

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP  
MAY 27, 2008  
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Absent:**

Mr. James L. Haskell

**Also present:**

Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

**The Media was represented by:**

Brad Franklin, *The Goochland Gazette*  
Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood provided changes to the Agenda and a Personnel Addendum.

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Kim Gentry, President of the VEA, spoke regarding teacher concerns regarding salaries and retirement benefits.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Dr. Underwood introduced Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent, to the Board.

The following Personnel Actions were presented for approval:

**Appointments:**

Karen Langston-Byers, GMS, Health and Physical Education  
Allison Lehman, GES, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Rebecca Schwerdtfeger, GMS, English

**Recommended Move to Continuing Contract:**

Terri Nunes

**Recommended for Continuing Contract:**

Jennifer Abbott  
Carolyn Long

**Summer School Appointment:**

Bonnie Spencer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Resignations:**

Lisa Ahern, RES, Music  
Jermelle Dandridge, BES, Reading Specialist  
Elizabeth Daniel, GES, Reading Specialist  
Stacy Gerke, RES, Special Education/GIST Coordinator  
Diane Grebe, GHS, Earth Science  
Lisa Mitchell, GHS, Math  
Corinne Young, RES, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

LEGISLATIVE/FOIA UPDATE

Deferred to the June workshop.

GHS PARKING

Deferred to the June meeting.

GES RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION

Jim McCalla presented information regarding renovations of Goochland Elementary School. He presented eight different possible renovation ideas for the Board to review. The Board endorsed the concept of one plan which includes the gifted center and preschool students and preserves as much green space as possible.

TEACHER SALARY SCALE

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding a calculation error in steps 30 and 30+ of the 2008-09 teacher salary scale. She explained the formula error, stating that all teacher contracts that went out were correct.

ACTION ITEMS:

PIEDMONT REGIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) PARTICIPATION

Deferred to the June meeting.

FUEL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Dr. Underwood presented fuel cost estimates prepared by Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation. Mrs. Thurston estimates there will be a \$30,000 shortage in fuel funds through the end of the year. Dr. Underwood recommended requesting a supplemental appropriation from the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$30,000. The matter was discussed.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Board of Supervisors. The motion was approved. Vote: Meng-aye; Cisne-aye; Miller-nay; Mattox-aye.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

Dr. Underwood presented a request for religious exemption from compulsory attendance pursuant to Virginia Code §22.1-24(B) and recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to approve the request for religious exemption. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF POSITION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Underwood presented a job description for the position of Research and Information Services Analyst, formerly Special Assistant to the Superintendent.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, for the approval of the position of Research and Information Services Analyst. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Miller asked about the secondary audit done by Goodman & Company. Dr. Underwood stated there were no significant findings, but there were two recommendations made. Robinson, Farmer Cox is going to help us resolve this deficiency.
- The Bus Driver Banquet is Thursday, May 29, 2008.
- The Baccalaureate ceremony for the Class of 2008 is Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 4:00 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.
- Maggie Walker Governor's School Graduation is Friday, June 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Landmark Theater.
- The meeting with the Board of Supervisors regarding land for the bus garage is Monday, June 2, 2008.

#### CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(2) for the discussion or consideration of the hiring of a Research & Information Systems Analyst.

#### END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne 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. 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. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to hire Brad Franklin effective immediately as the Research and Information Services Analyst based on the teacher's salary scale converted to 260 days. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

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Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman

  
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Diane W. Bennett, Clerk

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