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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 1, 2009
School Administration Building
Board Room**

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Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
Board Room, School Administration Building

H. ADJOURNMENT

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Assistant Superintendent of
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Agenda Report

Date: 12/01/09

Agenda Number: A-1

Attachments: No

From: Paul McKendrick, Superintendent

Subject: Public Comments

Summary/Description:

In accordance with School Board Policy 1-41: Public Participation, the school board welcomes requests and comments as established in the guidelines within that policy. Individuals who wish to speak before the school board shall have an opportunity to do so at this time.

Disposition: Action
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board receive this agenda report as an informational item.

Agenda Report

Date: 12/01/09

Agenda Number: D-1

Attachments: No

From: Paul McKendrick, Superintendent
Stephen C. Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Subject: High School Program of Studies: 2010-11

Summary/Description:

Each year modifications are made to the high school program of studies to reflect changes at the federal, state, or local levels. One group of major changes for 2010-11 comes from the changes being made at the state level to the *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* (8 VAC 20-131-5 et seq.) (Standards of Accreditation or SOA). These changes to the SOA became final in July 2009, and these changes, all affecting first-time ninth grade students in 2010-11, include the following:

1. There are two new diploma options (the Standard Technical and Advanced Technical diplomas);
2. The Advanced Diploma requirements are increased from 24 to 26 credits.
3. A credit in economics and personal finance is a graduation requirement for all diplomas except the Modified Standard Diploma;
4. The option to earn two standard credits in mathematics for completing Algebra I in a two-course sequence has been removed;
5. Math credit for the computer math course will only be granted if the student is also a Career-Technical Education program completer.

Many of these changes were anticipated, and the school board approved several related changes to the high school program of studies last year. These changes include the addition of the proposed graduation requirements, the addition of an advanced level economics and personal finance course, and the extension of the Career-Technical Education economics and personal finance course from a semester to a full-year course.

However, some of the changes to the SOA are yet to be reflected in the 2010-11 document, and these include the following:

1. Algebra I Part I will be removed;
2. The typical math course sequences chart will be changed to reflect changes in math course offerings; and
3. A notation will be added indicating that math credit for the computer math course will only be granted if the student is also a Career-Technical Education program completer.

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Attachments: No

In addition to the changes listed above, there are a number of proposed modifications related to state and local initiatives. These changes include the following:

1. Adding Advanced Placement Economics (Micro and Macro) as a one-credit, full-year course;
2. Adding a semester-long Arts Appreciation course which will be an exploratory rotation to include six weeks of art, six weeks of drama, and six weeks of vocal music;
3. Adding a year-long math support course, called Math Lab, for students who would have been scheduled into Algebra I Part I for 2010-11 but who will be scheduled into Algebra I instead;
4. Removing the option for work/study credit for Marketing I—that opportunity will still be available for Marketing II students;
5. Removing the Digital Imaging I and II courses—that program was lost to budget cuts for 2009-10.
6. Making two required name changes in Career-Technical Education courses—the former Advertising Design course is now referred to as Communications Systems, and the former Computer Maintenance course is now Introduction to Information Technology;
7. Moving from a two-period blocked format to a single-period format for both the first and second year courses in the Computer Systems Technology program;
8. Adding two single-period courses in the area of Computer Networking and Hardware;
9. Making a number of minor editorial changes and clarifications.

A draft copy of the proposed 2010-11 High School Program of Studies has been distributed to members of the school board.

Disposition: Action
 Information
 Action at Meeting on: 12/15/09

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board receive this agenda report as an informational item and consider action at the school board meeting on December 15, 2009.