

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
(postponed from February 9, 2010)  
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Absent:**

Mr. James L. Haskell

**Also attending were:**

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School  
John Hendron, Supervisor of Instructional Technology  
Bea Cantor, ITRT  
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst  
Ned Creasey, District 3 Supervisor

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Campbell Ferguson, a student at Randolph Elementary School.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood presented additions/changes to the agenda.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Underwood and Mr. Miller presented certificates of recognition to John Hendron and Bea Cantor for having been selected to attend the Google Teacher Academy.

Dr. Underwood and Pete Gretz presented certificates to the School Board Members in honor of School Board Appreciation Week.

Dr. Underwood and Pete Gretz presented a certificate to Diane Bennett in honor of School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

## FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Campbell Ferguson spoke regarding the birthday of Dr. Seuss and invited the School Board Members to read to a child for at least 30 minutes at Randolph Elementary School on March 1, 2010.
- John Wright spoke on behalf of the Goochland Education Parents Association (GEPA), stating they have gathered signatures on a petition asking the Board of Supervisors to reject the budget approved by the School Board on January 25. The members of GEPA feel the budget is not in the best interest of the public. Mr. Wright also stated the members of GEPA feel Dr. Underwood has committed a breach of confidence with the citizens by avoiding specific questions, "bait and switch tactics with budgetary items" and a "lack of good faith in executing her duties". Mr. Wright asked the School Board to perform a formal review of the Superintendent and make it available to the public.
- Jane Christie spoke on behalf of GEPA stating she feels that had the School Board actually listened when they spoke, there may have been a different outcome in the budget process.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- Regular Monthly Workshop – Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room. Dr. Underwood suggested changing the time of the workshop to 6:00 p.m. to allow enough time for School Board members to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 2010 VSBA Southside Regional Forum – March 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at Petersburg High School
- Board of Supervisors meeting on March 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the tax rate.

## CONSENT ITEMS

### PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### MINUTES

### BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

January 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes, January 19, 2010 special meeting minutes, and January 26, 2010 workshop minutes, Bills and Payroll for January, and Personnel Actions.

### **Appointments:**

David Tual, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to approve the Consent Items as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS: (items taken out of order)

TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

John Hendron presented a technology demonstration focused on software/freeware available to and used by the division.

RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Stacey Austin, Principal of Randolph Elementary School, presented the Randolph Elementary School Improvement Plan.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), explaining the funding process and priority of projects listed. None of the projects approved by the School Board appear on the County CIP.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the health insurance. The County's Consultant is doing a study to see if there is a financial benefit for the Schools and County to go together for health insurance.

SHARING SERVICES

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding conversations with the County regarding sharing mowing services with the County. A recommendation will be forthcoming.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Miller would like staff to continue looking into what messages could be sent to Board Members via SchoolMessenger.
- Mr. Miller asked that Dr. Underwood provide an update on the bus garage at the next Board workshop.
- Mr. Mattox mentioned the change in the local composite index stating that GCPS would not be affected either way. Dr. Underwood explained that looking only at the local composite index, GCPS would receive approximately \$4,000 more. There is also the possibility that state revenues would be reduced by approximately \$300,000 in 2011-2012.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Brad Franklin presented information regarding a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools grant. The grant would include emergency training for all staff. GCPS could receive up to \$150,000 in grant funds spread over a two year period.

**SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**CLOSED MEETING**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

*Raymond G. Miller*

Signature

3/9/10

Date

**APPROVED:**

*Diane W. Bennett*

Signature

3/9/10

Date