

Summary of the Board of Education Business Meeting November 21, 2013

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of the October 24 meeting

Public Comment

- Steve Staples of the Virginia Education Coalition discussed A-F grading system.
- Nicole Dooley of JustChildren discussed ESEA waiver.
- Keenan Caldwell of the American Cancer Society discussed physical education guidelines.

Announcement

The board pulled for first review of Virginia's renewal application for waivers from certain requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) based on information from the US Department of Education and is expected to consider this for first review at the January 16 meeting.

Consent Agenda

The board approved the following:

- Final 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)
- Final review of proposed revisions to Virginia School Bus Specifications

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of consensus report from the Board of Education Charter School Committee on the proposed Metropolitan Preparatory Academy Charter School application	The board delayed final review pending additional information from the applicant and from the Charter School Committee and is expected to consider this for final action at the January 16 meeting.
Final review of proposed Physical Education (PE) Program Guidelines for Public Elementary and Middle Schools as required by House Bill (HB) 1092 (2012)	The board approved the proposed PE guidelines and directed staff to post them on the VDOE website and disseminate them to local school divisions via a Superintendent's Memo.
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, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Old Dominion University, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College and Virginia Wesleyan College	The board accepted ABTEL's recommendation and approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Averett — administration and supervision PK-12; graduate level • Hollins — special education: general curriculum K-12; graduate • Lynchburg — music education: instrumental PK-12, undergraduate • Old Dominion — foreign language: French PK-12, undergraduate • Randolph — science: earth science, undergraduate • Randolph-Macon — special education: general curriculum K-12, undergraduate • Shenandoah — health and physical education PK-12, graduate • Sweet Briar — music education: instrumental PK-12, graduate • Virginia Wesleyan — music education: vocal/choral PK-12, undergraduate; and theatre arts PK-12, undergraduate
Final 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 of Education accepted ABTEL's recommendations concerning education (endorsement) programs as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Approval Denied" status to the history and social sciences program at Emory and Henry College. • "Approved" status at all other colleges and universities.

Final review of proposed A-F school grading formula in response to the 2013 Acts of the Assembly	The board approved the grading formula including the point-to-grade conversions presented in Option B for elementary and middle schools and the Hybrid A/B option for high schools as well as calculating pass rates for the proficiency component using accreditation adjustments and called for an annual review of the grading formula following the release of school grades each fall.
Final review of board's 2013 Annual Report on the Conditions and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia	The board approved the annual report with suggested addition and edits and directed VDOE staff to make any technical or editorial edits necessary and submit it to the governor and General Assembly.
First review of updated corrective action plan and memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Sussex County School Board and the Virginia Board of Education	The board accepted Sussex County's updated corrective action plan and MOU and is expected to consider this for final action at the January 16 meeting.
First review of guidance related to maximum class size requirements in the Standards of Quality (SOQ) for grades K-6	The board accepted the guidance for first review and is expected to consider this for final action at the January 16 meeting.
First review of recommended revisions to the substitute tests approved for verified credit	The board accepted the revised list of substitute tests for first review and is expected to consider this for final action at the January 16 meeting.
First review of nominations to fill vacancies on the board of Education's ABTEL and the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted	The board waived first review and approved the recommendations for appointment to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted — Robert Hundley, chairman of Hanover County School Board, to fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2016. • Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure — Allen Bierlair, a teacher with Chesterfield County Public Schools, to fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2014.

Reports

The board accepted the following:

- Annual report from the Virginia Council for Private Education

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- issue a license in Case #1.

Adjournment

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