Appointments – Three new appointments were also approved:

- "Language Arts" will be included in the middle school division. Career-Technical Education will be included in elementary education, middle school and secondary education. A fourth division will be added for the Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund. These funds will allow additional school districts to participate in the LEAPP.

Good News

- The Good News of the Week featured Lenoir Elementary in Caldwell County.
- "Some ideas for student activities." A survey were used to help identify these schools. Winning schools are Brevard and White.

- Priscilla J. Maynor was approved as DPI's Executive Director of Internal Operations and Management at the Department of Public Instruction. As Director of Innovation Programs, Executive Director of Secondary Education (ESL) K-12; and Agricultural Education – 7-8, and 9-12. In Durham.

- Teacher of the Year and SBE Teacher of the Year Advisor.

- Presented awards to Sylvia Caldwell, Pauline Jones Elementary School, County Superintendent Ann Hart and Chief Technology Officer Terry.

- Conversion beginning Oct. 19. Readiness assessment workshops are being presented to education agencies and 23 charter schools are scheduled for data collection.

- School tracking that could restrict access to rigorous and relevant curricula. To completely review the ABCs, the Board is developing a menu of recommended strategies.

- The strategies portion of the Draft Policy from the SBE Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Rigor is anticipated for November. Action was delayed on these standards to allow participants: Edgecombe County, Halifax County, Hertford County, Hoke County, Johnston County, Pitt County, Wilson County, and Wake County to complete details of an implementation plan.

- Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force.

- Waiver Policy for School Calendar Star and End Date Changes.

- Teacher Turnover Report.

- Proposed Changes to Mathematics and Science Tests Implementation.

- The Board continued its review of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee's Impact of Mentor Program Flexibility on Teacher Retention.

- The implementation of the ABCs Accountability System in 2004 General Assembly. The plan is for recommendations to be submitted for approval of these plans, $11 million in funds authorized by Gov. Mike Easley for the Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund for 2004-05 school year, and a summary of the local plans was approved this month for submission to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

- The annual Teacher Turnover Report.

- Draft Policy from the SBE Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Rigor.

- Implementation of the ABCs, October 2004.

- Spring is the best time to modify the ABCs accountability system. While the ABCs is being reviewed, substantial changes are required in order to meet state's requirements for the plan.

- The Board is developing a menu of recommended strategies.

- Developed around a menu of recommended strategies delineated in the legislative changes made during the 2003 session regarding automatic teacher pay.

- Board members are required to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the Implementation of the ABCs, October 2004.