

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 20, 2009
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Present were:

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman
Maxwell G. Cisne, Vice Chairman
Mr. Andrew A. Meng, III,
Mr. Ivan O. Mattox, Sr.
Mr. James L. Haskell
Dr. Linda A. Underwood, Superintendent

Also attending were:

Andrew W. Pryor, Supervisor District 1 and Chair
William E. Quarles, Jr., Supervisor District 2
Ned S. Creasey, Supervisor, District 3
Malvern R. Butler, Supervisor, District 4
James W. Eads, Supervisor, District 5
Pete Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst

The Media was represented by:

Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*
Amy Condra, *The Goochland Gazette*

INFORMATION ITEMS:

COST ANALYSIS: NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An analysis was done comparing Louisa County's construction of a new elementary school. Greg Wolfrey stated the cost in Louisa was much lower - \$14 million total costs versus \$25 million cost proposed for building a new elementary school in Goochland. Dr. Underwood stated there were differences in the construction itself and it would be difficult to factor out some of the work that had been done earlier, such as site work. She stated that Moseley Architects has recalculated the cost projection based on the market now and came up with a cost of \$20 million for construction of a 700-student elementary school. The Board of Supervisors held discussion regarding the benefit of holding off on construction until a later date. Dr. Underwood stated the new elementary school is the number one priority of the School Board as enrollment projections for this year have already been met and/or exceeded as county growth continues. It was suggested that the projections done by the School Board were old, however Dr. Underwood stated the projections are recalculated every three months and are right on target. It was suggested by Mr. Eads that the School Board take the matter to referendum to let the citizens decide whether they want to pay for a new elementary school. Mr. Miller stated that based on the 2.5% projection in place, Goochland Elementary School will be over populated by 2010-2011 and at that point something will need to be done. Mr. Pryor stated that all comments would be taken into consideration and no decision would be made at this point in time.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOMS

Mr. Miller stated that a resolution had already been presented representing the decision of the School Board to move forward with the construction of multipurpose rooms at Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School. Mr. Pryor asked, based on comments made, whether or not the School Board wanted to move forward with the construction. The discussion was deferred to the February Board of Supervisors meeting.

BUS GARAGE

Mr. Pryor stated that the School Board knows very little about the proposed construction for a bus garage and suggested giving the School Board 90-120 days to look at the second option amount to \$600,000 for a bus garage. The motion was made and seconded.

FY10 BUDGET

Dr. Underwood stated the 2009-2010 budget is 1.02% less than the current budget. She also stated the School Board was told to expect flat funding, which would allow the School Board to preserve programs and cut the "nice-to-haves". The bottom line request of the School Board is that the Board of Supervisors honor their commitment to flat fund the budget in order to allow the School Board to maintain instructional programs.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Raymond A Miller

Diane Bennett

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