

# Summary of the Board of Education Meeting April 24, 2008

## Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

### Recognitions

- Dr. Patricia I. Wright, chief deputy superintendent of public instruction, was recognized by the Board for her selection as the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education's Alumna of the Year.
- Douglas R. Graney, a social studies teacher at Herndon High School in Fairfax County, was recognized as the recipient of the Virginia Education Association's 2007-2008 Award for Teaching Excellence. Mr. Graney is also the recipient of the Horace Mann National Education Association Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence.

### Public Comment

- Drew Profitt, a student at John S. Battle High School in Bristol, discussed educational opportunities in Southwest Virginia.
- Amy Saltzman of JustChildren discussed special education regulations.

### Report from the Board of Education's Committee on School and Division Accountability

- Chairman David L. Johnson discussed the committee's activities regarding Petersburg Public Schools, Sussex Public Schools, No Child Left Behind and warned and conditionally accredited schools.

### Consent Agenda

- Final review of financial report on Literary Fund
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Final review of recommendations concerning Literary Fund applications approved for release of fund or placement on a waiting list

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend and consolidate certain Board of Education regulations	The board waived first review and approved the NOIRA and authorized staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA).
First review of a proposed amendment to the Regulation Governing the Reduction of State Aid When the Length of the School Term Is Below 180 Teaching Days or 990 Teaching Hours (8 VAC 20-521-10 et seq.) under the Fast Track Provisions of the APA	The board accepted the proposed amendment for first review.

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Report from the Board of Education's 2007-2008 Student Advisory Committee	The Student Advisory Committee presented recommendations on the integration of technology into the classroom, improving student-faculty relationships and the promotion of state-funded programs to students.
First review of approval of local school division remedial plans	The Board waived first review and approved the report on division remedial plans.
First review of a request for approval of an innovative program opening prior to Labor Day from Covington City Public Schools	The Board accepted the request for first review.
First review of the proposal to establish a Governor's career and technical academy for renewable resources and agricultural sciences in Halifax County	The Board waived first review and approved the proposal to establish the academy.
First review of Virginia's definition of school readiness	The Board waived first review and adopted the definition of school readiness.
First review of a protocol for the state-directed investigation of testing irregularities	The Board waived first review and approved the protocol.
First review of recommended cut scores for the Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA) in science	The Board waived first review and approved the cut scores for the VGLA.
First review of No Child Left Behind differentiated accountability pilot proposal	The Board waived first review and approved the proposal for submission to the U.S. Department of Education.
First review of the Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers	The Board accepted the standards for first review.

### Reports

- Statewide Performance Report for Career and Technical Education and the Virginia Community College System, as a Sub-recipient of Perkins Funds from the Department of Education
- Report on 2006-2007 Supplemental Educational Services Evaluation

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

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy K. Cannaday Jr. discussed actions of the 2008 General Assembly, the creation of the Office of Early Childhood Services and restructuring of schools under NCLB.
- Board President Mark E. Emblidge discussed actions of the 2008 General Assembly related to the Standards of Quality.

### Executive Session

- The Board revoked the teaching license of Richard Chad Forsythe (PGP-0611031) and denied renewal of the teaching license of Gene Lawrence Rizzo (PGP-574726).

### Adjournment

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