

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP
MARCH 24, 2009
ANNEX CONFERENCE 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. Ivan O. Mattox
Dr. Linda A. Underwood, Superintendent

Absent:

Mr. Andrew A. Meng, III

Also present:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:

Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

Resignations:

Lisa Jones, GHS, English
Earl Kirby, Bus Driver
Evan O'Dell, GHS, Special Ed

Retirement:

Evelyn Cruise, BES, Guidance Counselor

Sue Mason, GES, 1st Grade
Ginger Pareene, BES, 4th Grade

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

ACTION ITEMS:

FACILITIES USE POLICY KG-R

Dr. Underwood presented the revised facilities use policy KG-R for second reading and recommended its approval.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to approve policy KG-R as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

ERIP STUDY

Dr. Underwood presented the Board with information from a study done on the current Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP). Dan Homan, Vice President of Wachovia Retirement Services, was present to explain the study and its results. Having decided the program is not self-supporting, the Board passed a Resolution freezing enrollment effective April 1, 2009.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE UPDATE

Pete Gretz presented an update on the progress of the Calendar Committee. Mr. Gretz stated the committee is looking at a possible two-week early start, which would begin school only one day earlier than the current school year and would allow school to end in early June. A one-week early start would have school ending in mid to late June. The Board reviewed that possibility and agreed it would consider the option.

ATHLETIC DRUG TESTING

Deferred to April 28, 2009 workshop. There is a meeting on April 13, 2009 with community members to begin discussions on how to address the problem and discuss what community actions should be taken.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM UPDATE

Dr. Underwood advised the Board that the multipurpose rooms are now in the construction document phase. It will be mid-April to mid-June before it will be ready to bid. Permission to go out to bid has been granted by the Board of Supervisors. Lane Ramsey asked what it would take to put generators at Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School for them to be used as community emergency shelters. Dr. Underwood gave the information to Mr. Ramsey last week. The School Board would need to decide if whether it wants generators in the buildings.

BUS GARAGE UPDATE

Dr. Underwood stated the County has all of the information as well as a check for design review. The \$20,000 previously approved by the Board to be requested from the Board of Supervisors will cover the site work and preparation of plans.

BUDGET UPDATE

The County budget hearing will be on March 31, 2009. Dr. Underwood met with Lane Ramsey who stated there was an error in personal property tax calculation totaling \$1.65

million. Mr. Ramsey will be recommending to the Board of Supervisors reductions in the proposed budget to compensate for the shortage, stating he would reduce our flat funding in the amount of the stimulus money awarded.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SIGN

Brad Franklin presented information regarding the state championship sign. He spoke with Tom Coleman in the Planning Department who sees no issues with the exception that the sign is not ground mounted as it should be since it is in the overlay district. The sign does not have to go to design review, but is a professional courtesy. There will be a masonry estimate done and it will be presented to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Dr. Underwood recognized Lee Francis who has been an education reporter for 1 ½ years. Mr. Francis was recognized by the Virginia Press Association where he received first place for education writing.
- Mr. Miller asked about the status of the request for the facilities committee. The official request has been prepared and once approved by Mr. Miller, will be sent to the Board of Supervisors to be put on the agenda.
- Mr. Mattox asked what the requirements are for athletic eligibility. Mr. DeWeerd stated the requirements are consistent with the VHSL standard. Mrs. Ball is looking into the possibility of adding a study hall requirement for team members.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(2) for the discussion or consideration of two student disciplinary matters.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Mattox 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. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, 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. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to expel student no. 9-08 for a minimum of 365 days and that the following items be required prior to considering a request for readmission:

1. Clean drug screens for a minimum of four months prior to readmission;
2. Documentation of successful completion of a drug rehabilitation program
3. Written request for readmission from student no. 9-08.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to long-term suspend student no. 10-08 for 364 days and to allow student no. 10-08 to continue to receive educational services at Goochland Prep during his/her long-term suspension. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

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Raymond A Miller
Signature

Diane W Bennett
Signature

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