

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2008  
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Raymond A. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Absent:**

Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman  
Mr. Maxwell G. Cisne

**Also attending were:**

Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
Lynne Venter, Supervisor of Finance  
Ellen Guidry, Director of Elementary Education  
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School  
Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School  
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst  
Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

**The Media was represented by:**

Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*  
Amy Condra, *The Goochland Gazette*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood provided Agenda Addendum items to the Board, deferring the FOIA update to the August workshop and adding a request for religious exemption.

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

- Regular Monthly Workshop – Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room
- New Teacher Academy begins – Monday, August 11, 2008 at GHS

- New Teacher Lunch and Bus Tour – Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 12:15 p.m. at GHS
- All-County Day – Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at GHS
- First day of School – Monday, August 25, 2008

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**MINUTES**

**BILLS/PAYROLL**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

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

**Appointments:**

Kathlyn Albert, BES, Guidance Counselor  
 Megan Ash, GES, VPI  
 Amanda Henley, RES, Instructional Assistant\*  
 Christine Lautenslager, BES, Nurse  
 Kimberly Otte, RES, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade\*\*  
 Amy Scheetz, GES, Special Education

**Resignations:**

Crystal Bland, GES, Instructional Assistant

**Leave of Absence:**

Ruth Marshall

\*Previously appointed as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at RES

\*\*Previously appointed as an Instructional Assistant

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:**

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**OPENING OF SCHOOL UPDATE**

Dr. Underwood presented an update of the upcoming opening of school, stating that schools are fully staffed, with the exception of one vacancy. Everything is on schedule.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel, presented an overview of the education legislation adopted by the 2008 Virginia General Assembly. Policy changes based on this legislation will be presented at a later date.

#### VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK (taken out of order)

Pete Gretz presented information regarding background checks for volunteers. More information will be gathered and it will be brought back at a later date to make policy.

#### VISION, MISSION, GOALS AND PRIORITIES DATA

Dr. Underwood presented the Board with data necessary for the revision of the Vision, Mission, Goals and Priorities. She had hoped to have some student achievement data, but the state has an embargo on the data at this time. Once the embargo is lifted, she will provide that data to the Board.

#### UPDATE ON SCHOOL MESSENGER

Pete Gretz and Brad Franklin presented information regarding School Messenger. This is a telephone system to be used for emergency announcements, attendance issues, or any information that needs to get out to the community.

#### COMMUNICATION CONCERNING SCHOOL FACILITIES

Dr. Underwood conveyed to the Board that the Board of Supervisors would like to schedule a joint meeting of the two Boards to discuss School Facilities. The Board suggested September 9, 2008 prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting. Dr. Underwood will contact Greg Wolfrey regarding the meeting and advise the Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Miller asked for an update on the bus garage. Dr. Underwood stated the bus garage is now back in the hands of the Board of Supervisors and is a separate issue from the elementary school construction.
- Old Middle School Property: The Board of Supervisors has still not agreed to accept it. Mr. Miller suggested each Board member speak with their Board of Supervisors representative to try to resolve the matter.
- Property lines at GHS and parking problem: The Board will review the property lines at the August workshop regarding.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

#### CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion or consideration of a student disciplinary matter.

#### END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Haskell 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. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, 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. Haskell, to long-term suspend student 6-07 through the end of the 2008-09 school year and to allow student 6-07 to participate in Project Return during the term of his/her long-term suspension; student 6-07 may apply to the School Board for admission to regular school during the second semester of the 2008-09 school year. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

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Andrew A. Meng, III      Diane W. Bennett  
Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman      Diane W. Bennett, Clerk

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