

Highlights of the Board of Education Meeting

April 26, 2006

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker

- Governor Timothy M. Kaine discussed his education agenda and commended the Board of Education and Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright for their leadership.

Recognitions by the Board

- President Mark Emblidge introduced newly-appointed Board member Thomas M. Brewster.
- The Board congratulated Chesterfield County Superintendent Billy K. Cannaday on his appointment as superintendent of public instruction and expressed its appreciation of Dr. Wright for her service as acting superintendent.
- The Board recognized 2006 National High School Principal of the Year Mel J. Riddle of J.E.B. Stuart High School in Fairfax County and 2006 Middle School Principal of the Year Sharon Byrdsong of Azalea Garden Middle School in Norfolk.

Public Comment

- Dan Zacharias, executive director of Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, discussed the Standards of Accreditation
- William C. Dean, superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools, discussed the Standards of Accreditation
- Patricia Taylor, assistant superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools, discussed the Standards of Accreditation
- Nelson Williams discussed raising awareness of fire safety through rap music.
- Linda Coffelt of Harrisonburg discussed fine arts education.
- Barbara Laws, Norfolk Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.
- Pat Franklin, Newport News Public Schools and president of the Virginia Art Education Association, discussed fine arts education.
- Suzanne Mallory-Parker, Chesterfield County Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.
- Lin Ferrell, Chesterfield County Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.
- Mary Jane Zander, Virginia Commonwealth University, discussed fine arts education.
- David Burton, Virginia Commonwealth University, discussed fine arts education.
- Frank Williams, Richmond Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.
- Susan Dameron, Richmond Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.
- Pam Beatty, Virginia Theater Association and Hanover County Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.

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Public Comment (continued)

- Joyce Zsembery, Prince William County Public Schools, discussed fine arts education.
- Randy O'Neill of Williamsburg discussed health and wellness.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Report and recommendations from the Board of Education's 2006 Student Advisory Committee	The Board received the committee's report and recommendations regarding peer mediation, real-world experiences for students, the promotion of diverse academic opportunities, and the creation of a "Spirit of the Commonwealth" award to recognize high-achieving and well-rounded students.
Final review of proposed Fine Arts Standards of Learning (SOL)	The Board approved the proposed standards.
Final review of Economics Education and Financial Literacy: Objectives and Correlations to Mathematics and History and Social Science Standards of Learning and Career and Technical Education Competencies	The Board approved the objectives and correlations.
First review of approval of local school division remedial plans	The Board accepted the plans for first review.
First review of addition to the Board-approved list of instructional models/programs that include instructional models to satisfy provisions of the <i>Regulations Establishing Accrediting Standards for Public Schools in Virginia</i>	The Board waived first review and added <i>Voyager Passport Reading Journeys</i> to the list.
First review of proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to the Board-approved list of supplemental educational services providers under the <i>No Child Left Behind Action of 2001</i> .	The Board waived first review and added C2 Educational Systems, Inc. (trading as C2 Educational Centers), PowerCommunciators, and Bright Futures Learning Centers to the list; deleted the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond in Partnership with Compass Learning, Inc. from the list; and changed the name of EdSolutions to Champions Tutoring Program.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education (ABTEL) and Licensure to grant continuing program approval with stipulations to the teacher education program at St. Paul's College	The Board received the recommendation for first review.

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First review of recommended cut scores for the <i>ACT: PLAN, TABE Algebra/Geometry</i> , and <i>Cambridge International Examination: IGSCCE English as a Second Language</i> when used as substitute tests	The Board waived first review and approved the cut scores.
A report clarifying the determination of the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) scaled scores	The Board accepted the report.

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

Executive Session

Adjournment of Business Session

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