

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: H

Date: February 27, 2014

Title	First Review of Proposed Revisions to the <i>Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel</i> (8VAC20-440-10 et seq.) (Reconsideration of Proposed Stage)		
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Purpose of Presentation:

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Previous Review or Action:

Previous review and action. Specify date and action taken below:

Date: October 25, 2012

Action: Approval of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to Revise the *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* (8VAC20-440-10 et seq.)

Date: June 27, 2013

Action: Final Review of Proposed Revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* (8VAC20-440-10 et seq.) (Proposed Stage)

Action Requested:

Action will be requested at a future meeting. Specify anticipated date below:

March 27, 2014

Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
X	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify:

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Goal 5: The *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* provide policies and procedures regarding contracts for teachers, assistant principals, principals, and supervisors.

The *Constitution of Virginia* grants the Board of Education authority for the general supervision of the public school system and Section 22.1-16 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of this title.

Constitution of Virginia ([Article VIII, Section 4](#)): “The general supervision of the public school system shall be vested in a Board of Education....”

Code of Virginia, Section [22.1-16](#). Bylaws and regulations generally.

The Board of Education may adopt bylaws for its own government and promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of this title.

Appendix A sets forth the *Code of Virginia* sections amended during the 2012 and 2013 Virginia General Assembly sessions that provide the statutory authority to revise the *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel*.

The *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* became effective April 20, 1994, and were amended effective March 28, 2003. On October 25, 2012, the Board of Education approved the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA), which is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA) and Executive Order 14 (2010). The NOIRA was filed with the Virginia Registrar, and the public comment period for the NOIRA concluded on January 30, 2013. No comments were received during the NOIRA public comment period. On June 27, 2013, the Board of Education approved the proposed *Regulations Governing the Employment of Personnel* (Proposed Stage) to undergo executive review.

Summary of Important Issues:

After the Board of Education approved the proposed *Regulations Governing the Employment of Personnel* (Proposed Stage) on June 27, 2013, the executive review process commenced. During this review, **Part II Uniform Hiring of Teachers** of the *Regulations Governing the Employment of Personnel* was stricken from the text because the *Constitution of Virginia* (Article VIII, Section 7) provides that “The supervision of schools in each school division shall be vested in a school board, to be composed of members selected in the manner, for the term, possessing the qualifications, and to the number provided by law.” The employment of teachers is the responsibility of a school board. Attached in Appendix B are proposed *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* removing **Part II Uniform Hiring of Teachers**.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

The administrative impact required in promulgating these regulations will be absorbed within existing resources.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

The timetable is governed by the requirements of the Administrative Process Act. Following approval by the Board, the regulations will continue through the executive review by the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Planning and Budget, the Secretary of Education, and the Governor. Upon approval by the Governor, the proposed regulations are published in the *Virginia Register*, and there is a 60-day public comment period. Once the 60-day comment period is complete, the regulations will be

presented to the Board of Education, with any changes as a result of public comment, for final review and approval.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive for first review the proposed revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* (Reconsideration of Proposed Stage).

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Virginia General Assembly
2012 and 2013 Legislation Requiring Revisions to the
Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel (8VAC20-440-10 et seq.)

APPENDIX B

PROPOSED REGULATIONS
Comprehensive Revision of the
Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel

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The 2012 Virginia General Assembly approved House Bill [76](#) and Senate Bill [278](#) to amend and re-enact § [22.1-304](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, as follows. Senate Bill [278](#) bill is identical to House Bill [76](#).

§ [22.1-304](#). Reemployment of teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status; effect of continuing contract; resignation of teacher; reduction in number of teachers.

A. If a teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status receives notice of reemployment, he must accept or reject in writing within 15 days of receipt of such notice. Except as provided in § [22.1-305](#) and except in the case of a reduction in force as provided in subsection F, written notice of nonrenewal of the contract must be given by the school board on or before ~~April~~ *June* 15 of each year. If no such notice is given a teacher by ~~April~~ *June* 15, the teacher shall be entitled to a contract for the ensuing year in accordance with local salary stipulations including increments.

B. Teachers employed after completing the probationary period shall be entitled to continuing contracts during good behavior and competent service and prior to the age at which they are eligible or required to retire except as hereinafter provided. Written notice of noncontinuation of the contract by either party must be given by ~~April~~ *June* 15 of each year; otherwise the contract continues in effect for the ensuing year in conformity with local salary stipulations including increments.

C. A teacher may resign after ~~April~~ *June* 15 of any school year with the approval of the local school board or, upon authorization by the school board, with the approval of the division superintendent. The teacher shall request release from contract at least two weeks in advance of intended date of resignation. Such request shall be in writing and shall set forth the cause of resignation.

If the division superintendent has been authorized to approve resignations, a teacher may, within one week, withdraw a request to resign. Upon the expiration of the one-week period, the division superintendent shall notify the school board of his decision to accept or reject the resignation. The school board, within two weeks, may reverse the decision of the division superintendent.

In the event that the board or the division superintendent declines to grant the request for release on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause, and the teacher breaches such contract, disciplinary action, which may include revocation of the teacher's license, may be taken pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Board of Education.

D. As soon after ~~April~~ *June* 15 as the school budget shall have been approved by the appropriating body, the school board shall furnish each teacher a statement confirming continuation of employment, setting forth assignment and salary.

Nothing in the continuing contract shall be construed to authorize the school board to contract for any financial obligation beyond the period for which funds have been made available with which to meet such obligation.

E. A school board may reduce the number of teachers, whether or not such teachers have reached continuing contract status, because of decrease in enrollment or abolition of particular subjects.

F. Within two weeks of the approval of the school budget by the appropriating body, but no later than June 1, school boards shall notify all teachers who may be subject to a reduction in force due to a decrease in the school board's budget as approved by the appropriating body.

The 2013 Virginia General Assembly approved Senate Bill [1223](#) to amend and re-enact §§ [2.2-507](#), [22.1-79](#), [22.1-253.13:5](#), [22.1-293](#), [22.1-294](#), [22.1-295](#), [22.1-298.1](#), [22.1-299](#), [22.1-302](#), [22.1-303](#), [22.1-304](#), [22.1-305](#), [22.1-305.1](#), [22.1-306](#), [22.1-307](#), [22.1-309](#), [22.1-311](#), [22.1-313](#), and [22.1-314](#) of the *Code of Virginia* and to repeal §§ [22.1-299.3](#), [22.1-310](#), and [22.1-312](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, relating to public schools; evaluation policies and grievance procedures.

§ [22.1-253.13:5](#). Standard 5. Quality of classroom instruction and educational leadership.

A. Each member of the Board of Education shall participate in high-quality professional development programs on personnel, curriculum and current issues in education as part of his service on the Board.

B. Consistent with the finding that leadership is essential for the advancement of public education in the Commonwealth, teacher, ~~administrator~~ *principal*, and superintendent evaluations shall be consistent with the performance ~~objectives~~ *standards* included in the Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers, ~~Administrators~~ *Principals*, and Superintendents. *Evaluations shall include student academic progress as a significant component and an overall summative rating.* Teacher evaluations shall include regular observation and evidence that instruction is aligned with the school's curriculum. Evaluations shall include identification of areas of individual strengths and weaknesses and recommendations for appropriate professional activities.

C. The Board of Education shall provide guidance on high-quality professional development for (i) teachers, principals, supervisors, division superintendents, and other school staff; (ii) ~~administrative and supervisory personnel~~ *principals, supervisors, and division superintendents* in the evaluation and documentation of teacher and ~~administrator~~ *principal* performance based on student academic progress and the skills and knowledge of such instructional or administrative personnel; (iii) school board members on personnel, curriculum and current issues in education; and (iv) programs in Braille for teachers of the blind and visually impaired, in cooperation with the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired.

The Board shall also provide technical assistance on high-quality professional development to local school boards designed to ensure that all instructional personnel are proficient in the use of educational technology consistent with its comprehensive plan for educational technology.

D. Each local school board shall require (i) its members to participate annually in high-quality professional development activities at the state, local, or national levels on governance, including, but not limited to, personnel policies and practices; *the evaluation of personnel*, curriculum, and instruction; use of data in planning and decision making; and current issues in education as part of their service on the local board and (ii) the division superintendent to participate annually in high-quality professional development activities at the local, state, or national levels, *including the Standards of Quality, Board of Education regulations, and the Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers, Principals, and Superintendents.*

E. Each local school board shall provide a program of high-quality professional development (i) in the use and documentation of performance standards and evaluation criteria based on student academic progress and skills for teachers, *principals*, and ~~administrators~~ *superintendents* to clarify roles and performance expectations and to facilitate the successful implementation of instructional programs that promote student achievement at the school and classroom levels; (ii) as part of the license renewal process, to assist teachers and principals in acquiring the skills needed to work with gifted students, students with disabilities, and students who have been identified as having limited English proficiency and to increase student achievement and expand the knowledge and skills students require to meet the standards for academic performance set by the Board of Education; (iii) in educational technology for all instructional personnel which is designed to facilitate integration of computer skills and related technology into the curricula; and (iv) for ~~administrative personnel~~ *principals and supervisors* designed to increase proficiency in instructional leadership and management, including training in the evaluation and documentation of teacher and ~~administrator~~ *principal* performance based on student academic progress and the skills and knowledge of such instructional or administrative personnel.

In addition, each local school board shall also provide teachers and principals with high-quality professional development programs each year in ~~(i)~~ (a) instructional content; ~~(ii)~~ (b) the preparation of tests and other assessment measures; ~~(iii)~~ (c) methods for assessing the progress of individual students, including Standards of Learning assessment materials or other criterion-referenced tests that match locally developed objectives; ~~(iv)~~ (d) instruction and remediation techniques in English, mathematics, science, and history and social science; ~~(v)~~ (e) interpreting test data for instructional purposes; ~~(vi)~~ (f) technology applications to implement the Standards of Learning; and ~~(vii)~~ (g) effective classroom management.

F. Schools and school divisions shall include as an integral component of their comprehensive plans required by § [22.1-253.13:6](#), high-quality professional development programs that support the recruitment, employment, and retention of qualified teachers and principals. Each school board shall require all instructional personnel to participate each year in these professional development programs.

G. Each local school board shall annually review its professional development program for quality, effectiveness, participation by instructional personnel, and relevancy to the instructional needs of teachers and the academic achievement needs of the students in the school division.

§ [22.1-293](#). School boards authorized to employ principals and assistant principals; license required; powers and duties.

A. A school board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent, may employ principals and assistant principals. Persons employed in these positions shall hold licenses as prescribed by the Board of Education.

B. A principal shall provide instructional leadership in, shall be responsible for the administration of, and shall supervise the operation and management of the school or schools and property to which he has been assigned, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the school board and under the supervision of the division superintendent.

C. A principal may submit recommendations to the division superintendent for the appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer, and dismissal of all personnel assigned to his supervision. ~~Beginning September 1, 2000, (i) principals~~ *Principals* must have received training, provided pursuant to § [22.1-253.13:5](#), in the evaluation and documentation of employee performance, which evaluation and documentation shall include, but shall not be limited to, employee skills and knowledge and student academic progress, prior to submitting such recommendations; ~~and (ii) assistant~~ *Assistant* principals and other ~~administrative~~ *supervisory* personnel participating in the evaluation and documentation of employee performance must also have received such training in the evaluation and documentation of employee performance.

D. A principal shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the division superintendent pursuant to the rules and regulations of the school board.

§ [22.1-294](#). Probationary terms of service for principals, assistant principals, and supervisors; evaluation; reassigning principal, assistant principal, or supervisor to teaching position.

A. A person employed as a principal, assistant principal, or supervisor, including a person who has previously achieved continuing contract status as a teacher, shall serve *a probationary term of three years* in such position in the same school division before acquiring continuing contract status as principal, assistant principal, or supervisor. *With such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose, school boards shall provide each probationary principal, except probationary principals who have prior successful experience as principals, as determined by the local school board in a school division, a mentor, as described in guidelines developed by the Board, during the first year of the probationary period, to assist such probationary principal in achieving excellence in administration.*

B. Each local school board shall adopt for use by the division superintendent clearly defined criteria for a performance evaluation process for principals, assistant principals, and supervisors that are consistent with the performance ~~objectives~~ *standards* set forth in the Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers, ~~Administrators~~ *Principals*, and Superintendents as provided in § [22.1-253.13:5](#) and that includes, among other things, an assessment of such administrators' skills and knowledge; student academic progress and school gains in student learning; and effectiveness in addressing school safety and enforcing student discipline. The division superintendent shall implement such performance evaluation process in making employment recommendations to the school board pursuant to § [22.1-293](#). *Principals and assistant principals who have achieved continuing contract status shall be formally evaluated at least once every three years and evaluated informally at least once each year that they are not formally evaluated. Probationary principals and assistant principals shall be evaluated each school year. The division superintendent shall consider such evaluations, among other things, in making recommendations to the school board regarding the nonrenewal of the probationary contract of any principal or assistant principal.*

C. Continuing contract status acquired by a principal, assistant principal, or supervisor shall not be construed (i) as prohibiting a school board from reassigning such principal, assistant principal, or supervisor to a teaching position if notice of reassignment is given by the school board by ~~April~~ *June* 15 of any year or (ii) as entitling any such principal, assistant principal, or supervisor to the salary paid him as principal, assistant principal, or supervisor in the case of any such reassignment to a teaching position.

D. No such salary reduction and reassignment, however, shall be made without first providing such principal, assistant principal, or supervisor with written notice of the reason for such reduction and reassignment and an opportunity to present his or her position at an informal meeting with the division superintendent, the division superintendent's designee or the school board. *Before recommending such reassignment, the division superintendent shall consider, among other things, the performance evaluations for such principal, assistant principal, or supervisor.* The principal, assistant principal, or supervisor shall elect whether such meeting shall be with the division superintendent, the division superintendent's designee, or the school board. The school board, division superintendent, or the division superintendent's designee shall determine what processes are to be followed at the meeting. The decision to reassign and reduce salary shall be at the sole discretion of the school board.

The intent of this section is to provide an opportunity for a principal, assistant principal, or supervisor to discuss the reasons for such salary reduction and reassignment with the division superintendent, his designee, or the school board, and the provisions of this section are meant to be procedural only. Nothing contained herein shall be taken to require cause, as defined in § [22.1-307](#), for the salary reduction and reassignment of a principal, assistant principal, or supervisor.

E. As used in this section, "supervisor" means a person who holds ~~a~~ *an instructional* supervisory position as specified in the regulations of the Board of Education and who is required to hold a license as prescribed by the Board of Education.

§ [22.1-295](#). Employment of teachers.

A. The teachers in the public schools of a school division shall be employed and placed in appropriate schools by the school board upon recommendation of the division superintendent. In placing teachers, school boards shall fill positions with licensed instructional personnel qualified in the relevant subject areas.

B. School boards shall adopt employment policies and practices designed to promote the employment and retention of highly qualified teachers and to effectively serve the educational needs of students. Such policies shall include, but need not be limited to, incentives for excellence in teaching, including financial support for teachers attending professional development seminars or those seeking and obtaining national certification.

C. School boards shall develop a procedure for use by division superintendents and principals in evaluating ~~instructional personnel~~ *teachers* that is appropriate to the tasks performed and addresses, among other things, student academic progress and the skills and knowledge of instructional personnel, including, but not limited to, instructional methodology, classroom management, and subject matter knowledge.

~~Instructional personnel~~ *Teachers* employed by local school boards who have achieved continuing contract status shall be *formally* evaluated ~~not less than~~ *at least* once every three years *and more often as deemed necessary by the principal, and they shall be evaluated informally during each year in which they are not formally evaluated.* Any ~~instructional personnel, teacher~~ *teacher* who has achieved continuing contract status, ~~receiving~~ *who receives* an unsatisfactory formal evaluation *and* who continues to be employed by the local school board shall be *formally* evaluated ~~no later than one year after receiving such unsatisfactory evaluation~~ *in the following year.* The evaluation shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file.

Each local superintendent shall annually certify divisionwide compliance with the provisions of this section to the Department.

§ [22.1-302](#). Written contracts required; execution of contracts; qualifications of temporarily employed teachers; rules and regulations.

A. A written contract, in a form ~~prescribed~~ *permitted* by the Board of Education ~~Education's regulations~~, shall be made by the school board with each teacher employed by it, except those who are temporarily employed, before such teacher enters upon his duties. Such contract shall be signed in duplicate, with a copy thereof furnished to both parties.

The standard 10-month contract shall include 200 days, including (i) a minimum of 180 teaching days or 990 instructional hours and (ii) up to 20 days for activities such as teaching, participating in professional development, planning, evaluating, completing records and reports, participating on committees or in conferences, or such other activities as may be assigned or approved by the local school board.

A temporarily employed teacher, as used in this section, ~~shall mean~~ *means* (i) one who is employed to substitute for a contracted teacher for a temporary period of time during the contracted teacher's absence; or (ii) one who is employed to fill a teacher vacancy for a period of time, but for no longer than 90 teaching days in such vacancy, unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on a case-by-case basis, during one school year.

B. The Board of Education shall promulgate regulations regarding temporarily employed teachers, as defined in this section, which shall provide that such teachers be at least ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age and that they hold a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) certificate.

A temporarily employed teacher is not required to be licensed by the Board of Education, nor is the local school board required to enter into a written contract with a temporarily employed teacher. However, local school boards shall establish employment qualifications for temporarily employed teachers which may exceed the Board's regulations for the employment of such teachers. School boards shall also seek to ensure that temporarily employed teachers who are engaged as long-term substitutes shall exceed baseline employment qualifications.

C. A separate contract in a form ~~prescribed~~ *permitted* by the Board of Education shall be executed by the school board with ~~such employee~~ *a teacher* who is receiving a monetary supplement for any athletic coaching or extracurricular activity sponsorship assignment. This contract shall be separate and apart from the contract for teaching.

Termination of a separate contract for any athletic coaching or extracurricular activity sponsorship assignment by either party thereto shall not constitute cause for termination of the separate teaching contract of the coach or teacher.

All such contracts shall require the party intending to terminate the coaching or extracurricular activity sponsorship contract to give reasonable notice to the other party before termination thereof shall become effective.

For the purposes of this section, "extracurricular activity sponsorship" means an assignment for which a monetary supplement is received, requiring responsibility for any student organizations, clubs, or groups, such as service clubs, academic clubs and teams, cheerleading squads, student publication and literary groups, and visual and performing arts organizations except those that are conducted in conjunction with regular classroom, curriculum, or instructional programs.

§ [22.1-303](#). Probationary terms of service for teachers.

A. A probationary term of service ~~for three~~ *of at least three years and, at the option of the local school board, up to five years* in the same school division shall be required before a teacher is issued a continuing contract. School boards shall provide each probationary teacher except probationary teachers who have prior successful teaching experience, as determined by the local school board in a school division, a mentor teacher, as described by Board guidelines developed pursuant to § [22.1-305.1](#), during the first year of the probationary period, to assist such probationary teacher in achieving excellence in instruction. During the probationary period, such probationary teacher shall be evaluated annually based upon the evaluation procedures developed by the employing school board for use by the division superintendent and principals in evaluating ~~instructional personnel~~ *teachers* as required by subsection C of § [22.1-295](#). *A teacher in his first year of the probationary period shall be evaluated informally at least once during the first semester of the school year.* The division superintendent shall consider such evaluations, among other things, in making any recommendations to the school board regarding the nonrenewal of such probationary teacher's contract as provided in § [22.1-305](#).

If the teacher's performance evaluation during the probationary period is not satisfactory, the school board shall not reemploy the teacher; however, nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to require cause, as defined in § [22.1-307](#), for the nonrenewal of the contract of a teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status.

Any teacher hired on or after July 1, 2001, shall be required, as a condition of achieving continuing contract status, to have successfully completed training in instructional strategies and techniques for intervention for or remediation of students who fail or are at risk of failing the Standards of Learning assessments. Local school divisions shall be required to provide said training at no cost to teachers employed in their division. In the event a local school division fails to offer said training in a timely manner, no teacher will be denied continuing contract status for failure to obtain such training.

B. Once a continuing contract status has been attained in a school division in the Commonwealth, another probationary period need not be served in any other school division unless such probationary period, not to exceed ~~one year~~ *two years*, is made a part of the contract of employment. Further, when a teacher has attained continuing contract status in a school division in the Commonwealth, and separates from and returns to teaching service in a school division in Virginia by the beginning of the third year, such teacher shall be required to serve a probationary period not to exceed ~~one year~~ *two years*, if made a part of the contract for employment.

C. For the purpose of calculating the ~~three~~ years of service required to attain continuing contract status, at least 160 contractual teaching days during the school year shall be deemed the equivalent of one year in the first year of service by a teacher.

D. Teachers holding three-year local eligibility licenses pursuant to § [22.1-299.3](#) issued prior to July 1, 2013, shall not be eligible for continuing contract status while teaching under the authority of such license. Upon attainment of a collegiate professional or postgraduate professional license issued by the Department of Education, such teachers shall serve ~~the three-year~~ a probationary-period term of service of at least three years and, at the option of the local school board, up to five years prior to being eligible for continuing contract status pursuant to this section.

§ [22.1-304](#). Reemployment of teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status; effect of continuing contract; resignation of teacher; reduction in number of teachers.

A. If a teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status receives notice of reemployment, he must accept or reject in writing within 15 days of receipt of such notice. Except as provided in § [22.1-305](#) and except in the case of a reduction in force as provided in subsection F, written notice of nonrenewal of the *probationary* contract must be given by the school board on or before June 15 of each year. If no such notice is given a teacher by June 15, the teacher shall be entitled to a contract for the ensuing year in accordance with local salary stipulations including increments.

B. Teachers employed after completing the probationary period shall be entitled to continuing contracts during good behavior and competent service ~~and prior to the age at which they are eligible or required to retire except as hereinafter provided~~. Written notice of noncontinuation of the contract by either party must be given by June 15 of each year; otherwise the contract continues in effect for the ensuing year in conformity with local salary stipulations including increments.

C. A teacher may resign after June 15 of any school year with the approval of the local school board or, upon authorization by the school board, with the approval of the division superintendent. The teacher shall request release from contract at least two weeks in advance of intended date of resignation. Such request shall be in writing and shall set forth the cause of resignation.

If the division superintendent has been authorized to approve resignations, a teacher may, within one week, withdraw a request to resign. Upon the expiration of the one-week period, the division superintendent shall notify the school board of his decision to accept or reject the resignation. The school board, within two weeks, may reverse the decision of the division superintendent.

In the event that the board or the division superintendent declines to grant the request for release on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause, and the teacher breaches such contract, disciplinary action, which may include revocation of the teacher's license, may be taken pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Board of Education.

D. As soon after June 15 as the school budget shall have been approved by the appropriating body, the school board shall furnish each teacher a statement confirming continuation of employment, setting forth assignment and salary.

Nothing in the continuing contract shall be construed to authorize the school board to contract for any financial obligation beyond the period for which funds have been made available with which to meet such obligation.

E. A school board may reduce the number of teachers, whether or not such teachers have reached continuing contract status, because of decrease in enrollment or abolition of particular subjects.

F. Within two weeks of the approval of the school budget by the appropriating body, but no later than ~~June~~ July 1, school boards shall notify all teachers who may be subject to a reduction in force due to a decrease in the school board's budget as approved by the appropriating body.

G. If a school board implements a reduction in workforce pursuant to this section, such reduction shall not be made solely on the basis of seniority but must include consideration of, among other things, the performance evaluations of the teachers potentially affected by the reduction in workforce.

§ [22.1-305](#). Nonrenewal of contract of probationary teacher.

A. Before a division superintendent recommends to the school board nonrenewal of the contract of a teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status, the division superintendent shall consider, among other things, the performance evaluations for such teacher required by § [22.1-303](#) and shall notify the teacher of the proposed recommendation. Upon written request of the teacher within five working days after receipt of such notice, the division superintendent or his designee shall orally provide the specific reasons, if any, for such recommendation, along with supporting documentation, including such performance evaluations, to the teacher and, if requested by the teacher, to his or her representative. Within ~~ten~~ 10 days after receiving such reasons, the teacher may request, by notification in writing to the division superintendent, a conference before the division superintendent. Upon such request, the division superintendent shall set a date for the conference, which shall be within ~~thirty~~ 30 days of the request, and shall give the teacher at least ~~fifteen~~ 15 days' notice of the time and place of the conference.

B. The conference shall be before the division superintendent or his designee. No such designee shall have recommended to the division superintendent the nonrenewal of the teacher's contract. The teacher and the person or persons who recommended the nonrenewal of the teacher's contract to the division superintendent, or a representative of either or both, shall be allowed to participate in the conference, but no such representative shall be an attorney.

C. If the conference is before a designee of the division superintendent, the designee shall communicate his recommendations to the division superintendent and to the teacher.

D. The division superintendent shall notify the teacher, in writing, of his intention with respect to the recommendation within ~~ten~~ 10 days after the conference.

E. In any case in which a teacher requests ~~a conference~~ *reasons for the recommendation* as provided in this section, written notice of nonrenewal of the contract by the school board must be given *either within 10 days after the time for requesting a conference has expired and the teacher has not made a timely request for a conference or, if a conference is requested, within* ~~thirty~~ 30 days after the division superintendent notifies the teacher of his intention with respect to the recommendation and the provisions of § [22.1-304](#) requiring such notice on or before ~~April~~ June 15 shall not be applicable.

F. The conference shall be confidential and no written or oral communication of such conference shall be made to anyone other than the school board, in executive session, and employees of the school division having an interest therein; however, both the teacher and the division superintendent, upon request, may provide the reasons for the nonrenewal to a potential employer of the teacher.

G. The provisions of this section shall be inapplicable when a decrease in enrollment or the abolition of a particular subject or reduction in the number of classes offered in a particular subject causes a reduction in the number of teachers; however, a statement to that effect shall be placed in the personnel file of each teacher whose contract is nonrenewed for any such reason.

H. The intent of this section is to provide an opportunity for a probationary teacher to discuss the reasons for nonrenewal with the division superintendent or his designee, and the provisions of this section are meant to be procedural only. Nothing contained herein shall be taken to require cause, as defined in § [22.1-307](#), for the nonrenewal of the contract of a teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status nor shall the failure of the school board or the division superintendent to comply with any time requirement herein constitute a basis for continued employment of the teacher.

APPENDIX B

PROPOSED REGULATIONS

VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Comprehensive Revision of the

Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel

CHAPTER 440

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

(REPEALED)

Part I

Contractual Agreements

Article 1

Definitions

8VAC20-440-10. Definitions. (Repealed.)

~~The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.~~

~~"Annual contract" means a contract between the employee and the local school board which sets forth the terms and conditions of employment for one school year.~~

~~"Board" means the Virginia Board of Education which has general supervision of the public school system.~~

~~"Breach of contract" means, for the purpose of this chapter, a teacher failing to honor a contract for the current or next school year without formal release from that contract from the local board. It does not include dismissal for cause.~~

~~"Coaching contract" means a separate contract between the employee and the local school board which includes responsibilities for an athletic coaching assignment.~~

~~"Continuing contract" means a contract between the employee who has satisfied the probationary term of service and the local school board.~~

~~"Current employer" means the local school board with which the teacher is currently under contract.~~

~~"Extracurricular activity sponsorship contract" means a separate contract between the employee and the local school board that includes responsibilities, for which a monetary supplement is received, for sponsorship of any student organizations, clubs, or groups, such as service clubs, academic clubs and teams, cheerleading squads, student publication and literary groups, and visual and performing arts organizations except those that are conducted in conjunction with regular classroom, curriculum, or instructional programs.~~

~~"Next school year" means the school year immediately following the current contract year.~~

~~"Principal" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time as a principal or assistant principal, and (ii) who holds a valid teaching license issued by the board.~~

~~"Prospective employer" means the division in which application for employment is made.~~

~~"Supervisor" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time in a supervisory capacity, and (ii) who is required by the board to hold a license to be employed in that position.~~

~~"Teacher" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time as a teacher, visiting teacher/school social worker, guidance counselor, or librarian, and (ii) who holds a valid teaching license.~~

Article 2

Contracts, Generally

8VAC20-440-20. Contractual period defined. (Repealed.)

~~The local school board shall define the length of the contract period for each employee. A 10-month contractual period is defined to include 200 days as follows:~~

- ~~1. One hundred and eighty teaching days or 990 instructional hours (minimum required by law);~~
- ~~2. Ten days for activities such as teaching, planning for the opening of school, evaluation, completing records and reports incident to the closing of each semester or school year, committee assignments, and conferences;~~
- ~~3. Ten days for a continuation of activities under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section, and such other activities as may be assigned or approved by the local school board.~~

8VAC20-440-30. Contract to be in writing. (Repealed.)

~~The contract must be in writing. The local school board may utilize prototypes of contract forms provided by the board, as shown in Appendix A, or may choose to develop its own contracts, but in so doing must ensure that the essential elements set forth in Appendix B of this chapter are included.~~

Article 3

Annual Contracts, Probationary Period

8VAC20-440-40. Length of the probationary term. (Repealed.)

~~A probationary term of full-time employment under an annual contract for three years in the same school division is required prior to the issuance of a continuing contract. When continuing contract status has been attained in a school division in the state, another probationary period~~

~~need not be served in any other school division unless a probationary period not exceeding one year is made a part of the contract of employment.~~

~~8VAC20-440-50. Calculating term for first year of teaching. (Repealed.)~~

~~For the purpose of calculating the three years of service required to attain continuing contract status, at least 160 contractual teaching days during the school year shall be deemed the equivalent of one year in the first year of service by the teacher.~~

~~8VAC20-440-60. Probationary period for principal or supervisor. (Repealed.)~~

~~A person employed as a principal or supervisor, including a person who has previously achieved continuing contract status as a teacher, shall serve three years in such position in the same school division before acquiring continuing contract status as a principal or supervisor.~~

~~8VAC20-440-70. Probationary period when employee separates from service. (Repealed.)~~

~~If a teacher, principal, or supervisor separates from service during his probationary period and does not return to service in the same school division by the beginning of the year following the year of separation, such person shall be required to begin a new probationary period.~~

~~8VAC20-440-80. Effect of service outside the Virginia system. (Repealed.)~~

~~Teaching service outside of the Virginia public school system shall not be counted as meeting in whole or in part the required probationary term.~~

Article 4

Continuing Contracts

~~8VAC20-440-90. Eligibility for continuing contract. (Repealed.)~~

~~Only persons regularly employed full time by a school board who hold a valid license as teachers, principals, or supervisors shall be eligible for continuing contract status.~~

~~Any teacher hired on or after July 1, 2001, shall be required, as a condition of achieving continuing contract status, to have successfully completed training in instructional strategies and techniques for intervention for or remediation of students who fail or are at risk of failing the Standards of Learning assessments. Local school divisions shall be required to provide said training at no cost to teachers employed in their division. In the event a local school division fails to offer said training in a timely manner, no teacher will be denied continuing contract status for failure to obtain such training.~~

~~8VAC20-440-100. Continuing contract status when employee separates from service.~~
(Repealed.)

~~If a teacher who has attained continuing contract status separates from service and does not return to teaching in Virginia public schools for a period longer than two years, such person shall be required to begin a new three-year probationary period.~~

Article 5

~~Coaching and Extracurricular Activity Sponsorship Contracts~~

~~8VAC20-440-110. Contract to be separate and apart from annual or continuing contract.~~
(Repealed.)

~~The coaching contract or extracurricular activity sponsorship contract shall be separate and apart from the annual or continuing contract and termination of the contract shall not constitute cause for the termination of the annual or continuing contract.~~

~~8VAC20-440-120. Termination notice required. (Repealed.)~~

~~The coaching contract or extracurricular activity sponsorship contract shall require the party intending to terminate the contract to give reasonable notice to the other party prior to the effective date of the termination.~~

Part II

Uniform Hiring of Teachers

Article 1

Purpose

8VAC20-440-130. Purpose of a uniform hiring process. (Repealed.)

~~The goal for regulations for uniform hiring of teachers is to establish a calendar for hiring that is compatible with the dates budgets are completed by local governing bodies. The calendar dates, which are embodied in the three-phase employment process, establish minimum time frames to accommodate the local hiring process, offer local flexibility in including contract terms to cover unique needs and practices of the locality, and offer professional mobility for teachers.~~

8VAC20-440-140. Phase One of the three-phase employment process. (Repealed.)

~~A. Phase One covers employment sought for the next school year and covers the period from the beginning of the current school year to the close of business on April 14 of the current school year, unless otherwise provided by § 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia. The end of the phase on April 14 corresponds to the provisions of § 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia allowing written notice of noncontinuation of contract by April 15. If April 14 ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the end of Phase One will be the last administrative working day prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.~~

~~B. During Phase One, a teacher may apply and be interviewed for employment for the next school year in other school divisions without notice to or permission from the division where he is currently employed.~~

~~C. During Phase One, a teacher accepting employment in another division for the next school year must resign by giving written notice to the current employer. The notice should specify that the resignation is applicable for the next school year only.~~

8VAC20-440-150. Phase Two of the three-phase employment process. (Repealed.)

~~A. Phase Two begins on April 15 and ends on May 31 or the date the teacher contract is final, whichever is later, unless otherwise provided by § 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia. The contract is final when the date of signature and, at a minimum, the salary terms are finally known.~~

~~B. During Phase Two, teachers, whether probationary or continuing contract, may seek employment and file applications for the next school year with other school divisions. Teachers may seek employment during this phase without notification to the current employer.~~

~~C. During Phase Two, the prospective employer may offer a contract without proof of release from contract from the current employer. The teacher must obtain a written release from the contract with the current employer prior to signing a contract with the prospective employer. Releases should be liberally granted during this phase.~~

8VAC20-440-160. Phase Three of the three-phase employment process. (Repealed.)

~~A. Phase Three begins on June 1 or the date the salary is finally set by the local school board, whichever occurs later. In Phase Three, the contract is a firm and binding obligation on the teacher and the school division.~~

~~B. During Phase Three, teachers may seek employment and file applications for the next school year with other school divisions; however, a prospective employer should not offer a contract to any teacher during Phase Three until the teacher has secured a written release from~~

~~the contract with the current employer, and a teacher should not accept a contract until a written release has been secured.~~

~~C. A current employer, at its discretion, may release a teacher from the contract. The employer should release teachers for good cause.~~

~~D. Good cause is determined by the local school board. It should reflect a consideration of all the factors affecting both the employee and the school board. Factors in determining good cause may include the employee's reason for leaving, contractual terms and agreements, and the overall effect of the resignation on the employee and the school division.~~

~~E. In the event that a local board declines to grant a request for release from a contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause, and the teacher breaches the contract, the current employer may pursue remedies prescribed by the Board of Education or other remedies consistent with law or contract. Such remedies could include filing a petition with the Board of Education setting forth all the facts in the case and requesting that the teacher's license be suspended or applying other remedies appropriate under law or contract.~~

~~F. If the Board of Education receives a petition from a local school board for action on the license of a teacher who has breached the present contract by accepting a contract with another school board within the Commonwealth, the Board of Education may require a full written report or request an appropriate representative from the hiring school board to appear before the Board of Education to explain the circumstances that led to the hiring decision, or both, before the Board considers any petition for action on the license of such teacher.~~

~~APPENDIX A. CONTRACT FORMS (Repealed.)~~

CONTRACT FORMS.

ANNUAL FORM -- CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

~~THIS ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT, between the SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ Commonwealth of Virginia, ("School Board") and _____ ("Employee"). The School Board agrees to employ and the employee agrees to accept such employment in the position of _____ (administrator, supervisor, principal, teacher, librarian or other instructional staff) subject to the authority of the School Board, under the supervision and direction of the division superintendent of schools, and agrees to the following conditions:~~

~~1. The employee: (check one)~~

~~___ holds a valid Virginia license issued by the Board of Education~~

~~___ has completed the requirements and has filed a complete application for a Virginia license~~

~~___ is eligible for a Virginia license and will file a complete application within 90 days of employment.~~

~~2. The services to be performed hereunder shall begin on _____, 20___, and continue thereafter as prescribed by the school board.~~

~~3. The employee shall perform such pertinent duties during the period of this contract as are deemed necessary by the school board and superintendent for the efficient and successful operation of the school system.~~

~~4. The employee shall comply with all school laws, Board of Education regulations, and all regulations made by the school board in accordance with law and Board of Education regulations, and shall make promptly and accurately all reports required by the division superintendent of schools.~~

~~5. The employee agrees to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.~~

~~6. The division superintendent shall have authority to assign employees to their respective positions in the school wherein they have been placed by the school board and may, with the approval of the school board, reassign any employee to any school within the division during the term of this contract; provided no change or reassignment shall adversely affect the salary of the employee under this contract.~~

~~7. The reassignments of administrative or supervisory personnel to a teaching position shall be in accordance with Section 22.1-294 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.~~

~~8. Before the superintendent recommends to the school board the nonrenewal of the contract of an employee who has not achieved continuing contract status, the superintendent shall notify the employee of the proposed recommendation in accordance with Section 22.1-304 of the Code.~~

~~9. The school board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent, reserves the right to dismiss, suspend, or place on probation the employee, paying for services rendered in accordance with this agreement to date of dismissal.~~

~~10. In case schools are closed temporarily as a result of an epidemic or for other necessary cause, the said board may require such loss of time to be made up within the school term or may extend the school term.~~

~~11. This contract shall not operate to prevent discontinuance of employment as provided or allowed by law.~~

~~12. The employee may request that the school board release the employee from the terms of this contract by giving the school board two weeks notice in writing and setting forth therein the reason considered just cause for resignation. In the event the school board declines to grant the request for release from the contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause, and the employee breaches the contract, the school board may pursue remedies prescribed by the Board of Education or other remedies consistent with law or contract.~~

~~13. The school board agrees to pay employee for the duration of this contract _____, payable:~~

~~(a) in ____ installments for services rendered, payable by the first day of each calendar month or as soon thereafter as possible.~~

~~or~~

~~(b) in accordance with schedule under "Special Covenants."~~

~~14. The school board shall not be obligated to the salary terms above unless and until sufficient funds are provided to fulfill the obligations of the school board by the appropriating body; provided, further, that the school board shall give the employee written notice of such approval or disapproval, as the case may be, within seven (7) days of such action.~~

~~15. In the event this contract is terminated by mutual consent prior to the end of the contract period, payment will be made for service rendered on a daily basis to be determined by dividing the salary stipulated in this contract by the number of days officially covered under the provisions of this contract.~~

~~16. The school board shall deduct monthly from the salary due the employee the computed amount due the Virginia Retirement System (including State-supported group insurance), and applicable state and federal statutes.~~

~~17. SPECIAL COVENANTS:~~

~~This contract shall at all times be subject to any and all laws, regulations, and policies existing during the term of the contract relating to conditions of employment such as leave, salaries, and length of school terms. Failure of the employee to fulfill this contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the termination of the contract by the school board.~~

~~The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____ 20____~~

~~_____ (Signature)~~

~~Chairman of the Board~~

~~_____ (Signature)~~

~~Clerk of the Board~~

~~_____ (Signature)~~

~~Division Superintendent~~

~~_____ (Signature)~~

~~Employee~~

~~CONTINUING FORM CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL~~

~~State law provides for continuing contracts with local school boards for members of the instructional staff who are qualified by the terms of said law, and/or regulations of the Board of Education; therefore, this article of agreement, between the school board of _____~~

~~(county, city, or town) Commonwealth of Virginia, (the "School Board"), and _____ ("Employee").~~

~~The school board agrees to employ and the employee agrees to accept such employment in the position of _____ (administrator, supervisor, principal, teacher, librarian or other instructional staff) subject to the authority of the school board, under the supervision and direction of the division superintendent of schools, and agrees to the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. The employee agrees to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.~~
- ~~2. The services to be performed hereunder shall begin on _____, 20____, and continue thereafter as prescribed by the school board.~~
- ~~3. During the term of this contract, the school board agrees to pay the employee an annual salary consistent with provisions of state law, plus any additional salary, but not less than the local scale, as may be determined by the school board in the local salary schedule as duly adopted from time to time; provided, however, that the school board shall not be obligated hereunder unless and until sufficient funds to meet the obligations of the school board hereunder have been approved by the appropriating body; provided, further, that the school board shall give the employee written notice of such approval or disapproval, as the case may be, within seven (7) days of such action.~~
- ~~4. The employee accepts this appointment and agrees to perform such pertinent duties during the period of this contract as are deemed necessary by the school board and superintendent for the efficient and successful operation of the school system.~~
- ~~5. The division superintendent shall have authority to assign employees to their respective positions in the school wherein they have been placed by the school board,~~

~~and may, with the approval of the school board, reassign any employee to any school within the division during the term of this contract; provided no change or reassignment shall adversely affect the salary of the employee under this contract.~~

~~6. The reassignments of administrative or supervisory personnel to a teaching position shall be in accordance with Section 22.1-294 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.~~

~~7. The employee shall comply with all school laws, Board of Education regulations, and all rules and regulations made by the school board in accordance with law and Board of Education regulations, and shall make promptly and accurately all reports required by the division superintendent of schools.~~

~~8. The length of the school term and the annual period of service shall be fixed by the school board in accordance with law.~~

~~9. This contract of employment shall remain in full force and effect from year to year, subject to all the provisions herein set forth, unless modified by mutual consent in writing by the parties to this contract. The employee may be dismissed, suspended, or placed on probation as provided by law. The school board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent, reserves the right to dismiss, suspend, or place on probation the employee, paying for service rendered in accordance with this agreement to date of dismissal. In case schools are closed temporarily as a result of an epidemic or for other necessary cause, the school board may require such loss of time to be made up within the school term or may extend the school term. In the event this contract is terminated, payment will be made for services actually rendered on a daily rate basis.~~

~~10. This contract shall not operate to prevent discontinuance of a position as provided by law.~~

~~11. The employee may request that the school board release the employee from the terms of this contract by giving the school board two weeks notice in writing and setting forth therein the reason considered just cause for resignation. In the event the school board declines to grant the request for release from the contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause and the employee breaches the contract, the school board may pursue remedies prescribed by the Board of Education or other remedies consistent with law or contract.~~

~~12. This contract shall be null and void and of no further force or effect and be terminated if, at any point during the term of this contract, the employee does not hold a valid license, as defined in regulations of the Board of Education.~~

~~13. The employee may be granted a leave of absence as provided by law, Board of Education regulations, and/or the policies of the local school board.~~

~~14. The school board, shall deduct monthly from the salary due the employee the computed amount due the Virginia Supplemental Retirement system (including State-supported group insurance), and other applicable state and federal statutes.~~

~~15. SPECIAL COVENANTS:~~

~~This contract shall at all times be subject to any and all laws, regulations, and policies now existing or enacted during the term of the contract relating to conditions of employment such as leave, salaries, and length of school terms. Failure of the employee to fulfill this contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the termination of the contract by the school board.~~

~~The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____ 20____~~

_____(Signature)

Chairman of the Board

_____(Signature)

Clerk of the Board

_____(Signature)

Division Superintendent

_____(Signature)

Employee

~~ATHLETIC COACHING CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL~~

~~AGREEMENT, between the SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ (county, city, or town) ("School Board") and _____ ("Coach").~~

~~The school board and the coach agree that the coach will perform the following athletic coaching assignment _____ (football, basketball, baseball, track, or other specified athletic activity) subject to the authority of the School Board, under the supervision and direction of the superintendent or designee, subject to the Code of Virginia and subject to the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. The coach shall perform such pertinent duties during the period of this assignment as are deemed necessary by the school board and the superintendent or designee for the successful and efficient operation of the school system.~~
- ~~2. The coach shall comply with all applicable law, Virginia Board of Education regulations, school board policies, and regulations of the superintendent now or hereafter in effect.~~

~~3. This agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause by providing reasonable notice in writing to the other party. Such reasonable notice may be set forth in the Special Covenants below.~~

~~4. The school board agrees to pay the coach \$ _____ as monetary compensation for the duration of this agreement, payable in accordance with established payroll procedures. The coach agrees and acknowledges that this employment does not qualify as service toward continuing contract eligibility, does not constitute teaching experience, and does not create any rights of any type in favor of the coach other than the compensation referred to herein.~~

~~5. This agreement is for an athletic coaching assignment from _____ (month/day), 20____ to _____ (month/day), 20____, commencing _____ (month/day), 20____.~~

~~6. The school board shall deduct from the monetary compensation all deductions required by law.~~

~~7. Termination of this agreement by either party shall not, in itself, constitute cause for termination of any separate teaching contract between the coach and the school board.~~

~~8. SPECIAL COVENANTS:~~

~~The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____, 20____~~

~~_____ (Signature)~~

~~Chairman of the Board~~

~~_____ (Signature)~~

~~Clerk of the Board~~

_____(Signature)

Division Superintendent

_____(Signature)

Coach

~~EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL~~

~~AGREEMENT, between the SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ (county, city, or town) ("School Board") and _____ ("Employee").~~

~~The school board and the employee agree that the employee will perform the following extracurricular activity sponsorship assignment subject to the authority of the school board, under the supervision and direction of the superintendent or designee, subject to the Code of Virginia and subject to the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. "Extracurricular sponsorship" means an assignment for which a monetary supplement is received, requiring responsibility for any student organizations, clubs, or groups, such as service clubs, academic clubs and teams, cheerleading squads, student publication and literary groups, and visual and performing arts organizations except those that are conducted in conjunction with regular classroom, curriculum, or instructional programs.~~
- ~~2. The employee shall perform such pertinent duties during the period of this assignment as are deemed necessary by the school board and the superintendent or designee for the successful and efficient operation of the school system.~~
- ~~3. The employee shall comply with all applicable law, Virginia Board of Education regulations, school board policies, and regulations of the superintendent now or hereafter in effect.~~

~~4. This agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause by providing reasonable notice in writing to the other party. Such reasonable notice may be set forth in the Special Covenants below.~~

~~5. The school board agrees to pay the employee \$_____ as monetary compensation for the duration of this agreement, payable in accordance with established payroll procedures. The employee agrees and acknowledges that this employment does not qualify as service toward continuing contract eligibility, does not constitute teaching experience, and does not create any rights of any type in favor of the coach other than the compensation referred to herein.~~

~~6. This agreement is for an extracurricular activity sponsorship assignment from _____ (month/day), 20____ to _____ (month/day), 20____, commencing _____ (month/day), 20____.~~

~~7. The school board shall deduct from the monetary compensation all deductions required by law.~~

~~8. Termination of this agreement by either party shall not in itself constitute cause for termination of any separate teaching contract between the coach and the school board.~~

~~9. SPECIAL COVENANTS:~~

~~The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____, 20____.~~

_____(Signature)

Chairman of the Board

_____(Signature)

Clerk of the Board

(Signature)

Division Superintendent

(Signature)

Employee

~~APPENDIX B. LISTING OF ESSENTIAL CONTRACT ELEMENTS (Repealed.)~~

~~INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT~~

~~This list of essential contract elements, pending approval by the Office of the Attorney General, would satisfy the statutory requirement of a "form prescribed by the Board of Education" as required by § 22.1-302 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended. The text of the essential elements can be used by certain local school divisions who prefer to develop contracts specific to their circumstances or situations. This list of essential elements is provided as an alternative to the formal prototypes available. These elements, after review and approval by the Office of the Attorney General, and compliance with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act, will be incorporated into the appropriate section of Board regulations.~~

~~ANNUAL CONTRACTS~~

~~Any annual contract for professional personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, be written in clear and concise language easily understood by all parties, and include, at a minimum, the following provisions:~~

- ~~• A statement identifying the names and titles of the parties to the contract.~~
- ~~• A statement of the licensure requirements for the position or options thereto.~~

- ~~A statement of the beginning date of service, the term, and the effective date of the contract.~~
- ~~A statement of the duties to be performed under the contract.~~
- ~~A statement (or statements) of expectations of the employee with regard to compliance with local, state, and/or federal statutes, regulations and constitutional provisions.~~
- ~~A statement (or statements) of the provisions concerning assignment, reassignment, termination, suspension, probation, or resignation of the employee, and mutual termination of the contract.~~
- ~~A statement of the penalties for the employee's failure to comply with the terms of the contract.~~
- ~~A statement identifying the school term.~~
- ~~A statement of the conditions under which the school term and/or contract may be extended.~~
- ~~A statement of the amount of compensation due the employee and the method of payment.~~
- ~~A statement of special covenants mutually agreed upon by the employer and employee which form a basis for the contract.~~

~~CONTINUING CONTRACTS~~

~~Any continuing contract for professional personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, be written in clear and concise language easily understood by all parties, and include, at a minimum the following provisions:~~

- ~~All of the provisions required for the annual contract.~~

- ~~A statement explaining the continuing nature of the contract.~~

~~COACHING AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORSHIP CONTRACTS~~

~~Any athletic coaching contract with school personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, be written in clear and concise language easily understood by all parties, and include the following provisions:~~

- ~~A statement identifying the names and titles of the parties to the contract.~~
- ~~A statement of the duties to be performed under the contract.~~
- ~~A statement of the amount of compensation due the employee and the method of payment.~~
- ~~A statement (or statements) of expectations of the employee with regard to compliance with local, state, and/or federal statutes, regulations and constitutional provisions.~~
- ~~A statement setting forth conditions for termination of the contract.~~
- ~~A statement identifying the limitations on the use of the experience toward length of service, substitution for teaching experience and rights in favor of the employee.~~
- ~~A statement of the beginning date of service, the term, and the effective date of the contract.~~
- ~~A statement of special covenants mutually agreed upon by the employer and employee which form a basis for the contract.~~

CHAPTER 441

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

Part I

Contractual Agreements

Article 1

Definitions

8VAC20-441-10. Definitions.

The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Annual contract" means a contract between a probationary teacher, assistant principal, principal, or supervisor and the local school board which sets forth the terms and conditions of employment for one school year.

"Assistant principal" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time as an assistant principal and (ii) who holds a valid license issued by the Board of Education necessary to be an assistant principal.

"Board" means the Virginia Board of Education which has general supervision of the public school system.

"Breach of contract" means, for the purpose of this chapter, a teacher failing to honor a contract for the current or next school year without formal release from that contract from the local board. It does not include dismissal for cause.

"Coaching contract" means a separate contract between the employee and the local school board which includes responsibilities for an athletic coaching assignment.

"Continuing contract" means a contract between a teacher, assistant principal, principal, or supervisor who has satisfied the probationary term of service and the local school board.

"Current employer" means the local school board with which the employee is currently under contract.

"Extracurricular activity sponsorship contract" means a separate contract between the employee and the local school board that includes responsibilities, for which a monetary supplement is received, for sponsorship of any student organizations, clubs, or groups, such as service clubs, academic clubs and teams, cheerleading squads, student publication and literary groups, and visual and performing arts organizations except those that are conducted in conjunction with regular classroom, curriculum, or instructional programs.

"Next school year" means the school year immediately following the current contract year.

"Principal" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time as a principal, and (ii) who holds a valid license issued by the Board of Education necessary to be a principal.

"Prospective employer" means the division in which application for employment is made.

"Supervisor" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time in an instructional supervisory position as specified in the regulations of the Board of Education, and (ii) who is required by the board to hold a license prescribed in the regulations of the Board of Education to be employed in that position. An instructional supervisory position has authority to direct or evaluate teachers, assistant principals, principals, or other instructional personnel.

"Teacher" means a person (i) who is regularly employed full time as a teacher, guidance counselor, or librarian, and (ii) who holds a valid teaching license.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-16.1

8VAC20-441-20. Conditions of Employment (Fingerprinting, Department of Social Services Registry Search, Licensure).

A. Section 22.1-296.2 of the Code of Virginia, requires as a condition of employment, the school boards of the Commonwealth shall require any applicant who is offered or accepts employment after July 1, 1989, whether full-time or part-time, permanent, or temporary, to submit to fingerprinting and to provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with the applicant's fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding such applicant. The school board may (i) pay for all or a portion of the cost of the fingerprinting or criminal records check or (ii) in its discretion, require the applicant to pay for all or a portion of the cost of such fingerprinting or criminal records check.

B. As required by Section 22.1-296.4 of the Code of Virginia, on and after July 1, 1997, every school board shall require, as a condition of employment, that any applicant who is offered or accepts employment requiring direct contact with students, whether full-time or part-time, permanent or temporary, provide written consent and the necessary personal information for the school board to obtain a search of the registry of founded complaints of child abuse and neglect maintained by the Department of Social Services pursuant to Section 63.2-1515 of the Code.

C. Section 22.1-299 of the Code of Virginia requires that no teacher shall be regularly employed by a school board or paid from public funds unless such teacher holds a license or provisional license issued by the Board of Education. Notwithstanding the provision in Section 22.1-298.1 that the provisional license is limited to three years, if a teacher employed in Virginia under a provisional license is activated or deployed for military service within a school year (July 1-June 30), an additional year will be added to the teacher's provisional license for each school

year or portion thereof the teacher is activated or deployed. The additional year or years shall be granted the following year or years after the return of the teacher from deployment or activation. Code Section 22.1-295 states that the teachers in the public schools of a school division shall be employed and placed in appropriate schools by the school board upon recommendation of the division superintendent. In placing teachers, school boards shall fill positions with licensed instructional personnel qualified in the relevant subject areas.

D. Section 22.1-293 of the Code of Virginia states a school board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent, may employ principals and assistant principals. Persons employed in these positions shall hold licenses as prescribed by the Board of Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-293, 22.1- 295, 22.1-296.2, 22.1-296.4, 22.1-298.1, 22.1-299*

8VAC20-441-30. Contractual period defined.

The local school board shall define the length of the contract period for each employee. A standard 10-month contract for a teacher shall include 200 days, including:

1. 180 teaching days or 990 instructional hours (minimum required by law) and
2. Up to 20 days for activities such as teaching, participating in professional development, planning, evaluating, completing records and reports, participating on committees or in conferences, or such other activities as may be assigned or approved by the local school board.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302*

8VAC20-441-40. Annual and continuing contract to be in writing.

Annual and continuing contracts with teachers, assistant principals, principals, and supervisors must be in writing. The local school board may utilize prototypes of contract forms provided by the board, as shown in the forms sections, or may choose to develop its own contracts, but in so doing must ensure that the essential elements set forth in the forms section of this chapter are included.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302

8VAC20-441-50. Length of the probationary term for teacher.

A probationary term of full-time employment under an annual contract for at least three years and, at the option of the local school board, up to five consecutive years in the same school division is required before a teacher is issued a continuing contract. Once continuing contract status has been attained in a school division in the Commonwealth, another probationary period as a teacher need not be served in any other school division unless a probationary period not exceeding two years is made a part of the contract of employment.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-303

8VAC20-441-60. Calculating term for first year of teaching.

For the purpose of calculating the years of service required to attain continuing contract status, at least 160 contractual teaching days during the school year shall be deemed the equivalent of one year in the first year of service by the teacher.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-303

8VAC20-441-70. Probationary period for principal or supervisor.

A person employed as a principal, assistant principal, or supervisor, including a person who has previously achieved continuing contract status as a teacher, shall serve a probationary term of three consecutive years in such position in the same school division before acquiring continuing contract status as a principal, assistant principal, or supervisor.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-294*

8VAC20-441-80. Probationary period when employee separates from service.

If a teacher, principal, assistant principal, or supervisor separates from service during his probationary period and does not return to service in the same school division by the beginning of the year following the year of separation, such person shall be required to begin a new probationary period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-294 and 22.1-303*

8VAC20-441-90. Effect of service outside the Virginia system.

Teaching service outside of the Virginia public school system shall not be counted as meeting in whole or in part the required probationary term.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-294, 22.1-303*

8VAC20-441-100. Eligibility for continuing contract.

Only persons regularly employed full time by a school board who hold a valid license as teachers, assistant principals, principals, or supervisors shall be eligible for continuing contract status.

Any teacher hired on or after July 1, 2001, shall be required, as a condition of achieving continuing contract status, to have successfully completed training in instructional strategies and techniques for intervention for or remediation of students who fail or are at risk of failing the Standards of Learning assessments. Local school divisions shall be required to provide said training at no cost to teachers employed in their division. In the event a local school division fails to offer said training in a timely manner, no teacher will be denied continuing contract status for failure to obtain such training.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-294, 22.1-303, 22.1-304*

8VAC20-441-110. Continuing contract status when employee separates from service.

When a teacher has attained continuing contract status in a school division in the Commonwealth, and separates from and returns to teaching service in a school division in Virginia by the beginning of the third year, such teachers shall be required to serve a probationary period not to exceed two years, if such probationary period is made part of the contract for employment. If a teacher who has attained continuing contract status separates from service and does not return to teaching in Virginia public schools, by the beginning of the third year, such teacher shall be required to begin a new probationary period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-303*

8VAC20-441-120. Contract to be separate and apart from annual or continuing contract.

The coaching contract or extracurricular activity sponsorship contract with a teacher shall be separate and apart from the teacher's annual or continuing contract and termination of the coaching or extracurricular contract shall not constitute cause for the termination of the annual or continuing contract.

For the purposes of this regulation, "extracurricular activity sponsorship" means an assignment for which a monetary supplement is received, requiring responsibility for any student organizations, clubs, or groups, such as service clubs, academic clubs and teams, cheerleading squads, student publication and literary groups, and visual and performing arts organizations except those that are conducted in conjunction with regular classroom, curriculum, or instructional programs.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302

8VAC20-441-130. Termination notice required.

The coaching contract or extracurricular activity sponsorship contract shall require the party intending to terminate the contract to give reasonable notice to the other party prior to the effective date of the termination.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302

Part II

Uniform Hiring of Teachers

Article 1

Purpose

~~8VAC20-441-140. Purpose of a uniform hiring process.~~

~~The goal for these regulations for uniform hiring of teachers is to establish a calendar for hiring that is compatible with the dates budgets are completed by local governing bodies. The calendar dates, which are embodied in the three-phase employment process, establish minimum time frames to accommodate the local hiring process, offer local flexibility in including contract terms to cover unique needs and practices of the locality, and offer professional mobility for teachers.~~

~~8VAC20-441-150. Phase One of the three-phase employment process.~~

~~A. Phase One covers employment sought for the next school year and covers the period from the beginning of the current school year to the close of business on June 14 of the current school year, unless otherwise provided by § 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia. The end of the phase on June 14 corresponds to the provisions of § 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia allowing written notice of noncontinuation of contract by June 15. If June 14 ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the end of Phase One will be the last administrative working day prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.~~

~~B. During Phase One, a teacher may apply and be interviewed for employment for the next school year in other school divisions without notice to or permission from the division where he is currently employed.~~

~~C. During Phase One, a teacher accepting employment in another division for the next school year must resign by giving written notice to the current employer. The notice should specify that the resignation is applicable for the next school year only.~~

~~8VAC20-441-160. Phase Two of the three-phase employment process.~~

~~A. Phase Two begins on June 15 and ends on the date the teacher contract is final unless otherwise provided by § 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia. The contract is final when the date of signature and, at a minimum, the salary terms are finally known.~~

~~B. During Phase Two, teachers, whether probationary or continuing contract, may seek employment and file applications for the next school year with other school divisions. Teachers may seek employment during this phase without notification to the current employer.~~

~~C. During Phase Two, the prospective employer may offer a contract without proof of release from contract from the current employer. The teacher must obtain a written release from the contract with the current employer prior to signing a contract with the prospective employer. Releases should be liberally granted during this phase.~~

~~8VAC20-441-170. Phase Three of the three-phase employment process.~~

~~A. Phase Three begins when the contract is final. In Phase Three, the contract is a firm and binding obligation on the teacher and the school division.~~

~~B. During Phase Three, teachers may seek employment and file applications for the next school year with other school divisions; however, a prospective employer should not offer a contract to any teacher during Phase Three until the teacher has secured a written release from the contract with the current employer, and a teacher should not accept a contract until a written release has been secured.~~

~~C. A current employer, at its discretion, may release a teacher from the contract. The employer should release teachers for good cause.~~

~~D. Good cause is determined by the local school board. It should reflect a consideration of all the factors affecting both the employee and the school board. Factors in determining good cause may include the employee's reason for leaving, contractual terms and agreements, and the overall effect of the resignation on the employee and the school division.~~

~~E. In the event that a local board declines to grant a request for release from a contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause, and the teacher breaches the contract, the current employer may pursue remedies prescribed by the Board of Education or other remedies consistent with law or contract. Such remedies could include filing a petition with the Board of Education setting forth all the facts in the case and requesting that the teacher's license be suspended or applying other remedies appropriate under law or contract.~~

~~F. If the Board of Education receives a petition from a local school board for action on the license of a teacher who has breached the present contract by accepting a contract with another school board within the Commonwealth, the Board of Education may require a full written report or request an appropriate representative from the hiring school board to appear before the Board of Education to explain the circumstances that led to the hiring decision, or both, before the Board considers any petition for action on the license of such teacher.~~

FORMS -- REFER TO APPENDICES

Contract Forms

Listing of Essential Contract Elements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302

APPENDIX A. CONTRACT FORMS

CONTRACT FORMS.

ANNUAL FORM -- CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

THIS AGREEMENT, between the SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ Commonwealth of Virginia, ("School Board") and _____ ("Employee"). The School Board agrees to employ and the Employee agrees to accept such employment in the position of _____ (teacher, assistant principal, principal, or supervisor) subject to the authority of the School Board, under the supervision and direction of the division superintendent of schools, and agrees to the following conditions:

1. The Employee: (check one)

_____ holds a valid Virginia license issued by the Board of Education

_____ has completed the requirements and has filed a complete application for a Virginia license

_____ is eligible for a Virginia license and will file a complete application immediately upon employment.

2. The services to be performed hereunder shall begin on _____, 20____, and continue thereafter as prescribed by the school board.

3. The Employee shall perform such pertinent duties during the period of this contract as are deemed necessary by the School Board and superintendent for the efficient and successful operation of the school system.

4. The Employee shall comply with all school laws, Board of Education regulations, and all regulations made by the School Board in accordance with law and Board of

Education regulations, and shall make promptly and accurately all reports required by the division superintendent of schools.

5. The Employee agrees to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.

6. The division superintendent shall have authority to assign employees to their respective positions in the school wherein they have been placed by the School Board and may, with the approval of the School Board, reassign any employee to any school within the division during the term of this contract; provided no change or reassignment shall adversely affect the salary of the employee under this contract.

7. Before the superintendent recommends to the School Board the nonrenewal of the contract of a teacher who has not achieved continuing contract status, the superintendent shall notify the teacher of the proposed recommendation in accordance with Section 22.1-304 of the Code.

8. The School Board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent, reserves the right to dismiss, suspend, or place on probation the Employee, paying for services rendered in accordance with this agreement to date of dismissal.

9. In case schools are closed temporarily as a result of an epidemic or for other necessary cause, the said board may require such loss of time to be made up within the school term or may extend the school term.

10. This contract shall not operate to prevent discontinuance of employment as provided or allowed by law.

11. The Employee may request that the School Board release the Employee from the terms of this contract by giving the School Board two weeks' notice in writing and setting

forth therein the reason considered just cause for resignation. In the event the School Board declines to grant the request for release from the contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause, and the Employee breaches the contract, the School Board may pursue remedies prescribed by the Board of Education or other remedies consistent with law or contract.

12. The School Board agrees to pay Employee for the duration of this contract _____, payable:

(a) in _____ installments for services rendered, payable by the first day of each calendar month or as soon thereafter as possible.

or

(b) in accordance with schedule under "Special Covenants."

13. The School Board shall not be obligated to the salary terms above unless and until sufficient funds are provided to fulfill the obligations of the School Board by the appropriating body.

14. In the event this contract is terminated by mutual consent prior to the end of the contract period, payment will be made for service rendered on a daily rate basis to be determined by dividing the salary stipulated in this contract by the number of days officially covered under the provisions of this contract.

15. The School Board shall deduct monthly from the salary due the Employee the computed amount due the Virginia Retirement System (including State-supported group insurance), and applicable state and federal statutes.

16. SPECIAL COVENANTS:

This contract shall at all times be subject to any and all laws, regulations, and policies now existing or enacted during the term of the contract relating to conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, leave, salaries, and length of school terms. Failure of the Employee to fulfill this contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the termination of the contract by the School Board.

The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____
20_____

(Signature)

Chairman of the Board

(Signature)

Clerk of the Board

(Signature)

Division Superintendent

(Signature)

Employee

CONTINUING FORM CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

State law provides for continuing contracts with local school boards for members of the instructional staff who are qualified by the terms of said law, and/or regulations of the Board of Education; therefore, this article of agreement, between the School Board of _____ (county, city, or town) Commonwealth of Virginia, (the "School Board"), and _____ ("Employee").

The School Board agrees to employ and the Employee agrees to accept such employment in the position of _____ (teacher, assistant principal, principal, or supervisor) subject to the authority of the School Board, under the supervision and direction of the division superintendent of schools, and agrees to the following conditions:

1. The Employee agrees to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.
2. The services to be performed hereunder shall begin on _____, 20____, and continue thereafter as prescribed by the School Board.
3. During the term of this contract, the School Board agrees to pay the Employee an annual salary consistent with provisions of state law, plus any additional salary, but not less than the local scale, as may be determined by the School Board in the local salary schedule as duly adopted from time to time; provided, however, that the School Board shall not be obligated hereunder unless and until sufficient funds to meet the obligations of the School Board hereunder have been approved by the appropriating body.

4. The Employee accepts this appointment and agrees to perform such pertinent duties during the period of this contract as are deemed necessary by the School Board and superintendent for the efficient and successful operation of the school system.

5. The division superintendent shall have authority to assign Employees to their respective positions in the school wherein they have been placed by the School Board, and may, with the approval of the School Board, reassign any Employee to any school within the division during the term of this contract; provided no change or reassignment shall adversely affect the salary of the Employee under this contract.

6. The reassignments of a continuing contract assistant principal, principal, or supervisor to a teaching position shall be in accordance with Section 22.1-294 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended.

7. The Employee shall comply with all school laws, Board of Education regulations, and all rules and regulations made by the School Board in accordance with law and Board of Education regulations, and shall make promptly and accurately all reports required by the division superintendent of schools.

8. The length of the school term and the annual period of service shall be fixed by the School Board in accordance with law.

9. This contract of employment shall remain in full force and effect from year to year, subject to all the provisions herein set forth, unless modified by mutual consent in writing by the parties to this contract. The Employee may be dismissed, suspended, or placed on probation as provided by law. The School Board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent, reserves the right to dismiss, suspend, or place on probation the Employee, paying for service rendered in accordance with this agreement to date of dismissal. In case schools are closed temporarily as a result of an epidemic or for other

necessary cause, the School Board may require such loss of time to be made up within the school term or may extend the school term. In the event this contract is terminated, payment will be made for services actually rendered on a daily rate basis.

10. This contract shall not operate to prevent discontinuance of a position as provided by law.

11. The Employee may request that the School Board release the Employee from the terms of this contract by giving the School Board two weeks' notice in writing and setting forth therein the reason considered just cause for resignation. In the event the School Board declines to grant the request for release from the contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause and the Employee breaches the contract, the School Board may pursue remedies prescribed by the Board of Education or other remedies consistent with law or contract.

12. This contract shall be null and void and of no further force or effect and be terminated if, at any point during the term of this contract, the Employee does not hold a valid license, as defined in regulations of the Board of Education.

13. The Employee may be granted a leave of absence as provided by law, Board of Education regulations, and/or the policies of the School Board.

14. The School Board, shall deduct monthly from the salary due the Employee the computed amount due the Virginia Retirement System (including State-supported group insurance), and other applicable state and federal statutes.

15. SPECIAL COVENANTS:

This contract shall at all times be subject to any and all laws, regulations, and policies now existing or enacted during the term of the contract relating to conditions of

employment, including, but not limited to, leave, salaries, and length of school terms.
Failure of the Employee to fulfill this contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the
termination of the contract by the School Board.

The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of
_____ 20 _____

(Signature)

Chairman of the Board

(Signature)

Clerk of the Board

(Signature)

Division Superintendent

(Signature)

Employee

ATHLETIC COACHING CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

AGREEMENT, dated this _____ day of _____, 20____, between the SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ (county, city, or town) ("School Board") and _____ ("Coach").

The School Board and the Coach agree that the Coach will perform the following athletic coaching assignment _____ (football, basketball, baseball, track, or other specified athletic activity) subject to the authority of the School Board, under the supervision and direction of the superintendent or designee, subject to the *Code of Virginia* and subject to the following conditions:

1. The Coach shall perform such pertinent duties during the period of this assignment as are deemed necessary by the School Board and the superintendent or designee for the successful and efficient operation of the school system.
2. The Coach shall comply with all applicable law, Virginia Board of Education regulations, School Board policies, and regulations of the superintendent now or hereafter in effect.
3. This agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause by providing reasonable notice in writing to the other party. Such reasonable notice may be set forth in the Special Covenants below.
4. The School Board agrees to pay the Coach \$ _____ as compensation for the duration of this agreement, payable in accordance with established payroll procedures. The Coach agrees and acknowledges that this employment does not qualify as service toward continuing contract eligibility, does not constitute teaching experience, and does

not create any rights of any type in favor of the Coach other than the compensation referred to herein.

5. This agreement is for an athletic coaching assignment from _____ (month/day), 20____ to _____ (month/day), 20____, commencing _____ (month/day), 20____.

6. The School Board shall deduct from the compensation all deductions required by law.

7. Termination of this agreement by either party shall not, in itself, constitute cause for termination of any separate teaching contract between the Coach and the School Board.

8. SPECIAL COVENANTS:

The parties agree that _____ days' notice is reasonable for termination of this agreement.

The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Signature)

Chairman of the Board

(Signature)

Clerk of the Board

(Signature)

Division Superintendent

(Signature)

Coach

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

AGREEMENT, between the SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ (county, city, or town) ("School Board") and _____ ("Employee").

The School Board and the Employee agree that the Employee will perform the following extracurricular activity sponsorship assignment subject to the authority of the School Board, under the supervision and direction of the superintendent or designee, subject to the Code of Virginia and subject to the following conditions:

1. "Extracurricular sponsorship" means an assignment for which a monetary supplement is received, requiring responsibility for any student organizations, clubs, or groups, such as service clubs, academic clubs and teams, cheerleading squads, student publication and literary groups, and visual and performing arts organizations except those that are conducted in conjunction with regular classroom, curriculum, or instructional programs.
2. The Employee shall perform such pertinent duties during the period of this assignment as are deemed necessary by the School Board and the superintendent or designee for the successful and efficient operation of the school system.
3. The Employee shall comply with all applicable law, Virginia Board of Education regulations, School Board policies, and regulations of the superintendent now or hereafter in effect.

4. This agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause by providing reasonable notice in writing to the other party. Such reasonable notice may be set forth in the Special Covenants below.

5. The School Board agrees to pay the Employee \$ _____ as compensation for the duration of this agreement, payable in accordance with established payroll procedures. The Employee agrees and acknowledges that this employment does not qualify as service toward continuing contract eligibility, does not constitute teaching experience, and does not create any rights of any type in favor of the Employee other than the compensation referred to herein.

6. This agreement is for an extracurricular activity sponsorship assignment from _____ (month/day), 20 _____ to _____ (month/day), 20 _____, commencing _____ (month/day), 20 _____.

7. The School Board shall deduct from the monetary compensation all deductions required by law.

8. Termination of this agreement by either party shall not in itself constitute cause for termination of any separate teaching contract between the Employee and the School Board.

9. SPECIAL COVENANTS:

The parties agree that _____ days' notice is reasonable for termination of this agreement.

The parties agree to the terms of this contract effective this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Signature)

Chairman of the Board

(Signature)

Clerk of the Board

(Signature)

Division Superintendent

(Signature)

Employee

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302

APPENDIX B. LISTING OF ESSENTIAL CONTRACT ELEMENTS

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This list of essential contract elements satisfy the statutory requirement of a "form prescribed by the Board of Education" as required by § 22.1-302 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950) as amended. The text of the essential elements can be used by certain local school divisions who prefer to develop contracts specific to their circumstances or situations. This list of essential elements is provided as an alternative to the formal prototypes available.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Any annual contract for professional personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, be written in clear and concise language easily understood by all parties, and include, at a minimum, the following provisions:

- A statement identifying the names and titles of the parties to the contract.
- A statement of the licensure requirements for the position or options thereto.
- A statement of the beginning date of service, the term, and the effective date of the contract.
- A statement of the duties to be performed under the contract.
- A statement (or statements) of expectations of the Employee with regard to compliance with local, state, and/or federal statutes, regulations and constitutional provisions.
- A statement (or statements) of the provisions concerning assignment, reassignment, termination, suspension, probation, or resignation of the Employee, and mutual termination of the contract.

- A statement of the penalties for the Employee's failure to comply with the terms of the contract.
- A statement identifying the school term.
- A statement of the conditions under which the school term and/or contract may be extended.
- A statement of the amount of compensation due the Employee and the method of payment.
- A statement of special covenants mutually agreed upon by the employer and Employee which form a basis for the contract.

CONTINUING CONTRACTS

Any continuing contract for professional personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, be written in clear and concise language easily understood by all parties, and include, at a minimum the following provisions:

- All of the provisions required for the annual contract.
- A statement explaining the continuing nature of the contract.

COACHING AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORSHIP CONTRACTS

Any athletic coaching contract with school personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, be written in clear and concise language easily understood by all parties, and include the following provisions:

- A statement identifying the names and titles of the parties to the contract.
- A statement of the duties to be performed under the contract.

- A statement of the amount of compensation due the Employee and the method of payment.
- A statement (or statements) of expectations of the Employee with regard to compliance with local, state, and/or federal statutes, regulations and constitutional provisions.
- A statement setting forth conditions for termination of the contract.
- A statement identifying the limitations on the use of the experience toward length of service, substitution for teaching experience and rights in favor of the Employee.
- A statement of the beginning date of service, the term, and the effective date of the contract.
- A statement of special covenants mutually agreed upon by the employer and Employee which form a basis for the contract.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: *Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-302*