

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 13, 2010
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion or consideration of a Grievance by a member of the support staff.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox 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.

RECONVENE

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman, reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Mr. Andrew A. Meng, III

Also attending were:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School
Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Debra Beasley, Director of Special Education and Student Services
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:
Ken Odor, *The Goochland Gazette*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Underwood presented additions/changes to the agenda.

RECOGNITIONS

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

- All State Band: Levi Ballard, Gabe Schoepflin, and Catherine Miller
- Destination Imagination Participants: Jordan Ottaviano, Bevan Fichter, Jenna Gulotta, Mary Dwyer, Abigail Paulin, Hannah Kilpatrick, Morgan Allen, Thaddeus Martin, Emerson Paulin, Tyler Paulin, Mitchell Davis, Sydney Harris, James Hosken, Julia Kilpatrick, Robert Duncan, Joe Williamson, Jack Williamson, Sarah Pudwill, Ivan Pudwill, Stuart Taylor, Kai Grebe, Wils Hosken, Anthony Dougherty, Emily Dougherty, Jessie Steadman, Davis Mohar, Tessa Hazzard, Kenya Mills, Ridgway Donaldson, Garret Matthews, Thomas Trowbridge, Emily Cullinan, Christopher Spence, Anastasia Fleischman, Austin Payne, Cherish Sims, Sara Sexton, Elizabeth Cullinan, Matthew Gregory, Mattingly Spence, Sydney Meiller, Virginia Donaldson

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jason Howell spoke regarding budget, reminding everyone that the budget crisis is not exclusive to Goochland but nationwide. He stated that the schools would greatly benefit from donations of school supplies, paper, or hand sanitizer, or even a kind deed or note of encouragement to faculty and staff, rather than the current rhetoric they are hearing. He asked the community to show support for the school board, administration, faculty and staff.
- Jo D. Hosken, Chairman of Goochland Education Parents Association (GEPA) presented a copy of a petition collected by GEPA. Ms. Hosken stated that parents, the public and the Board of Supervisors have all asked that the School Board make cuts to administrative positions rather than teachers where possible. Ms. Hosken also stated she understands the School Board would like to have the VRS funds released to the schools and said "good luck with that."

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- Regular Monthly Workshop-Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

MINUTES

BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

March 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes, March 23, 2010 workshop minutes, Bills and Payroll for March, and Personnel Actions.

Retirement:

Sandra Barefoot-Reid, CO, Human Resources Specialist

Non-renewals:

Marcia R. Finsterwald, GES, 3rd Grade
Julia R. Hogue, RES, 5th Grade
April R. Massie, GES, 1st Grade
Rebecca F. Schwerdtfeger, GMS, English

Leave of Absence:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

PROPOSED SY 2010-2011 CALENDAR

Pete Gretz and Grace Creasey presented the proposed SY 2010-2011 calendar, explaining the process and the details of the proposed calendar. Mr. Gretz made the suggestion that summer school dates be added for next year to allow parents planning time for vacations. The calendar will be brought back at workshop on April 27, 2010 for vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2010-2011 BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the 2010-2011 budget. The Board of Supervisors approved the budget as presented with the addition of a new category called "contingency" that has a negative balance of \$317,099. The 2010-2011 budget must be reduced by that amount. Dr. Underwood will take recommendations to the School Board at the May 11, 2010 meeting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDIT

Dr. Underwood presented a summary of the special education audit. Some recommendations that were made were to work with staff and state to articulate for Goochland county and communicate and teach all of our people who work with IEPs and service delivery, exit and entry of services; work with GIST to make it a regular education initiative rather than a special education initiative and rethinking how it will be implemented to make it more consistent across the county; consider reorganizing the collaborative classes to make them more consistent across the county, and to consider consolidating some of the functions in student services. Dr. Underwood stated that stimulus funds were used to fund the audit.

BOARD CLARIFICATION

Dr. Underwood provided a clarification regarding the \$1,500 cost associated with upgrading electrical at the current bus garage. At the March 23, 2010 the School Board voted to take the \$1,500 necessary for the repairs from the \$650,000 appropriated by

the Board of Supervisors for the new bus garage. It was the intention of Sonny Turner, the Maintenance Supervisor to take the \$1,500 from the operating and maintenance fund and not the \$650,000.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to affirm the clarification as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Miller mentioned one item of concern from the Board of Supervisors' meeting, explaining it had been stated and generally held in the public that if the county administrator or the Board of Supervisors through the county administrator request a budget amount that the School Board must acquiesce and give them that budget. This School Board chose not to do that but to send it's recommended budget. Mr. Miller felt the issue needed to be clarified before next year. He read a portion of Virginia Code 22.1-92 as follows, "It shall be the duty of each division superintendent to prepare, with the approval of the school board, and submit to the governing body or bodies appropriating funds for the school division, by the date specified in § 15.2-2503, the estimate of the amount of money deemed to be needed during the next fiscal year for the support of the public schools of the school division." Mr. Miller stated this precludes the option for "optional budgets" and asked the School Board to come to clarification on the budget process for next year and convey that to the Board of Supervisors.
- Mr. Miller stated he wanted to follow through on the process that was previously agreed upon by the Board in terms of the chairmanship. In January the School Board agreed that Mr. Miller would continue to serve as chair in order to see the budget through. The budget process is winding down and Mr. Miller felt it was an appropriate time to step down as chair. He turned the gavel over to Mr. Cisne, as Vice Chair to open the floor for nominations for Chair.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Max Cisne as Chair.

Mr. Cisne asked for a motion for Vice Chair.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to appoint Ivan Mattox as Vice Chair.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Michael McDermott spoke regarding agenda being printed on single sided paper, commented on the School Board drinking bottled water, and mentioned the meetings starting late. Mr. McDermott asked the School Board to look at consolidating services to save money, as well as recycling, and using open source software programs rather than Microsoft programs. Mr. McDermott does not agree with GEPA regarding closing of specialty center. He feels there are better ways to teach the children. He does think sending students to Maggie Walker should be continued.

- Laurel Heiser asked the School Board to advertise and publish more information. She also asked that everyone pull together as a community. She doesn't understand why so many teaching positions are being cut, but not many from administration. She feels that people may not understand what is going on.
- Vickie Howell clarified that the water bottles on the School Board table was donated by the County Council of PTAs and one family in particular. They just wanted to see it done. It was not expensive, the water was \$2.50 per case and the labels were designed by a student and the labels came from the Dollar Tree.
- John Wright wanted to make a clarification regarding a statement that was made that GEPA is supporting the specialty center and the specialty center alone. GEPA parents are interested in all students, not one program over another. He wanted to make that clarification. He thanked everyone for their time and reiterated that having things published would be great.
- Mr. Cisne commended Mr. Miller on his leadership, stating he has done so much for he county in particular the School Board.

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ACTION ITEM

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to long-term suspend student no. 6-09 until the end of the 2009-10 school year and permit student no. 6-09 to receive alternative educational services in the jurisdiction where student no. 6-09 resides. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to expel student no. 7-09 for a minimum of 365 days, to permit student no. 7-09 to apply for readmission to school after 365 days, and to permit student to receive educational services consistent with his/her IEP in an alternate educational environment outside of the regular school setting in the jurisdiction where student no. 7-09 resides. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

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M. J. Covic
Signature

Diane W. Bennett
Signature

5/11/10
Date

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