

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 12, 2011
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ivan O. Mattox, Sr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Mr. Andrew A. Meng, III

Also attending were:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Debra Beasley, Director of Special Education and Student Services
Ernie McLeod, Director of Finance
Sonny Turner, Supervisor of Maintenance
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
Stacey Austin, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel
Diane Bennett, School Board Clerk

The Media was represented by:

Ken Odor, *The Goochland Gazette*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Underwood and Mr. Mattox presented certificates of recognition to the following students:

- Carrie Mills for winning the African American Trailblazers Contest.
- Destination Imagination Participants: Tres Dandridge, Anastasia Fleischman, Christopher Spence, Jason Pendleton, Vencetia Flournoy, Caitlin Pridemore, Savannah Cave, Asher Bunovich, Jacob Throckmorton, Sarah Nichols, Sydney Meiller, LaMya Cowan, Brandon White, Austin Payne, Matthew Gregory, Cora

Bach, Keegan Fulton, Sara Sexton, Mattingly Spence, Sarah Grove, Desiree Holland, Virginia Donaldson, Joshua Querry, Rilie Bass, Peter Trevor, Emily Dougherty, Kisha Braxton, Kindrick Braxton, Ivan Pudwill, Erin Clark, Kaitlyn Croker, Gina Marcialis, Rashmi Ramanujam, Isaiah Walker, Harry Young, Jack Young, Aidan Allen, Skylar Dacey, Sarah Pudwill, Luke Headley, Lorena Maier, Bayleigh Allen, Ryan McDonnell, Anna Hazzard, Robert Duncan, Dillon Rose, Grayson Cagwin, Bridget Dinora, Loren Bass, and David Dick.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jane Christie said she cares a great deal about public education in the county. She prepared a document containing proposed savings in the Instruction and Administration categories, stating the goal is to find a solution to the cuts in Administration by making compromises. The proposal restores 3 teaching positions, restores 2 of the 4 furlough days, removes 3 unfilled administrative positions from Instruction, restores some of the funding for art and music supplies, makes the same level of cuts to office supplies, travel in administration category, returns clerical position that was removed from Instruction and put into Administration, reduces hours of psychological personnel to reduce expenses in Administration, and makes \$40,000 available in Instruction category to fund textbooks, supplies, sports, Robotics, or longer library hours at GMS/GHS. She also suggested passing the 4.4% health insurance increase on to members saving \$95,000, and changes in VRS could potentially save \$90,000. She said she has done a lot of research for this proposal and she hopes the School Board will give it their consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- A. Regular Monthly Workshop: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Goochland High School

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES

BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

March 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes and March 22, 2011 workshop minutes and Bills and Payroll for March.

Supplemental Appointments:

Caryl Reece, Assistant Track Coach

Supplemental Resignation:

Oliver Courtney, GHS, Boys Basketball

Non-renewals:

Melissa Petersen, GHS, English
Kimberly Otte, RES, 4th Grade

Leave of Absence:

Heather Wilckens, RES, 1st Grade

Retirement:

Walter Gray, Maintenance

Resignations:

Steve McAlpin, Goochland Prep

Takiyah Turner, Goochland Prep, FAPT Behavioral Assistant

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Dr. Underwood presented staff recommendations for Personal Finance and Economics textbooks. Each of the textbooks were reviewed by a team. Staff recommended *Economic Education for Consumers*, 4th edition, by Roger Leroy Miller and Alan D. Stafford, copyright 2010. Tom DeWeerd stated that class sets will be ordered. The books will not be taken home.

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR GOOCHLAND RECREATION CENTER

Dr. Underwood presented a Resolution for the Goochland Recreation Center. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

Goochland Recreation Center Incorporated

The "Post War" period of the 50s and 60s ushered in a period of prosperity for our nation. Along with the new found prosperity came time for recreation and the need for recreational facilities. This was particularly true for rural America and particularly true for a segment of the population that could not afford to drive long distances to the urban areas to access recreation.

To fill this void, the idea of the Goochland Recreational Center was born and brought into reality with the purchase of a parcel of land on Route 522 to build and maintain a recreational facility.

WHEREAS, a small group of Goochland residents recognized and discussed the need for recreational facilities in Goochland County; and

WHEREAS, this small group of residents formally organized themselves into what is now known as Goochland Recreational Center Incorporated (the "Center"); and

WHEREAS, its 23-acre property continues to accommodate recreational activities including among others softball, baseball, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, along with maintaining its commitment to recreation, the Center has also been the home for The Senior Citizens Center, The Christmas Mother, The Sandy Hook voter precinct, and countless other community activities; and

WHEREAS, the Center was the home of the first Goochland County HeadStart program in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the Center has and continues to organize annual recognition events for individuals who have contributed greatly to the Goochland community; and

WHEREAS, it provides an annual scholarship for graduates of Goochland High School to encourage and assist students in financial need who attempt to pursue academic and/or professional studies; and

WHEREAS, the Center remains committed to in the quality of life for all Goochland citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Goochland County School Board hereby recognizes, salutes and congratulates the Goochland Recreational Center Incorporated on this monumental occasion, and joins in the celebration of 50 years of service to the residents of Goochland County.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

FY 2011-2012 BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Underwood reviewed the budget approved by the Board of Supervisors. She explained that the approved budget assumes sales tax at 100% and a \$500,000 holdback. She asked the Board to think about whether or not they want to budget sales tax at the full 100% and how to budget for the \$500,000 holdback. The Board will make a decision at the April 26, 2011 workshop.

MARCH 2011 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented the March 2011 financial update. She said sales tax had gone down in the last few months and she will be asking for a supplemental appropriation as well as shifts between categories to go to the Board of Supervisors for the June meeting.

STATEMENT:

Before going to Old Business Mr. Mattox made the following statement regarding questions or concerns that may have come up.

There have been some questions posed and statements made that I'd like to clarify before we proceed with the agenda.

Last meeting we approved the technology lease. There was a question as to whether the lease had been bid and whether there was consideration of changing from Apple to pc. The lease was bid. Apple continues to be the platform that best suits our technology usage and purpose. I'd like to also note that the lease was reduced \$50,000 per year or \$200,000 over the length of the four-year lease that we previously had.

There have been comments here and in other venues regarding having employees pay a percentage of the VRS rate. The Board of Directors of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) determines the VRS rates for Plan 1 employees and those rates are approved by the General Assembly, therefore we can't change the process. Currently, the school division pays the employees' share, which is an additional 5%. Although there were discussions over the past months in Richmond about having the employees pay a portion of the VRS rate paid on their behalf by school division employers, there was no change. Thus, the school division must pay the rate set by the General Assembly for both the employers' share as well as the employees' share. If the General Assembly changes the plan at some point in the future, we will certainly comply with the change or review what flexibility we might have within that change.

Class size has increased, that is an unfortunate and regretful fact. However, we have no core classes – that's math, science, social studies, and English/language arts/reading - that exceed 40 as has been suggested. In K-12, we have one English class, one math class, two social studies classes and one science class that exceed thirty – the largest being 32 – and these are all at the middle school and high school. We still meet SOQ – barely – but we are very aware of and distressed by the effect increased class size has on our teachers and students. We are hopeful that no additional increase in class sizes will result from next year's approved budget and will be working with the budget revisions to that end.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the fiscal year 2010 audit report stating that we do not have our CAFR. KPMG was tentatively scheduled to provide the report, but have since become involved in or are watching very carefully the outcome of the Treasurer's Office investigation. Until that is resolved, KPMG has declined to finish the report. The Board discussed the matter and asked Dr. Underwood to present more information at the April 26 workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section § 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the discussion or consideration of a student disciplinary matter because discussion in open meeting would disclose information from a student scholastic record. The motion was approved unanimously.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Miller 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. Haskell 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.

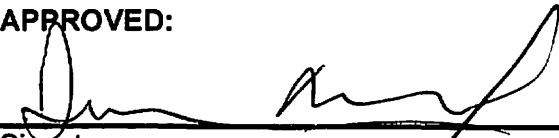
ACTION ITEM

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to long term student no. 13-10 until the end of the first semester of the 2011-12 school year, to permit student no. 13-10 to participate in an appropriate alternative educational program during the long term suspension and to permit student no. 13-10 to request readmission to school after August 1, 2011. The superintendent is authorized to permit readmission. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:




Signature

5/10/11

Date

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