

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP  
MARCH 23, 2010  
ANNEX BUILDING TRAINING ROOM  
6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Also present:**

Pete Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Ellen Guidry, Director of Elementary Education  
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations  
Sonny Turner, Supervisor of Maintenance  
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation  
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Goochland Elementary School  
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
Matt Covington, Assistant Principal, Goochland High School  
Karen Scott, Assistant Principal, Goochland High School  
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

**The Media was represented by:**

Ken Odor, *The Goochland Gazette*

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood presented additions and deletions to agenda.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

**Supplemental Appointments:**

Dave Falconer, Middle School Baseball

**Resignations:**

Tanya Howell, GMS, English

**Leave of Absence:**

Takara Higgs

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

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**PRELIMINARY REPORT ON AUDIT**

Rob Churchman with KPMG presented the preliminary audit report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- John Wright spoke regarding accountability, stating he feels there has been an attempt to mislead. He does not feel the Board is being genuine. Mr. Wright stated he did find it encouraging that as they bring up topics, they are seeing results.
- Penny Palen read comments written by Jane Christie, who left to attend the Board of Supervisors' meeting. Ms. Christie had formerly requested that the School Board post a revised budget showing recategorization, including a detailed explanation of positions being relocated (including object codes). She also asked that the School Board budget separately identify salaries and provide a detailed listing of all GCPS positions funded by the grants fund, including duration of funding and position.
- Mr. Haskell made a statement regarding dog searches and how searches happened when he was chairman. Mr. Haskell also explained that there has been no attempt to mislead anyone.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**DOG SEARCHES** (Item taken out of order)

Dr. U presented explaining that she put the item on the agenda because question of dog searches was raised at prior meeting. Dr. Underwood further explained that she spoke with the Sheriff and discussed video. The Sheriff stated there was no problem with the dog searches. The process is that the Sheriff calls the Superintendent 10 minutes prior to the search. Determining how searches would be done was a long process that included a lot of research. The video in question video was prepared by students to let other students know this will happen and there is no free ride. There was no timing of the event. The Sheriff wants to arrest kids using and/or selling drugs and we do not want kids in schools selling and/or using drugs. Our primary purpose is to make sure there are no drugs in school. Never at any point in time have we had more than 10 minutes notice. We only ask the Sheriff to stay away from weeks during testing.

**ACCOUNTING STRUCTURE**

Dr. U presented information regarding category changes and accounting structure.

**STATEMENT**

Mr. Miller made a statement regarding the Superintendent evaluation, stating that at the last meeting we made an attempt to clear up presentations to the public and in having to do that there was no intention to offend anyone. Andrea Erard also commented stating

that making the evaluation available to the public is not something they can do. Ms. Erard further explained that if the School Board discussed the evaluation in closed meeting they would have to identify that on the closed meeting motion. Mr. Miller closed in saying it was not the School Board's intention to mislead, but to give as much information as possible.

#### BUS GARAGE UPDATE

Sonny Turner presented an update on the bus garage stating he had worked with Timmons to provide Plan of Development. This process is done and submitted and we now have received a list of comments from Timmons, we have resubmitted and now have a new list of comments. The roofs on the Maintenance and Transportation office building and bus garage have been done. The cost for Timmons was \$29,425, roofs \$8,950, bus shop roof \$1,020, totaling \$39,395. At this point been asked to stop work in light of new plan. Mr. Turner stated we could be put of out of business based on septic and electric upgrade not being done. He recommended the electrical at the bus garage be upgraded to at least a 200 amp service with an approximate cost of \$1,500.

Mr. Miller explained that he, Dr. Underwood, Rebecca Dickson, and Mr. Quarles met and at that time the School Board was asked to not spend any more money on the bus garage. At this point Mr. Miller has not seen a formal request from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Turner asked the School Board if he could just take the \$1,500 out of the current operating budget to replace the electrical. The School Board agreed to allow Mr. Turner to go forward with the upgrade.

Dr. Underwood will send a memo to Ms. Dickson indicating the School Board has a number of questions, and recommending a meeting between the two boards to discuss the project. Mr. Mattox requested the letter include a request for timelines and costs.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, that was seconded by Mr. Cisne, that Mr. Turner make repairs to the electrical system out of the \$600,000 that has been appropriated by the Board of Supervisors for the new bus garage. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### TRANSPORTATION COST ANALYSIS

Dr. Underwood presented an overview of the transportation cost analysis.

#### 2010-2011 CALENDAR UPDATE

Pete Gretz presented an update on the calendar process. The calendar will be presented to the Board for review and approval on April 13, 2010.

#### COMPUTER INSPECTION UPDATE

Tom DeWeerd presented information regarding computer inspections. The tech team has completed inspection on all computers which have been leased for four years. The equipment is due to come out of warranty this month. In an effort to minimize out-of-warranty repairs the tech team inspected all computers. The tech team can do a majority of the repairs, and received payment for the repairs. There were 529 issues, of which 280 were repaired and covered under warranty. The cost would have been \$33,874 over the next year. Because we are certified in apple repairs, we will receive approximately \$10,000 for making the repairs. This money will cover screens and batteries in the next year.

**FEBRUARY 28, 2010 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Dr. Underwood and Lynne Venter presented the February 28, 2010 financial update. Dr. Underwood further explained the VRS holiday and savings to be realized.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(2) for the discussion or consideration of a student disciplinary matter that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning a student and pursuant Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion and consideration of a grievance by a member of the support staff and for the discussion of the resignation of a specific employee.

**END CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell for the Board to come out of Closed Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne to certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to motion to long-term suspend student no. 5-09 until March 26, 2010, provided that student no. 5-09 and his/her parents cooperate with Mrs. Gordon. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to accept the resignation of Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst, effective April 27, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

*Wayne S. Cisne*  
Signature

4/13/10  
Date

**APPROVED:**

*Diane W. Bennett*  
Signature

4/13/10  
Date