

GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP
APRIL 24, 2007
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

James L. Haskell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present were:

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

Also attending were:

Dr. Linda Underwood, Assistant Superintendent
Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
R. Bryan Gordon, Dean of Students
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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following Personnel Actions were presented for approval:

Appointments:

Tana Johnson, Teacher (SY 2007-08)
Lori H. Tyson, GES, Instructional Assistant

Caretta Thurston, recommended move to continuing contract
Carla L. Williams, recommended for continuing contract

Summer School Appointments:

Rebecca Bruce, 3rd Grade

Leave of Absence:

Susan Duty, RES, Music (one year)

Retirement:

William G. Howard, GHS, Teacher

Resignation:

Stephanie Dwyer, BES, 2nd Grade
Laura Sussman, GES, Media Specialist
Carol Richardson, BES, Special Education

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

PROPOSED SURVEY FROM THE OFFICE ON YOUTH

Debra Pierce and Cinda Caiella presented a proposed survey for secondary students from the Office on Youth. The data from the survey is needed for various grant applications, especially from the state. The survey would be administered to grades 8-12 next October. Parents would be notified about the survey and provided a copy of it. Parents would have the opportunity to "opt out" a student. The Board requested that it be advised of any change in survey questions. The Board also requested a formal analysis of the survey results, including comparison data with other states.

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

MARCH 31, 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Morgan presented the March 31, 2007 Financial Report. He indicated that the budget was in the same relative position as it was a year ago. He has also asked that spending through the end of the year be limited to what is absolutely necessary so that end-of-year spending decisions can be made carefully and reflectively.

PROPOSED 2007-08 CALENDAR

On March 27, the School Board directed that the Calendar Committee reconvene to develop an alternate calendar reflecting a post-Labor Day opening to compare with the Committee's original recommendation for a pre-Labor Day opening. While the Committee did so, it is still recommending the pre-Labor Day opening calendar because the Committee believes that this calendar is sounder from an instructional standpoint. Committee member Lisa Thesier was present at the meeting, and stated that the Committee felt very strongly that its original proposal best met the needs of teachers and students. Dr. Morgan also recommended the pre-Labor Day opening calendar, based on his belief of this option's instructional advantages.

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the pre-Labor Day start 2007-08 calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY 2007-08 BUDGET

Dr. Morgan presented the outline of his recommendations for completing the FY 2007-08 budget. His recommendations would fund a 4% increase for all employees, an additional \$8.50 per day competitiveness increase for bus drivers, most needs related to enrollment growth, and no reductions in existing programs. Dr. Morgan emphasized that his recommendations are predicated on the County's commitment to assist with the purchase of school buses through the use of carryover and fund balance. The FY 2007-08 will be presented as a formal action item at the May 8, 2007 regular monthly meeting.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Mr. Bryan Gordon, Athletic Director at Goochland High School, presented an overview of the GHS Athletic Handbook. Mr. Mattox suggested that coaches be required to sign showing they have read and understand what is expected. The Board also asked that a parallel Coaches' Handbook be developed. Mr. Gordon indicated he would develop this handbook. Dr. Morgan stated he would like to see a full-time Athletic/Activities Director funded in the 2008-09 Budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Goochland Elementary School and Byrd Elementary School were both designated as "Distinguished Title I Schools" by the Virginia Department of Education.
- On May 1, 2007, Mr. Greg Wolfrey, County Administrator, and Dr. Morgan will meet with the Board of Supervisors to seek approval to build a 600-student elementary school in the Courthouse area, to be completed in 2010. The Goochland Elementary School/Specialty Center complex would then be transitioned to local government use.
- An architect has been hired by the County to work on the new Vehicle and Facility Maintenance Building. Funding will be included in the County Capital Improvements Program (CIP).
- School Board members will tour the Middle School Addition with the project architect on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 3:15 p.m. Dr. Morgan will ask the project architect to make a presentation to the Board. The project remains on time and on budget.
- The Middle School-High School Complex Transition Committee will present its report on May 8, 2007.
- On May 8, 2007 the Board will receive a Resolution to adopt transferring ownership of the Maggie Walker building from the Renovation Committee to the Regional Governor's School Board. Goochland County will be required to pay approximately \$55,000 as its share to pay off the note on the building.
- The school division received a call from the Sheriff's Department today indicating that shots had been fired near the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Western Campus and recommending that Goochland High School and

Goochland Elementary School be locked down until the situation could be investigated. The Sheriff's Department investigated the matter and found that the shots had been fired by a local gunsmith. The lockdown was lifted after about 45 minutes.

- Dr. Underwood will hold an open house for retirees on Thursday, May 10, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at her home.
- Betty Thurston presented the Board members with invitations to the Bus Driver Dinner and Awards event on May 17, 2007.
- The Governor's Conference on Education will be July 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Richmond.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Miller 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. The motion was approved unanimously.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Miller 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. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng for approval of the Certification of Closed Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.


ACTION ITEM

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to retain the services of Dr. Ben Howerton to assist in the process of hiring a new division superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:




Signature

5/8/07

Date

APPROVED:



Signature

5/8/07

Date