

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2008  
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Andrew A. Meng, III called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Also attending were:**

Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education

**The Media was represented by:**

Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*  
Brad Franklin, *The Goochland Gazette*

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None.

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Elizabeth Dowdy spoke regarding the possible school additions. Her feelings are that a \$54 million referendum will not pass and asked that the School Board consider not choosing that option.

(At this point in the meeting the Board decided to move the Facilities Agenda item to the end.)

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**FUEL**

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the fuel financial situation. With the given projections of fuel costs, the budgeted fuel funds will be \$42,000 short before the end of the 2007-08 school year. This amount does not take into consideration the topping off of fuel tanks that will be sitting for the summer. It does, however, take into consideration the fact that schools are using general funds accounts, PTA funds, activity funds, etc., to fund field trips. Athletics have not been canceled. The Board discussed possible solutions to the problem.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Dr. Underwood stated that Bill Cleveland, Goochland County IT Director, has made a request that the School Board grant permission for the installation of a pole at Randolph Elementary School that would create a "hot spot" that would allow County Public Safety Personnel to pull in with their cars and connect to the internet, allowing

them quicker access to data they need in order to perform their jobs. The Board will bring this matter back on April 1, 2008 for discussion and vote.

**INFORMATION ITEM:**

**FACILITIES PLAN**

Dr. Underwood provided an overview of the facilities plan, stating the Board had approved a CIP and 20-year plan for facilities and that plan was shared with the Board of Supervisors. Included in that plan were a new elementary school in the courthouse area, multipurpose rooms at Byrd Elementary and Randolph Elementary, and a transportation garage. This plan was submitted to the Board of Supervisors in December, 2007. An additional option for construction (Option 4) was presented by the Board of Supervisors. Buses are anticipated to be funded from unexpended funds.

Pursuant to a Memorandum dated March 13, 2008 to Dr. Underwood from Greg Wolfrey, County Administrator, voter approval in the form of a \$54 million referendum would be required in order to fund any construction.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to discuss the new Option 4 in lieu of moving to a referendum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, for a resolution to request appropriation totaling \$12,921,504 to be used for design and planning of a bus garage, multipurpose rooms and six classroom additions at Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School. The motion was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Basic maintenance in the schools has not been able to be completed in recent years due to funding. This year it was requested in the CIP, but was not funded.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne to request supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$266,000 to cover replacement of carpet, painting facilities, and vehicles. The motion was approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Board requested that Dr. Underwood will prepare a brief overview of when and where trailers will be installed on school property and present it at the April 8, 2008 regular meeting.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Elizabeth Nelson-Lyda stated she had read the audit report from cover to cover. She has concerns specifically with the County Administrator as he tends to toggle back and forth between two different accounting principles, and she feels that has something to do with the communication issue between the two Boards. After reading the memorandum from the County Administrator to Dr. Underwood regarding option 3a, she found it misleading and unethical. She applauds the School Board for looking at Option 4 in light of the potential referendum. She strongly urges both Boards to get together to see if additions are viable, understanding it is not the School Board's preferred option. She does not feel the public will be upset that the School Board is looking at the other option.
- Elizabeth Dowdy spoke again thanking the Board for pursuing Option 4 rather than the referendum. She also made the request that any construction that is to be done at the schools, be done when the children are not in school.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Dr. Underwood reminded the Board of the March 25, 2008 Board of Supervisor's public hearing on the budget. Mr. Miller will be speaking on behalf of the School Board, as well as many other Goochland citizens.
- Mr. Meng would like to pursue getting members of the Board of Supervisors to the schools. He requested that each School Board member call their respective Board of Supervisors member and request that they meet at one of the schools.

CLOSED MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman

  
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Diane W. Bennett, Clerk

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