

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting March 18, 2010

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Remarks by Secretary of Education Gerard Robinson

Recognitions

- Ann Lam Wong of West Springfield High in Fairfax County and Sharon A. Dravvorn of Woodbridge Senior High in Prince William County received resolutions of recognition for being named Virginia's 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educators.
- Carroll County and Spotsylvania County Public Schools were recognized for receiving Southern Association of Colleges & Schools/Council on Accreditation & School Improvement (SACS/CASI) district accreditation.
- Lexington Public Schools was recognized as being a 2010 Distinguished Title I School Division.

Public Comment

- Stephen King, government relations chair for the Virginia Music Educators Association discussed student fees for musical instruments.
- Suzanne Mallory-Parker, a Chesterfield County Public Schools music educator, discussed student fees for musical instruments.
- Dr. Katherine Murphy-Judy, president-elect of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia discussed the importance of foreign language instruction.
- Suzanne Gallagher, director of the Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Economic Education, discussed economic education.

Action and Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of the proposed consolidated <i>Regulations Governing Local School Boards and School Divisions</i> (8 VAC 20-720-10 et seq.)	The board adopted the regulations and authorized Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA).
Final review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to grant the professional education program at Virginia Wesleyan College accreditation through the Board of Education-approved process	The board approved ABTEL's recommendation that Virginia Wesleyan College's professional education program be "accredited with stipulations." Within a two-year period, the program must fully meet accreditation standards.
Final review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve an option to meet the Praxis I reading and writing test for entry into an approved preparation program	The board accepted ABTEL's recommendation to approve the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (Reading and Writing) as an alternative test for the Praxis I Reading and Writing tests for entry into a teacher preparation program.
First review of proposed <i>Economics and Personal Finance Standards of Learning</i> curriculum framework	The board accepted for first review the proposed economics and personal finance SOL curriculum framework. The curriculum framework will be subject to public comment, final review, and adoption by the board.

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First review of process for state adoption of textbooks and instructional materials for K-12 mathematics	The board waived first review and granted approval for VDOE to proceed with the adoption of K-12 mathematics textbooks and instructional materials. Following committee review, VDOE will submit a list of recommended materials to the board for approval.
Final review of state adoption of textbooks and instructional materials for K-12 history and social science	The board accepted for final review and approved the recommended list of history and social science textbooks and instructional materials and directed staff to post the list of adopted textbooks and instructional materials on the VDOE Web site.
First review of a request for approval of a request from Fairfax County Public Schools for a waiver of one day for a declared state of emergency	The board accepted for first review Fairfax County Public Schools' request for waiver of one of the required make-up days, due to a declared state of emergency because of this winter's heavy snows.

Reports

- Received the "Career & Technical Education Statewide Annual Performance Report: Perkins IV Performance Standards" and a report concerning postsecondary Perkins-technical preparation through the Virginia Community College System
- Received a report on the biennial budget adopted by the 2010 General Assembly
- Received a report on legislation passed by the 2010 General Assembly

Adjournment

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