

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting February 25, 2010

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Officers

- Eleanor Saslaw was elected president.
- Dr. Ella Ward was elected vice president.

Public Comment

- Dr. James Murday, University of Southern California, DC Office of Research Advancement and Virginia resident, discussed science standards.
- Dr. James Batterson of Suffolk discussed science standards.
- Angela Ciolfi of JustChildren discussed the education budget.
- Sylvia Jones of JustChildren discussed Petersburg Public Schools.

Approval of Minutes

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education & Licensure (ABTEL) to grant approval of an education program in administration and supervision PreK-12 at the University of Richmond (UR)	The board waived first review and approved the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations and ABTEL's recommendation to grant "Approved" status to UR's new endorsement program.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to grant the professional education program at Virginia Wesleyan College accreditation through the Board of Education-approved process	The board accepted for first review the ABTEL on-site accreditation review team's recommendation of "accredited with stipulations" for Virginia Wesleyan's professional education program. The recommendation is expected to be presented to the board for final review on March 18, 2010.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve an option to meet the Praxis I reading and writing tests for entry into an approved preparation program	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to allow the "Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment [VCLA] (Reading and Writing)" as an optional test for the Praxis I reading and writing tests for entry into a teacher preparation program. Individuals using this option will be required to meet the Praxis 1 Mathematics assessment (or the equivalent SAT or ACT test scores). The recommendation is expected to be presented to the board for final review on March 18, 2010.

Reports

- Report on critical-need divisions receiving technical assistance from the Office of School Improvement
- Report on testing irregularities in Norfolk Public Schools
- Report on academic and career plan technical assistance
- Report on *Internet Safety and You*

Discussion of Current Issues by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Dr. Ward asked that VDOE staff consider public comments related to science standards.
- Rob Krupicka asked that the board begin considerations on how to assist divisions related to budget issues

Adjournment

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