

## Summary of the Board of Education Meeting February 19, 2009

### Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

### Recognitions

- The board presented a resolution of appreciation to Suzette Denslow, former deputy policy director and legislative director in the Office of the Governor, for outstanding service to public education.
- The board presented resolutions of recognition to the Virginia recipients of the 2008 Milken Family Foundation National Educators Awards: Recharta Walston, a third-grade teacher at Seatack Elementary School in Virginia Beach; Laura Marshall, a third-grade teacher at Grange Hall Elementary School in Chesterfield County; and Dr. William Sterrett, principal at Woodbrook Elementary School in Albemarle County.

### Approval of Minutes of January 2009 meeting

### Public Comment

- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed proposed changes to the Standards of Accreditation.

### Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of the proposed revisions to the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (8 VAC 20-131-5 et seq.)	The board approved the proposed regulations as amended and authorized Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the remaining steps required by the Administrative Process Act (APA). VDOE staff will notify local school divisions of the changes in the regulations when the regulations become final, pursuant to APA requirements.
First review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Fairfax County Public Schools for the Key Center	The board accepted the alternative accreditation plan for first review and anticipates final review on March 26, 2009.
First review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Fairfax County Public Schools for the Kilmer Center	The board accepted the alternative accreditation plan for first review.
Final review of proposed revised Mathematics Standards of Learning (SOL)	The board adopted the proposed revised Mathematics SOL and authorized VDOE staff to post the document on the Web site.
First review of process for state adoption of textbooks and instructional materials for K-12 history and social science	The board waived first review and granted approval for VDOE to proceed with the adoption of K-12 history and social science textbooks and instructional materials.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to grant approval to requests to add new endorsement programs at Norfolk State University and Virginia State University	The board waived first review and approved ABTEL's recommendation to grant "Conditional Approval" for new endorsement programs at Norfolk State University and Virginia State University. Colleges and universities must meet requirements for continued approval in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia, effective September 21, 2007.

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**Reports**

The Student Advisory Committee informed the board that it will be reporting back in April on the topics they are exploring:

- the expansion of online educational opportunities
- globalization and the role of foreign language and technology instruction
- student recognition.

**Adjournment**

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