

## Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting October 24, 2013

### Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes** of the September 26, 2013, meeting.

### Public Comment

- Delegate Richard Bell, discussed including organ donation in health curriculum.
- Madison Shinaberry, a college student and double lung transplant, discussed including organ donation in the health curriculum.
- Laura Murphy, a Fairfax parent, discussed advanced notification of sensitive materials.
- Meg Gruber of the Virginia Education Association discussed the Standards of Accreditation and A-F grading law.
- Nicole Dooley of JustChildren discussed transition resources for students with disabilities.
- Steve Staples, Virginia Education Coalition, discussed A-F grading law.
- Amy Siebert — on behalf of Dr. Helen Ragazzi of the Academy of Pediatrics — discussed physical education guidelines.
- Christopher Ramos, American Heart Association, discussed physical education guidelines.
- Sarah Gross, parent and representative of the Virginia PTA, discussed A-F grading law.

### Consent Agenda

The board approved the following:

- Financial report on literary fund
- Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for amendments to the Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions (8 VAC 20-720) regarding use of controversial or sensitive instructional materials
- Final stage amendments to the Regulations Governing Driver Education (8 VAC 20-340) and the repeal of Regulations Governing the Approval of Correspondence Courses for Home Instruction (8 VAC 20-60)
- Revisions to criteria for the Virginia Index of Performance
- Request for a continued rating of “Conditionally Accredited” from Northampton County School Board for Kiptopeke Elementary School

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of proposal to place Franklin City Public Schools under division-level review status	The board approved placing Franklin Public Schools under division-level review status and requiring a division-level academic review. The board is expected to receive in January 2014 for first review from Franklin Public Schools a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and a corrective action plan.
Final review of MOU for Norfolk City School Board for Lindenwood Elementary School as required for schools denied accreditation – Updated as of Oct. 18, 2013	The board approved the MOU with the Norfolk School Board for Lindenwood Elementary School.
Final review of updated corrective action plan as required by Petersburg City School Board’s MOU with the Virginia Board of Education	The board approved Petersburg Public Schools’ updated corrective action plan.

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Final review of amendments to the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131) (Proposed stage)	The board approved the amendments to the 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) and to notify school divisions of the changes in the regulations when they become effective.
Final review of proposed A-F school grading formula developed in response to the 2013 Acts of Assembly	The board delayed final review of the A-F grading formula for one month to allow for additional public comment and will consider this for final action at the November 21 meeting.
Final review of revised Student Conduct Policy Guidelines consistent with actions by the 2013 General Assembly	The board approved the revised guidelines and directed staff to disseminate to local school divisions and to post on the VDOE website.
Final review of Board of Education's Model Policy to Address Bullying in Virginia's Schools	The board approved the model policy and directed staff to post it on the VDOE website and to distribute the policy to school divisions via a superintendent's memorandum.
First review of Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's (ABTEL) recommendation to grant approval to add new education (endorsement) programs at Averett University, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Old Dominion University, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College and Virginia Wesleyan College	The board accepted for first review the recommendation to grant approval of new education programs at the schools including the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations based on PreK-12 school needs for each of the programs. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the November 21 meeting.
First review of ABTEL's recommendation to approve education programs offered by Virginia institutions of higher education as required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.)	The board accepted for first review the recommendation to grant "Approved" status to the education programs at Virginia's 37 colleges and universities and "Approval Denied" status to the History and Social Sciences program at Emory and Henry College. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the November 21 meeting.
First review of proposed Physical Education Program Guidelines for Public Elementary and Middle Schools as required by HB 1092 (2012)	The board accepted for first review the proposed guidelines and is expected to consider this for final action at the November 21 meeting.
First review of consensus report from the Board of Education Charter School Committee on the proposed Metropolitan Preparatory Academy charter school application	The board accepted for first review the proposed charter school application and is expected to consider this for final action at the November 21 meeting.
First review of Board of Education's 2013 Annual Report on the Conditions and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia – Updated as of Oct. 18, 2013	The board accepted for first review the annual report and directed VDOE staff to make necessary revisions to reflect comments from board member. A final draft of the report is expected to be considered at the November 21 meeting.
First review of permanent amendments to the Regulations Governing Adult High School Programs (8 VAC 20-680) and repeal of the Regulations Governing the General Achievement Diplomas (8 VAC 20-680) to replace the emergency regulations required by HB 1061 and SB 489 (2012) (Proposed stage)	The board accepted for first review the permanent amendments to the regulations and directed VDOE staff to proceed with the next steps of the regulatory process under APA and to notify school divisions of the changes in the regulations when they become effective.
Second review of proposed revisions to Virginia School Bus Specifications	The board accepted for second review the proposed revisions and directed staff to post the updated revisions — related to warning light switches and requirements for fire suppression systems — to the VDOE website for 10 days to provide school divisions and other interested parties with the opportunity to review them and offer comments. The comments will be compiled and presented to the board for final consideration at the November 21 meeting.

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## **Reports**

The board accepted the following:

- Annual Report from the State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)
- Report on School Nutrition Programs: Overview of Existing Programs, Regulatory Changes and New Initiatives

## **Executive Session**

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Deny a license to Xavier Linwood Downs;
- Revoke the license of Robert Cass Fenn;
- Deny a license to Tanjiah Amina Hamilton;
- Issue a license in Case #4;
- Require that in Case #5 the individual appear before the board if renewal of the license is requested;
- Defer Case #6;
- Take no action against the license in Case #7;
- Issue a license in Case #8;
- Deny a license to Carron L. Penn; and
- Revoke the license of Aaron D. Siegrist.

## **Adjournment**

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