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Board of Education Elects Saslaw President

Eleanor B. Saslaw of Springfield was elected president of the Board of Education today at the board's February meeting in Richmond. The vote by Saslaw's fellow board members was unanimous.

Saslaw, a retired educator, has served on the board since 2004 when she was appointed by Governor Mark R. Warner and was reappointed to a second term in 2008 by Governor Timothy M. Kaine.

She is the chairwoman of the board's Committee on the Standards of Quality. Saslaw retired in 2004 after a 35-year career in public education. She served as a school counselor and director of student services in four Fairfax County public schools and taught social studies and mathematics in Maryland.

The board unanimously re-elected Dr. Ella P. Ward of Chesapeake as vice president.

Ward was appointed to the board in January 2003 by Governor Warner and reappointed by Governor Kaine in January 2007. She has served as vice president of the board since February 2006.

She retired after serving in Portsmouth as an assistant principal at two middle schools and as a high school English and journalism teacher. Dr. Ward served on the Chesapeake School Board for six years and is currently on the Chesapeake city council.

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