

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting November 20, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Recognitions

- The Sorenson Institute for its Outstanding Youth Leadership Program
- Virginia's 2009 Regional Teachers of the Year and the 2009 Virginia Teacher of the Year
- The Clerks of the Senate of Virginia and the Virginia House of Delegates for their Outstanding Page Programs

Public Comment

- Chalmers Hood, Mary Washington University, discussed the Standards of Learning (SOL) program.
- Barry Glenn, Jobs for Virginia Graduates, discussed dropout prevention.
- Angela Ciolfi, JustChildren, discussed proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation and Standards of Quality.
- Yvonne Brandon, Richmond Public Schools, discussed personalized learning plans for students.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of proposed revisions to <i>Regulations Governing Pupil Transportation</i> (8 VAC 20-70)	The Board accepted the proposed revisions for first review and authorized VDOE to proceed under the Administrative Process Act (APA).
First Review of Proposed Amendments to the <i>Regulations Governing the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program Requirements and Selection Procedures</i> (8 VAC 20-650-30)	The Board approved the proposed revisions for first review and authorized VDOE staff to proceed under APA and Executive Order provisions governing the Fast-Track procedures.
Final review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to revise the definitions of "at-risk of becoming low-performing" and "low-performing institutions of higher education in Virginia" as required by Title II of the Higher Education Act	The Board approved ABTEL's recommendation to revise the definitions and directed VDOE staff to submit the revised definitions to the Title II Office of the United States Department of Education and Virginia institutions of higher education.
Final review of the <i>Advancing Virginia's Leadership Agenda Guidance Document: Standards and Indicators for School Leaders and Documentation for the Principal of Distinction (Level II) Administration and Supervision Endorsement</i>	The Board approved the guidance document and directed VDOE staff to disseminate the information to Virginia school divisions, institutions of higher education and professional organizations.

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Final review of the <i>Board of Education's 2008 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia</i>	The Board adopted the annual report contingent on the Board's decisions on the SOQ and approved VDOE staff making any additional technical or editorial changes to the text as necessary. Following the Board's final adoption and approval by the president, the report will be transmitted to the Governor and the General Assembly as required by the <i>Code of Virginia</i> and will also make it available to the public on the VDOE Web site.
First review of the <i>Board of Education's 2008 Annual Report on Electronic Meetings</i>	The Board waived first review and adopted the annual report and instructed VDOE staff to submit the final report to the Freedom of Information Advisory Council and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, as required by the <i>Code</i> .
Final review of the Standards of Quality (SOQ)	The Board approved the resolution and instructed VDOE staff to transmit the resolution to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Reports

The Board accepted the following:

- Petersburg City School Board's report on the Board's request to begin planning for the implementation of the restructuring contingency plan for the 2009-2010 school year
- Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education's annual report
- Report concerning the Statewide Dropout Prevention Summit held in October

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

- Dr. Ward commended Camelot Elementary School in Chesapeake for its academic improvement that was featured in a recent *Virginian-Pilot* article.
- Dr. Wright informed the Board of her participation on a Council of Chief State School Officers' presidential transition task force for the new administration.

Adjournment

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