

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting November 30, 2005

Public Comment

- Tammy Burns, Virginia Coalition for Students with Disabilities
- Tim Moore
- Linda Moore

Special Presentation

- Governor Mark R. Warner presented a proclamation to Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary recognizing Dr. DeMary's service to the commonwealth and designating November 30, 2005, as "Jo Lynne DeMary Day" in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Resolutions of Recognition

- Board of Education President Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., presented a resolution to Dr. DeMary expressing the Board's appreciation for her service to the commonwealth and to its public schools and students.

Recognitions

- The Board recognized Birdneck Elementary School, Virginia Beach Public Schools, as the recipient of the Board's Leadership in Cultural Diversity Education Award.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of <i>Regulations Governing the Re-enrollment of Students Committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice</i> (8 VAC 20-40-660-10 et seq.)	The Board deferred action until its January 2006 meeting.
First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the <i>Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students</i> (8 VAC 20-40-10 et seq.)	The Board waived first review and authorized the Department of Education to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA) regarding the NOIRA for promulgating regulations.
Final review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Henrico County Public Schools for Mt. Vernon Middle School	The Board approved the alternative accreditation plan.
Final Review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Henrico County Public Schools for the New Bridge School	The Board approved the alternative accreditation plan.

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First review of revisions to the Board-Approved List of Industry, Professional, or Trade Association Certification Examinations and Occupational Competency Assessments to Meet the Requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education and Advanced Mathematics and Technology Seals and the Student-Selected Verified Credit	The Board waived first review and approved the revised list.
Final review of the Board of Education's 2005 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia.	The Board adopted the report.
First review of <i>Zero Tolerance Policies: An Issue Brief</i> , prepared for the House Education Committee	The Board approved the brief for transmittal to the House Education Committee and posting on the Department of Education Web site.
First review of recommended cut scores for the new Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course English: Reading and Algebra II tests	The Board waived first review and approved the cut scores.
First review of a policy statement for implementing in Virginia approved programs the Virginia Communications and Literacy Assessment	The Board waived first review and approved the following policy statement: <i>Effective January 1, 2006, individuals who graduate from Virginia approved programs prior to December 31, 2006, and who have taken and passed the Praxis I (ACT or SAT); Praxis II; and the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA), if applicable, will not be required to take and pass the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA).</i>
First review of nominations for appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Committee	The Board waived first review and approved the following nominations: First term: Sharon Duncan (parents, Region 6), Jacqueline Nelson (corrections agencies), Tamara Temoney (foster care system), Mary Ann Discenza (other state agencies); and Second term: J. David Martin (state education officials) and Leslie Snyder (persons with disabilities).

Reports Accepted by the Board of Education

- Annual Report of the State Special Education Advisory Committee
- Report on Evaluations of Year-Round School Programs
- Annual Report on Pre-Labor Day Waiver Requests
- Report on Virginia's High School Initiatives, Including the National Governors Association Honor States Grant Program

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Special Presentation

- Virginia Education Association (VEA) President Princess Moss presented a resolution expressing the VEA's appreciation for Dr. DeMary's service to the commonwealth and for her support for the teachers of Virginia.

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

- Gary L. Jones thanked Dr. DeMary for her service to the commonwealth and congratulated her on her achievements as state superintendent.
- Dr. DeMary thanked the members of the Board of Education for their leadership.

Adjournment

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