

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting February 28, 2013

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Recognitions

- The Board of Education welcomed recently appointed member Joan E. Wodiska and congratulated Dr. Oktay Baysal on his reappointment to full term.
- The board recognized LaKeshia Ames, a fourth-grade mathematics teacher at Churchland Primary and Intermediate School in Portsmouth, for being named the Virginia Recipient of the 2012 Milken Family Foundation National Education Award.

Public Comment

- Laura Murphy, parent, Fairfax County Public Schools, discussed policies on the presentation of sensitive topics and materials.
- Michael Gettings of Midlothian discussed science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics and creativity.
- Wendell Roberts, staff attorney, Virginia School Boards Association, discussed local textbook adoption.
- Nicole Dooley, attorney, JustChildren Program of the Legal Aid Justice Center, discussed diploma accommodations for students with disabilities.
- David Anderson, attorney representing the Association of American Publishers, discussed local textbook adoption.
- Shelia Bailey, director of student services, Hopewell Public Schools, discussed diploma accommodations.
- Kristian Havard of the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association, discussed pre-Labor Day opening guidelines.

Consent Agenda

The board approved the proposed timeline for the review of the Foreign Language Standards of Learning.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of proposed revised Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions (8 VAC 20-720-170) under the fast track provision of the Administrative Process Act (APA) to incorporate provisions regarding local selection of textbooks other than those approved by the Board of Education	The board amended and approved the proposed revised regulations and directed Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the next steps of the regulatory process under the Administrative Process Act (APA).
Final review of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Alexandria School Board for Jefferson-Houston Elementary School	The board approved the MOU for Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. The first update on the status of the school is tentatively scheduled (pending data release on the 2013 assessments) for the July 25 meeting.

Final review of proposal from Richmond County Public Schools to establish the Northern Neck Technical Center Governor's STEM Academy for Agriculture and Maritime Studies	The board approved the proposal to establish a Governor's STEM Academy in Richmond County. The proposed beginning date is school year 2013-14 with funding being provided at the local level.
Final review of proposed revisions to the Computer Technology SOLs	The board approved the revised Computer Technology SOLs and directed staff to post the SOLs on the VDOE website and to notify school divisions of the changes.
Final review of Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's (ABTEL) recommendation to grant approval to add new education (endorsement) programs at Averett University, Mary Baldwin College, Radford University, Regent University, University of Virginia (UVA) and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)	The board granted "approved" status to the new education (endorsement) programs, including the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations based on PreK-12 school needs for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Averett University • Mary Baldwin College • Radford University • Regent University • UVA • VCU
Final review of ABTEL's recommendation to grant approval to Washington and Lee University (Rockbridge Teacher Education Consortium-RTEC) to offer education (endorsement) programs	The board granted "approved" status to the new education programs, including the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations based on PreK-12 school needs, to Washington and Lee University RTEC.
First review of recommended cut scores for the grades 3-8 Reading SOL tests based on the 2010 English SOLs	The board accepted for first review the following cut scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 25 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 35 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 out of 40 for fail/basic ○ 25 out of 40 for pass/proficient ○ 35 out of 40 for pass/advanced • Grade 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11 out of 45 for fail/basic ○ 25 out of 45 for pass/proficient ○ 35 out of 45 for pass/advanced • Grade 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14 out of 45 for fail/basic ○ 28 out of 45 for pass/proficient ○ 40 out of 45 for pass/advanced • Grade 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14 out of 45 for fail/basic ○ 28 out of 45 for pass/proficient ○ 40 out of 45 for pass/advanced • Grade 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14 out of 4 for fail/basic ○ 28 out of 45 for pass/proficient ○ 40 out of 45 for pass/advanced The board is expected to consider this for final action at the March 28 meeting.

First review of proposed Guidelines for Standard Diploma Credit Accommodations for Students with Disabilities	The board accepted for first review the proposed guidelines for students with disabilities related to diploma credit accommodations. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the March 28 meeting.
First review of proposed amendments to the Guidelines for Considering and Approving Requests for Pre-Labor Day Openings	The board accepted for first review the proposed revised guidelines related to pre-Labor Day opening requests. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the March 28 meeting.
First review of recommendation of ABTEL to accredit the teacher education program at Sweet Briar College through a process approved by the Board of Education	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to accredit the professional education program at Sweet Briar College. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the March 28 meeting.

Reports

The board accepted the following reports:

- Implementation of a MOU for the Division Level Review for Petersburg Public Schools
- K-12 Legislation Passed by the 2013 General Assembly

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

- Board of Education President David M. Foster discussed his listening tour of Virginia school divisions.
- Mr. Foster requested that the superintendent of public instruction gather information on local policies on the presentation of sensitive topics and materials.

Adjournment

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