

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
AUGUST 10, 2010
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ivan O. Mattox, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Maxwell G. Cisne, Chairman
Mr. James L. Haskell

Also attending were:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Stacey Austin, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School
Connie Foreman, Enrichment and Interim Elementary Instructional Specialist
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel
Diane Bennett, School Board Clerk

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.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Michael McDermott appreciates the attempt in trying to improve meeting logistics, though he feels it is a feeble attempt. He said that when you go to Board of Supervisor meetings, you don't sign up and no one times you. He feels he should be able to say what he wants to say with no time limitation and finds the sign-in demeaning. He said it seems like the School Board plays by a different set of rules. He said there is a saying in the technology world that Microsoft has used called "eating our dog food." In other words, they are already testing the version of software they will release next year. Mr. McDermott feels the School Board should do the same. He said he can't understand why presentations can't be put on the big screen for everyone to see, or why copies can't be legible. He mentioned fees that were presented last week and that he takes offense that the School Board is arbitrarily allowing students on reduced lunches to not

pay fees. He feels that if the federal government wants to give money to the schools for nutrition, that's fine, but feels that criteria should not arbitrarily be used to waive fees. Mr. McDermott feels everyone should be treated equally and not waive the fees in public education. He takes offense to his first amendment rights being challenged at any time by having to sign in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- New Teachers reported August 9, 2010.
- Regular Monthly Workshop-Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Goochland High School.
- All County day is Monday, August 16, 2010 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Goochland High School. All Board members are to let Diane Bennett know if they plan to attend.
- First day of school is August 23, 2010.
- Textbook adoption books are available for review.
- Byrd Elementary is soliciting volunteers to construct their outdoor learning lab. They will start working Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.
- Preliminary AYP data has been received and we are in the process of going through that with the state to see if there are any corrections to be made. AYP will be released in a public press release on Thursday at which time Dr. Underwood will send the School Board information on each of the schools for the 2010-2011 year (based on 2009-2010 data).

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

MINUTES

BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

July 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes, and July 27, 2010 workshop minutes, Bills and Payroll for July, and Personnel Actions.

Appointments:

Cindy Turk, CO, Secretary-Leave and Employment Processing

Melissa Carr, Driver

Alex Fruth, GHS, Social Studies

Jeff Mabry, GMS, Math

Shannon Lacy, CO, Division Testing Coordinator

Judith Zohab, BES, Instructional Assistant

Resignations:

Michael Hardman, Driver
Alison Lehman, GES, 3rd Grade

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

ACTION ITEMS:

5-YEAR GIFTED PLAN

Connie Foreman presented the 5-year gifted plan.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to approve the 5-year gifted plan for 2010-2015 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

POLICY UPDATE APPROVAL

Dr. Underwood presented the following policy updates for approval:

| <u>Policy Code</u> | <u>Revision</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| BDA | Regular School Board Meetings Policy updated to reflect content of Legal References, and to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3707 by HB 1028. Legal Reference and Cross References added. |
| DG | Custody and Disbursement of School Funds Legal reference updated to reflect revision of Virginia Board of Education regulations. |
| DGC | School Activity Funds Policy revised to reflect revision of Virginia Board of Education regulations. |
| GCB | Professional Staff Contracts Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-302 by HB 623. |
| GDPD | Support Staff Members Contract Status and Discipline Policy updated to reflect Legal References. Cross References added. |

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the above-listed policies as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

POLICY UPDATES (NEW)

Andrea Erard presented the following policy updates for first reading:

| Policy Code | Revision |
|--------------------|--|
| IC/ID | School Year/School Day Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-79.1 by HB 557. |
| IGAG | Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy and Legal References revised to reflect amendments to Board of Education regulations. |
| IGAJ | Driver Education Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-205 by SB 269. |
| IGBG | Homebound, Correspondence, and Alternative Means of Instruction Policy revised to reflect content of 8 VAC 20-131-180. Cross Reference added. |
| IGCA | Summer School Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-199.2 by HB 208 |
| IIAA | Textbook Selection, Adoption, and Purchase Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-241 by HB 709. Cross Reference added. |

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding the Facilities Committee. Mr. Mattox would like to have the facilities policy on the next agenda for discussion and asked Dr. Underwood to have a suggested protocol for changes in the committee, timeline, etc. at the August 24, 2010 workshop.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Dr. Underwood presented information on the comprehensive plan and stated that other superintendents who have been through the process highly recommended the use of a facilitator. She expects to receive proposals from facilitators as well as the cost of having a facilitator complete this process. Dr. Underwood would like to have the proposals to present to the School Board at a September meeting.

ACTIVITIES AUDIT

Dr. Underwood presented information on the activities audit for FY 08-09 and explained that the activities funds are separate funds administered by the principals. Goochland High School's account is the largest. The major comments address issues with the athletics sub account, which account supports both GMS and GHS. Internal controls have been added, software has been

added, and the account was balanced with a local funds transfer. Dr. Underwood advised the School Board that this is an ongoing problem and that gate receipts do not cover the costs of officials and security for athletics. Mr. Mattox asked that this be brought back at a workshop.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Miller would like an update on the Reduction in Force, specifically as to how many employees were reduced and/or called back.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michael McDermott stated that he heard a quote tonight he could actually use – "take a step back and look at the big picture." He mentioned that the overhead is not being used, minutes in the packet that are not posted on the School Board website. He said he heard about a gifted performing arts recommendation that is not staffed. He wants to know where the qualified staff is to cover the recommendations. He asked about the organizational chart that was tabled at a prior meeting, as well as the FOIA presentation that was tabled at a prior meeting. He said we are a year behind on the audit in that the FY 08-09 audit was just completed. Looking at the big picture, he doesn't like what he sees.

CLOSED MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

Matthew R. Cisne
Signature

9/14/10
Date

APPROVED:

Diane W. Bennett
Signature

9/14/10
Date