

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 13, 2008
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Andrew A. Meng, III called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Mr. Maxwell G. Cisne

Also attending were:

Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School
Johnette Burdette, Goochland Middle School
Ellen Guidry, Director of Elementary Education
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:

Brad Franklin, *The Goochland Gazette*
Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*
Calvin Trice, *Richmond Times Dispatch*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sarah Starke, an 8th grade student at Goochland Middle School.

RECOGNITIONS:

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

VSBA Art Contest Participants:

Courtney Johnson
Kacy Muthiora
Jordan Fleming

7th District Congressional Art Contest Participants:

Weylan Winston – 1st Runner Up
Tabbitha Needham – 2nd Runner Up

Science Fair Winners:

BES

4th Grade: Zachary Jones
Project title: The Ultimate Pop-Off

5th Grade: Julie Vogel
Project title: Sunbathing

GES

4th Grade: Mark Maguire
Project title: Acid Reaction

5th Grade: T.J. Abajian
Project Title: What's Up With Viscosity and Flow Rate?

RES

4th Grade Nathan Bussells
Project title: Do Stalactites Grow Better in Warm or Cold Temperatures?

5th Grade Jake Liesfeld
Project title: Electro-fying Electromagnets

Healthy Kids Challenge Participants:

Zakell Johnson
Quinton Pace
Travis Thompson
Megan Johnston
Adam Fletcher
Sam Spangler
Allison McCormack
Chelsea Towles
Jaquest Turner
Bridget Panas
Kimberly Duty
Jennifer Crittenden
Mahogany Snead
Sarah Starke
Tyler Sims

Taleka Jackson
Thomas Meadows
Diarra Myles
Cypher (Xavier) Johnson
Cara Anderson
Jillian Edgar
Maegan Adams
Amanda Rutledge
Briana Jackson
Cody Johnson
Brittany Koch
Austin Goyne
Jeniece Andrews
Jessica Anderson

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Underwood provided Agenda Addendum items to the Board.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Sekou Shabaka, Chairman of the NAACP spoke regarding the number of African American teachers in Goochland County Public Schools. He is concerned about the methods used for proper representation and feels there needs to be a change in the system regarding statistics.
- Adrianna Foster, a senior at Maggie Walker Governor's School, thanked the Board for allowing students to attend Maggie Walker.
- Miriam Gray – spoke regarding help for her daughter, who is a student in GCPS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- School Board Workshop – Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room.
- SOL Testing begins May 13, 2008 and will run through about June 3, 2008.
- The Baccalaureate ceremony for the Class of 2008 is Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at GHS.
- The Senior Awards ceremony for the Class of 2008 is Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at GHS.
- Graduation for the Class of 2008 is Friday, June 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arthur Ashe Center.

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

MINUTES

BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

April 1, 2008 workshop minutes, April 8, 2008 regular meeting minutes, and April 22, 2008 workshop minutes, Bills and Payroll for April, and Personnel Actions.

Appointments:

Krystle Battistelli, GES, 5th Grade
Nicole Carter, GES, 4th Grade
Doug Getter, GHS, Biology
Gloria Graves, GMS, Social Studies
Michael Jarvis, GMS Social Studies
Megan Paschall, BES, 1st Grade
Renaë Townsend, ESL
Lynne Venter, Supervisor of Finance

Recommended for Continuing Contract:

Kelly Burton	Amy Spoonhower
Leslie Deittterick	Jay Sykes
Anne Keo	Tina Taylor
Darlene Martin	Carol Washburn
James McKenzie	Candace Wilkerson
Susan Plowcha	

Recommended for Probationary Contract:

Julia Butler	Rachel Wiggins
Julia Schagene Correll	Virginia Wright

Summer School Appointments:

Candace Wilkerson, Elementary Assistant Principal
Randy Swart, Math 7/8
Vanessa Randolph, Special Ed Instructional Assistant
Bethany Hughes, After Care Assistant

Supplemental Appointments:

Tom Reid, GHS, Girls Soccer Coach

Resignations:

Bryan Creech, GHS, Health and P.E./Drivers Ed
Blair Lauver, GHS, Math
Hunter Parker, GHS, Drama
Wendie Roumillat, GES, Cafeteria
Vanessa Randolph, Parent Resource Coordinator
Virginia Tripp, RES, 1st Grade

***Blair Lauver was a new hire for next year, but has already resigned.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

2008-09 LOCAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL PLAN AND REPORT

Debra Beasley, Director of Special Education, provided the Board with copies of the 2009-09 Local Special Education Annual Plan and Report, stating that nothing had changed from last year.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve the 2008-09 Local Special Education Annual Plan and Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

HOLLAND HILLS EASEMENTS

Dr. Underwood presented copies of a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and a Deed of Easement for the construction of sidewalks in the Holland Hills Subdivision.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, approving the execution of both documents. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

APRIL 30, 2008 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented the April 30, 2008 financial update. The operating budget is on target.

BES, GES, AND RES DESIGN PROCESS

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding the design process for the multi-purpose rooms for Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School, along with renovation of Gochland Elementary School.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Elizabeth Nelson-Lyda spoke regarding the situation with Mrs. Gray. She also spoke regarding how to possibly do better statistically as far as gathering data.
- Wendy Hobbs spoke regarding a child in special services and no information having gone home regarding the Special Education changes. She wanted to go on record that she does not want to reduce parental involvement in special education. She asked the Board and Dr. Underwood to go with her to the scheduled meeting.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(2) for the discussion or consideration of two matters that would involve the disclosure of information regarding particular students-two requests for religious exemptions and pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion of the hiring of an Assistant Superintendent and for the discussion of the acceptance of the resignation of a teacher.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Miller 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. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, 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. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to grant the religious exemption request to student no. 2-07 pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254(B)(1). The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to grant the religious exemption request to student no. 3-07 pursuant to Virginia Code Section 22.1-254(B)(1). The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to hire Peter M. Gretz effective July 1, 2008 at the Assistant Superintendent. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the resignation of Eve Crognale effective May 13, 2008. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

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Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman



Diane W. Bennett, Clerk

6-10-08
Date

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