

Summary of the Board of Education Meetings April 21-22, 2010

April 21, 2010: Executive & Planning Session

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the board voted to:

- Suspend until June 30, 2011, the license of Lisa Dawn Toler
- Revoke the license of Ulysess Edward Turner
- Revoke the license of Shon Merritt Walter
- Revoke the license of Steven Mark Yewcic
- Issue a statement of eligibility for a provisional license for one individual

Recognitions

- The board recognized Dr. Thomas Brewster for his work as a member of the Virginia Board of Education.
- The board recognized Kelvin Moore for his work as a member of the Board of Education.

Reports and Presentations

- Highlights of Progress and Activities Towards Meeting Board of Education Objectives
- Charter School Legislation
- Current Charter School Application Review Process
- College Partnership Laboratory School Legislation
- Virtual School Program Legislation
- Virtual Virginia Program Updates
- Virginia's Educational Information Management System — Future Work
- The Future of Virginia's Assessment Program: Testing in a Digital Age
- Overview of the Board of Education's Comprehensive Plan

Adjournment

April 22, 2010: Business Meeting

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Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

- Candace Lucas, educator and education advocate, discussed reporting requirements of alleged incidents against students.
- Arthur Almore, Chesterfield NAACP education committee chairman, discussed gifted regulations.

Consent Agenda

- Final review of financial report on literary fund

Action and Discussion Items

First review of the proposed revisions to the Regulations Governing Career and Technical Education (8VAC 20-120-10 et seq.)	The board accepted the proposed regulations for first review and authorized Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA). The timetable for further actions will be governed by APA requirements.
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First review of a request for approval of an innovative program opening prior to Labor Day (year-round school) from Richmond City Public Schools	The board accepted for first review the request from Richmond Public Schools for an innovative program, pursuant to the provisions of §.22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia. The request will be presented to the Board of Education for final review and approval at the May 27, 2010, meeting.
First review of a request for approval of an innovative program opening prior to Labor Day from Harrisonburg City Public Schools	The board accepted for first review the request from Harrisonburg Public Schools for an innovative program, pursuant to the provisions of §.22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia. The request will be presented for final review and approval at the May 27, 2010, meeting.
First review of a request for approval of a waiver of 8 VAC 20-131-150 of the Standards of Accreditation (5-1/2 hour school day) from Montgomery County Public Schools	The board waived first review and approved the request from Montgomery County Public Schools to waive the 5-1/2 hour school day due to roof collapse.
First review of a recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to grant approval to add new education (endorsement) programs at Bluefield College, Christopher Newport University, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon College, the University of Richmond, and The College of William and Mary	The board waived first review and approved ABTEL's recommendation to grant "Approved" status to the new endorsement programs (including approval of partnerships) at Bluefield College, Christopher Newport University, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon College, University of Richmond and the College of William and Mary.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to accredit with stipulations the professional education program at Washington and Lee University through a process approved by the Board of Education and approve the education (endorsement) programs	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to grant "accredited with stipulations" status of Washington and Lee's professional education and approve the education (endorsement) programs. The recommendation will be presented for final review and approval at the May 27, 2010, meeting.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to accredit the professional education program at Averett University through a process approved by the Board of Education	The board waived first review and approved ABTEL's recommendation to accept the recommendation that the professional education program at Averett University be "accredited," indicating that the program has met the standards as set forth in 8VAC-20-542-60 of the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia. An on-site review of professional education programs will be conducted on a seven-year cycle.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve passing scores for the Praxis II world language assessments in German, French and Spanish and to approve the assessments and passing scores as another option to meet endorsement requirements for native speakers or candidates who have learned the foreign language	The board accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendations to approve cut scores for the revised World Language German, French and Spanish assessments, and to approve the use of the revised Praxis II assessments in German, French and Spanish as additional test options that can be utilized by native speakers or candidates who have learned a foreign language without formal academic credit to meet the endorsement requirements in these languages. This agenda item will be presented to the Board of Education for final approval at the May 27, 2010, meeting.
First review of a recommendation of ABTEL to approve a passing score for the Praxis II business and information technology assessment	The board received for first review ABTEL's recommendation to approve the cut score for the revised Praxis II Business and Information Technology assessment. This agenda item will be presented to the Board of Education for final approval at the May 27, 2010, meeting.

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Final 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 of Education approved Fairfax's 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.
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Discussion of Current Issues by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia Wright reiterated the announcement of the phasing out of the Virginia Grade-Level Assessment and provided copies of a news release announcing the decision.
- Board President Eleanor Saslaw announced committee assignment changes as follows:
 - Charter School Committee – Chair Isis Castro, Rob Krupicka and Betsy Beamer
 - Lab School Committee – Chair Dave Foster and Virginia McLaughlin
 - Standards of Quality Committee – Chair Billy Cannaday
 - Accountability Committee – Chair David Johnson
 - ABTEL – Board Liaison Ella Ward

Adjournment

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