts, staff attorney of the Virginia School Boards Association, discussed the SOQ.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality (SOQ)	The board approved the proposed amended SOQ revisions and directed VDOE staff to submit the recommendations, as well as applicable budget and legislative amendments to the governor and General Assembly as a part of the board's annual report.
Final review of the Board of Education's 2012 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The board approved the 2012 annual report with the understanding that VDOE staff will make any technical and editorial adjustments as necessary and will submit the report to the governor and General Assembly.
Final review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to approve the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations based on preK-12 school needs required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia	The board approved the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations for the following education programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of William and Mary • Old Dominion University • University of Virginia (UVA) and UVA's College at Wise. • all other colleges and universities with approved programs. The board also directed staff to notify the institutions of higher education and post the partnerships and collaborations on the VDOE website.
Final review of a proposal from Newport News Public Schools to establish the Heritage High School Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy	The board approved Newport News' proposal to establish the Heritage High School Governor's STEM Academy, with a proposed start date of September 2013.

Final review of request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Arlington County School Board for Arlington Mill High School	The board approved the proposed alternative accreditation plan for Arlington Mill High.
First review of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for Alexandria School Board for Jefferson-Houston Elementary School	The board accepted for first review the MOU with Alexandria Schools. Final review and the first update on the status of Jefferson-Houston Elementary is expected at the February 28, 2013, board meeting.
First review of a MOU for Norfolk School Board for Lafayette-Winona Middle School and William H. Ruffner Academy Middle School	The board accepted for first review the MOU with the Norfolk School Board for the two middle schools. Final review is expected at the January 10, 2013, board meeting.
First review of recommended cut scores for the end-of-course Standards of Learning tests in reading, earth science, biology and chemistry based on the 2010 English and science standards	The board accepted for first review the following cut scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 out of 50 for proficient ○ 45 out of 50 for advanced • Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 out of 50 for proficient ○ 45 out of 50 for advanced • Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 out of 50 for proficient ○ 44 out of 50 for advanced • End-of-course reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 31 out of 55 for proficient ○ 49 out of 55 for advanced/college path Final review is expected at the January 10, 2013, board meeting.
First review of a technical amendment to the Regulations Governing Unexcused Absences and Truancy (8 VAC 20-730)	The board waived first review and approved the technical amendment so that the regulations may continue to undergo the executive review process which includes being published in the Virginia Register of Regulations for a 30-day final public comment period prior to becoming effective. Local school divisions will be notified when the regulations become effective.
First review of revised Guidelines for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program for Education to conform to HB 321 and SB 131	The board accepted for first review the revised guidelines and directed staff to post the revised guidelines on the VDOE website for public comment. Final review is expected at the January 10, 2013, board meeting.
First review of proposed revisions to the Computer Technology Standards of Learning	The board accepted for first review the revisions and directed staff to begin a 30-day public comment period. Final review is expected at the January 10, 2013, board meeting.
First review of Training Standards for Paraprofessionals Assigned to Work with a Teacher Who has Primary Oversight of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	The board accepted for first review the proposed training standards. Final review is expected at the January 10, 2013, board meeting.
First review of nominations to fill vacancies on the Board of Education's ABTEL	The board waived first review and adopted the list of recommended nominees to fill ABTEL vacancies and directed VDOE staff to notify individuals of their ABTEL appointment.

Reports

The board accepted the following:

- Annual Report from the Virginia Council for Private Education
- Annual Report from the State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Revoke the license of Sara Nicole Hyden (Taylor)
- Approve the issuance of a license in Case #2
- Defer Case #1 until the January 10, 2013, meeting.

Adjournment

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