

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP
MARCH 27, 2007
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH ROOM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

James L. Haskell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present were:

James L. Haskell, Chairman
Andrew A. Meng, III, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ivan O. Mattox, Sr.
Mr. Maxwell G. Cisne
Dr. Frank E. Morgan, Superintendent

Absent:

Mr. Raymond A. Miller

Also attending were:

Dr. Linda Underwood, Assistant Superintendent
Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Connie Foreman, Gifted Coordinator
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
Andrea Erard, Esquire, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:

Simon Owens, *The Goochland Courier*
Brad Franklin, *The Goochland Gazette*

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Morgan provided a Personnel Addendum to the Board. He also indicated that he is recommending that the Board not pursue opening school two weeks before Labor Day and that the concept not be considered again unless specifically directed by the Board.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Margaret Payne, President of Goochland Elementary PTA, spoke regarding the proposed 2007-08 school calendar. She provided the results of a survey that was initiated by citizens in *The Goochland Gazette* regarding the calendar. Out of 166 responses, 138 voted to start after Labor Day, 21 voted to start before Labor Day, and 7 voted to start 2 weeks before Labor Day. She asked the Board to explore an after Labor Day start to school in light of the results of the survey.

Carolyn Elliott spoke regarding the calendar. She is opposed to starting school two weeks prior to Labor Day, but has no problem with one week. She feels it is important to poll the public and get their input. She also spoke regarding the budget and asked for clarification on the Board of Supervisor process regarding the budget issues.

Lisa Thesier, a member of the Calendar Committee, stated she is happy to see the public interest in the calendar and wants everyone to find a way to work together to come to a resolution.

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following Personnel Actions were presented for approval:

Appointments:

Susanna M. Johnson, Special Education (SY 2007-08)
Patricia F. Proffitt, GHS, Guidance Secretary
Sherry Rosen, RES, FAPT Instructional Assistant
Marjorie J. Theobald, GES, Special Education (SY 2007-08)
Amanda Tolson, GMS, Art (SY 2007-08)

Summer School Teachers:

Allison Brook, Science
Andrea Cachina, 2nd Grade
Jennifer Capito, ESL
Christian Ciminelli, Administrative Intern
Cynthia Connor, Kindergarten
Bryan Creech, Health/Physical Education 9-10
Leslie Deitterick, Math 7
Stacy Gerke, Special Education
Kimberly Gragnani, 3rd Grade
Molly Hawkins, Nurse
Elsie Hill, 4th Grade
Andrew Meiller, Principal
Julia Norris, Special Education
Glenda Paschall, 1st Grade
Judith Raviotta, Mathematics
Tiffany Ray, English 6
Zarina Singh, 4th Grade
Melanie Stegner, Assistant Principal
Gennifer Torrence, 5th Grade
Ginger Tripp, 1st Grade
Melanie Vaughan, 2nd Grade
Rebecca Wallace, Math 6
Jessica Yoakum-Doerr, English 9
Margie Yurick, English 10

Resignations:

Everette L. Duke, Jr., GHS, Special Education
Johnathan Harris, GES, Special Education
Patricia Rickman, GES, Instructional Assistant

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

FEBRUARY 28, 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Morgan presented the January 31, 2007 Financial Report to the Board that reflects all adjustments made by the Board of Supervisors for supplemental appropriations. He indicated that finances were in the same relative position as the same time two years ago. (There was not a February 28 report done last year.)

PROPOSED 2007-08 CALENDAR

Dr. Morgan reiterated his recommendation that the Board not pursue opening school two weeks before Labor Day and that the concept not be considered again unless specifically directed by the Board. The Board concurred by consensus.

Dr. Morgan presented the issues impacting the calendar. He indicated that the pre-Labor Day opening has numerous advantages instructionally. The Board requested that the Calendar Committee reconvene to develop a draft 2007-08 calendar with a post-Labor Day start for the Board to review with the original proposal on April 24, 2007.

FY 2007-08 BUDGET

Dr. Morgan presented an overview of the 2007-08 budget, including options for the Board to consider to reduce the budget to \$25,070,000. Dr. Morgan also presented a memorandum prepared by Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation, outlining the transportation savings that could be realized by changing school schedules. Dr. Morgan indicated that if the County committed to purchasing school buses with unexpended 2006-07 funds, the budget could be finalized without reducing programs or increasing class sizes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Regional Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2007 in Prince George, Virginia. Mr. Mattox, Mr. Meng and Dr. Morgan will attend.
- The April 9, 2007 Board meeting will be moved to April 3, 2007 due to Spring Break.
- Construction of the Middle School Addition is still on time and on budget.
- On March 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Administrative Annex Conference Room, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) visiting team will present its accreditation report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:




Signature

5/8/07

Date

APPROVED:



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