

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2007  
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

James L. Haskell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Absent:**

Mr. Maxwell G. Cisne

**Also attending were:**

Thomas M. DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
Johnette H. Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School  
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School  
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

**The Media was represented by:**

Simon Owens, *The Goochland Courier*  
Brad Franklin, *The Goochland Gazette*  
Calvin Trice, *Richmond Times Dispatch*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood provided a Personnel Addendum to the Board.

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

- The next regular monthly workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room
- New Teacher Academy began Monday, August 13, 2007 at Goochland High School
- New Teacher Lunch is Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Goochland High School

- All County Day is Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at Goochland High School

#### CONSENT ITEMS

#### PERSONNEL ACTIONS

#### MINUTES

#### BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

July 10, 2007 regular meeting minutes, July 24, 2007 regular workshop minutes, bills and payroll for July, and Personnel Actions.

#### **Appointments:**

Elizabeth "Libby" Adams, GES, Kindergarten  
Jerry A. Anderson, RES, Cleaner  
Yolandia Baker, GES, Instructional Assistant  
Alice Collins, BES, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Marcia R. Finsterwald, GES, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Diane Grebe, GHS, Earth Science  
Jacqueline C. Hamilton, RES, Instructional Assistant  
Jesse Hernandez, GHS, Internship/Independent Study Coordinator  
Diana Howell, RES, Instructional Assistant  
Paul Kelley, GES, Special Education  
Victoria L. LeFon, GMS, Special Education  
Mary Neale, RES, ESL  
Emily Ray, GMS, English  
Janice Sapp, GHS/GMS, ESL  
Kelley Mann, BES, Instructional Assistant

#### **Supplemental Appointments:**

Joe Fowler, Head Football Coach  
Dan Summitt, Assistant Football Coach  
Giles Hall, Assistant Football Coach  
Patrick Gordon, Assistant Football Coach  
Lonnie Kirk, Assistant Football Coach  
Bert Stanley, Head Volleyball Coach  
Margie Yurick, Assistant Volleyball Coach  
Henry Jones, Head Cross Country Coach  
Lisa Jones, Assistant Cross Country Coach  
Louis Martin, Head Golf Coach  
Sonia Ruqus, Head Cheerleading Coach  
Bethany Hughes, Head Cheerleading Coach  
Ron Spessard, Middle School Boys Soccer Coach  
Melissa Black, Athletic Trainer

#### **Resignations:**

Tracie Brown Paschall, GES, Guidance Counselor  
Tiffany Snead, RES, Instructional Assistant

**Leave of Absence:**

Brenda Watson, GES, Kindergarten

Mr. Mattox made a motion to correct the June 12, 2007 minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Meng. Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Consent items as amended. The motions were approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**PROPOSED POLICY REVISIONS BASED ON LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY THE 2007 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel, presented the following proposed policy revisions to the Board:

**AF-Six Year Comprehensive Plan**

Add: particularly the achievement of educationally at risk students

**BBA-School Board Powers and Duties**

Remove section 9 regarding broad goals and objectives

**BDD-Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations**

Mirrors state law regarding electronic participation in meetings.

**BF-Board Policy Manual**

Change to reflect that school policy be available online

**CBE-Severance Benefits**

Incorporates state law requirement that severance benefits be publicly announced.

**DJF-Purchasing Procedures**

All contractors required to certify that all employees on school grounds during school hours have not been convicted of a felony or offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child. (Removes moral turpitude section).

**EB-School Crisis and Emergency Management Plan**

Calls for (1) the review of the schools' plan for crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency, and (2) written procedures for the safe evacuation of persons with special physical, medical, and language needs who need assistance to exit the facility

**GCL-Professional Staff Development**

Included vii-effective classroom management

**IFD-Curriculum Adoption**

Removes director of instructional services and adds superintendent or his designee

**IGAD-Career and Technical Education**

The division shall also provide career exploration opportunities in the middle school grades

**IGAH-Family Life Education (FLE)**

Community involvement changed to community involvement team

**IGAJ-Driver Education**

Ability of the school board to access a surcharge for driver's education to recover costs that exceed state funding and may reduce or waive the fee for students it determines cannot pay the fee or surcharge

**IGBC-Parental Involvement**

Comma added in the paragraph Each school served under Title I

**IGBE-Remedial Instruction Program**

Pass changed to fail to achieve. Programs are researched based.

**IGCA-Summer Schools**

Replace fail with fails to achieve a passing score

**IJ-Guidance and Counseling Program**

A student changed to students

**IKE-Promotion and Retention**

Remove duplicated sentence: Grade 9 students must earn six credits, one of which must be in English to be promoted to grade 10

**IKF-Standards of Learning and Graduation Requirements**

Changes nomenclature from fine arts or practical arts to fine or performing arts or career and technical education.

**JEC-School Admission**

Two changes: a new statute which no longer requires the students to have been attending school in Virginia prior to the parents' deployment in order to be able to attend school tuition free. A student must present his or her birth certificate when he first enrolls in public school in Virginia and to clarify that the division may keep a copy of student's birth record

**JFCD-Weapons in School**

Removes tasers from policy as they are now included in the term stun weapon

**KBA-R-Requests for Information**

Amendments to FOIA which specify the permissible responses to a request for information

**KBC-Media Relations**

Final paragraph removed to prevent overlap with policy KF

### **KNA-Sex Offenders on School Property**

New policy reflecting new statutory rules prohibiting the presence of persons convicted of violent sexual offenses on school property. Exceptions exist for students, voters, and persons who have obtained court orders permitting them to be present.

Proposed policy revisions will be presented for adoption on August 28, 2007.

### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Dr. Underwood presented recommendations for the survey team to compile questions for the electronic survey. The timeline for the survey begins on October 11, 2007 and will run through November 31, 2007. The cost of the survey will be \$6,000.

Mr. Mattox made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to approve the survey as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

### **APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

Andrea Erard presented the Superintendent Contract for approval. This matter was deferred to closed meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### **OPENING OF SCHOOL UPDATE**

Dr. Underwood presented an update of the opening of school. All schools have been cleaned and supplies ordered. Three additional bus routes were added. Enrollment is projected to be at 100% by the end of the week. All growth positions in the budget have been filled. A new point of sale system has been installed in the cafeteria that utilizes fingerprint imaging. All instructional positions have been filled.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the construction of the Middle School Addition. The new Middle School is almost ready. Tom DeWeerd presented the CSI report and stated there were a few minor things to be completed, but nothing that would prevent the school from opening. All fire alarms were working. Occupancy has been approved by the County.

#### **REQUEST TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL**

Dr. Underwood presented an update of the request and approval of the purchase of school buses by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors approved the use of unexpended funds in addition to 2007-2008 budgeted funds and savings from the new health care plan to purchase the buses.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Acceptable Use Policy – Mr. Meng would like to have a presentation by Tom DeWeerd regarding the internet filtering systems that are in place.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Crisis Plans – Board members received and reviewed the GCPs crisis plans.

**SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
None.

**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 five student disciplinary matters and pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion or consideration of the Contract of the Superintendent.

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

**ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to permit student 17-06 to attend school at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to long-term suspend student 20-06 until the end of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year and to permit student 20-06 to participate in Project Return during the term of his/her suspension.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to approve the Superintendent's contract as presented and to authorize the chair to execute the contract on behalf of the School Board.


**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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