

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond A. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were:

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

Also attending were:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
Ellen Guidry, Director of Elementary Education
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School
Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
Johnette Burdette, Principal Goochland Middle School
Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Connie Foreman, Gifted Specialist
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:

Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joey Brown, a 5th Grader at Goochland Elementary School and a member of the Knowledge Masters Open Team.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Underwood presented additions and changes to the agenda.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Underwood, Mr. Miller, and Connie Foreman presented certificates of recognition to the members of the Knowledge Masters Open Team.

Anthony Dougherty
Ashton Liesfeld
Michael Rhyner
Lauron Creasey
Zada Hall
Wils Hosken

Brandon Myrick
Brittany Bailey
Camden Harrahy
Alec Bowald
Allie Wilckens
Jessica Dembicer

Joseph Brown
Emily Dougherty
Carter Palen
Sarah Ramsbottom
Helena Trevor

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- The next regular monthly workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 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 10, 2009 regular meeting minutes and March 24, 2009 joint meeting regular minutes, Bills and Payroll for March.

Appointments:

Heather Carney, GES
Jermelle J. Dandridge, BES
Brett Derrico, GHS
Japeira Keys, Secondary Special Education
Shelliotte D. Lawson, GES
James P. Neufer, GMS
Rebecca Raab, ESL
Kimberly F. Wilkerson, BES

ERIP:

Helen M. Thurston, GHS, Special Education
Thelma M. Evans, GHS, Instructional Assistant

Retirement:

Regina Howell, RES, Kindergarten

Resignation:

Cristin Szakaly, BES, Kindergarten

Non-renewals:

Karen Langston-Byers, GMS, Health/PE
Mary M. Neale, RES, ESL

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

ACTION ITEMS:

PROPOSED SY 2009-2010 CALENDAR

Pete Gretz, Lisa Thesier, and Jamie-Ellen Spessard presented the proposed SY 2009-2010 calendar for review and approval. A committee that included teacher representatives from each school, parent representatives from each school, and other staff facilitators developed the proposed calendar. It includes a pre-Labor Day opening and a provision for six weather make-up days. The proposed calendar was made available for public review on the school division website.

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to approve the proposed SY 2009-2010 calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MOSELEY ARCHITECTS INVOICES

Dr. Underwood presented two invoices from Moseley Architects for payment approval for construction documents for multipurpose rooms at Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School.

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve the payment of the Moseley Architects invoices as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

DECEMBER 31, 2008 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented the December 31, 2008 financial report for review.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented a budget update stating the Board of Supervisors had approved the budget decreasing the local funding \$300,000, increasing projected sales tax revenues by \$100,000 and reducing federal funds by \$200,000 from state federal stabilization funds (federal stimulus). Dr. Underwood and Lynne Venter are working on how to adjust for the decrease in revenue funds. Dr. Underwood will have an update by the next workshop.

CELL TOWER LEASE

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding cell tower construction, along with Bill Cleveland, Director of Information Systems for Goochland County. Mr. Cleveland explained that in order to have a county-wide communications system National has offered to build a cell tower for us which will be a higher tower than originally planned and will provide a better signal in the network. Goochland County Public Schools will be leasing the land the tower is sitting on. The Board came to a consensus to send out a letter of intent for the tower construction.

CAPITAL PROJECTS PROCESS

- Dr. Underwood presented information regarding Mr. Miller's committee request. The Board of Supervisors declined to name representatives and would prefer that joint meeting be held when discussion is necessary regarding capital projects. Dr. Underwood explained that other school divisions have a standing committee of community representatives, staff and experts to review plans, and would then make recommendations to the Board, who would then approve for CIP. Another option would be the use of ad hoc committees when needed for projects. Once a project is identified a committee would be appointed, which would bring the concept to bid. Board consensus was to have a committee in place.

- Dr. Underwood provided information regarding the need for two portables at Goochland Elementary School and one at Byrd Elementary School. There is a definite need for one portable for next school year at Goochland Elementary School, and will ultimately need two portables. Byrd Elementary School will need a portable during the construction of the multipurpose room. The portables are new and will be leased.
- Dr. Underwood stated that the Board of Supervisors, because of issues with the Hidden Rock soccer fields, are looking to use soccer fields at the schools. There has been a formal request by Lane Ramsey, Interim County Administrator, to use school fields. Dr. Underwood recommended a couple of changes to the facilities use policy to make it more specific regarding organizational use of school fields. There is a procedure already in place through which they could access the school fields. The recommendation is being made to amend the policy to clarify the use of fields and fees. There will also be the addition of language regarding the appropriate amount of insurance coverage necessary.
- Dr. Underwood stated the installation of portables and the Championship sign at Goochland High School, have both been put on the agenda for the County Design Review Committee on April 27, 2009. The bus garage will need to be scheduled once complete information has been received from the engineer.

COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Dr. Underwood provided an update on the Community Task Force. The Community Task Force met for the first time and has 18-19 representatives from all around the county. The first thing the group will do is pull data such a Pride Survey, discipline data and begin a review of issues. The Task Force will then look at resources available to address the issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board requested an update on the Medical Director. Andrea Erard stated she has spoken with Marti Van Epps and she is proceeding with the job description. A further update will be provided at the next workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Mattox received a call from a concerned parent and asked the Board to attempt to invite the Board of Supervisors for a luncheon at Goochland Elementary School to look at the severity of the need for room. Dr. Underwood will check with the County Administrator to see if a lunch can be arranged.
- Bill Cleveland spoke as a parent and GUSA Representative regarding the use of the soccer fields. He reminded the Board that the GMS soccer team uses the old middle school field which schools do not own anymore. The Board stated they want to work with the community organizations so it will be beneficial to all for use of the soccer fields.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CLOSED MEETING

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

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, 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. Meng 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. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to expel student No. 11-08 for a minimum of 365 days. Should student no. 11-08 successfully complete English 12, Government, and Algebra Functions (Integrated Math) through an online independent study program and provide official documentation that these courses have been successfully completed with passing grades by May 29, 2009, student no. 11-08 will be awarded a diploma from Goochland High School. Student no. 11-08 will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies or any other school events.

ADJOURNMENT

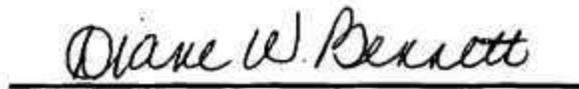
The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

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Signature



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