

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: B

Date: October 23, 2014

Title	Final Review of Proposed Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2015 Calendar Year		
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Purpose of Presentation:

Review/action required by Board of Education bylaws.

Previous Review or Action:

Previous review and action. Specify date and action taken below:
September 18, 2014: First Review

Action Requested:

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

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
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
X	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify: Board of Education Meeting Dates

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Article Four, Section 2 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Prior to and no later than the annual meeting [February], the Board shall adopt a tentative schedule for regular meetings for the applicable calendar year. Such schedule shall be subject to the change, alteration or adjustment by the President as he or she deems appropriate, to accommodate the operation of the Board as is necessary.

Summary of Important Issues:

In recent years, the Board of Education has met monthly except for the months of August and December. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of the month, although this is not a requirement. Exceptions are the September meeting, which is scheduled to avoid meeting during Yom

Kippur, and the November meeting, which is scheduled to avoid meeting during Thanksgiving. The April meeting is typically a two-day planning session.

In addition to the monthly business meetings, the President may call special meetings of the full Board of Education and its committees, as deemed necessary. Unless otherwise announced by the President, all Board of Education meetings will be held in the Jefferson Conference Room on the 22nd floor of the James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

The proposed business meeting dates for 2015 are as follows:

- Thursday, January 22
- Thursday, February 26
- Thursday, March 26
- Wednesday-Thursday, April 22-23
- Thursday, May 28
- Thursday, June 25
- Thursday, July 23
- Thursday, September 17
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, November 19

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

Funding to support the expenses related to the meetings of the Board of Education is provided from the Department of Education’s general operating budget, which is appropriated by the General Assembly.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Following adoption, the dates will be widely disseminated to local school officials, statewide organizations, and to the public. The meeting dates will also be posted on the Board of Education’s Web site.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education approve the proposed meeting dates for the 2015 calendar year.

Rationale for Action:

Pursuant to the Board’s bylaws, prior to its annual meeting [February] the Board shall adopt a tentative schedule for regular meetings for the applicable calendar year. The meeting dates for 2015 were proposed to avoid conflicts with major religious and national holidays, and received input from the Board of Education members.