Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: J. Date: November 30, 2005

Topic: First Review of Nominations for Appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Committee

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Origin:

___ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

x Board review required by

  x State or federal law or regulation
  ____ Board of Education regulation
  ____ Other: __________

x Action requested at this meeting ___ Action requested at future meeting: __________ (date)

Previous Review/Action:

__x No previous board review/action

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action _______________________________________

Background Information:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires the establishment of this advisory committee to advise the State Education Agency on the education of children with disabilities. The committee membership as required by IDEA must consist of:

- parents of children with disabilities
- individuals with disabilities
- teachers
- representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
- state and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- administrators of programs for children with disabilities
- representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities
- representatives of private schools and public charter schools
- not less than one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- a representative from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care
representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies
A majority of the members of the committee must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.

Summary of Major Elements
The following individuals are nominated for a first term to fill the respective vacancies on the committee:

- Sharon Duncan (parents, region 6)
- Jacqueline Nelson, Department of Correctional Education (corrections agencies)
- Tamara Temoney, Foster Care Policy Specialist (state foster care system)
- Mary Ann Discenza, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (other state agencies)

The following individuals are nominated for a second term on the committee:

- Dr. J. David Martin, Division Superintendent, Fauquier County Public Schools (state education officials)
- Ms. Leslie Snyder (persons with disabilities)

Superintendent's Recommendation:
The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board waive first review and accept the nominations.

Impact on Resources:
Activities of the State Special Education Advisory Committee are supported through IDEA funds.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:
NA