

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

James L. Haskell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Andrew A. Meng, III, Vice Chairman

Also attending were:

Thomas M. DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Johnette H. Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School
Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
Jon Bennett, Principal, Goochland High School
Debra Beasley, Director of Special Education and Student Services
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
Karren Streagle, Testing Coordinator
Connie Foreman, Gifted Specialist

The Media was represented by:

Simon Owens, *The Goochland Courier*
Brad Franklin, *The Goochland Gazette*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Underwood provided a Personnel Addendum to the Board.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- John Hermann, Treasurer for The Meadows Homeowners Association, spoke representing The Meadows and also as a parent. He stated the Homeowners Association is fully behind the school's use of the roads in The Meadows for bus pickup. As a parent, he asked the Board to reconsider the decision regarding use of the roads in The Meadows for bus pickup as it is a matter of student safety.

- Wayne Kish, parent of two children attending Goochland Schools and resident of The Meadows, spoke regarding the safety of the children with the new bus pickup. He stated the back of the neighborhood is a very remote area and his children alone will have a 1.5 mile walk to the bus stop. He asked the Board to reconsider their decision regarding use of the roads in The Meadows for bus pickup.
- Dr. Underwood stated that Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation, has done the best job she can to find a substitute for the stop in The Meadows. The schools are limited to VDOT maintained roads. The Board will take additional time to consider other options and have counsel look into the legal aspects of using private roads for bus routes before any changes are made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- The next regular monthly workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room.
- The joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors has been moved to October 2, 2007. The Board of Supervisors would like all School Board members to be present to see the architect's presentation.

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

MINUTES

BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

August 2, 2007 special meeting minutes, August 14, 2007 regular meeting minutes, August 28, 2007 regular workshop minutes, bills and payroll for August, and Personnel Actions.

Appointments:

Lisa Ahern, RES/GES, Music
 Cynthia Boyett, Bus Driver
 Sonya Burke, Bus Driver
 Ann G. DeArras, RES, FAPT Instructional Assistant
 Chiquita B. Giles, GMS, Instructional Assistant
 Marsha A. Goode, GES, FAPT Instructional Assistant
 Sherry K. Grady, RES, Instructional Assistant
 Khadijah F. Johnson, GMS, Instructional Assistant (ISA)
 Earl Kirby, Bus Driver
 Christopher Mercer, GHS, Social Studies
 Diane Nichols, GMS, English
 John Skelly, Bus Driver
 Betty St. Peter, GHS, Nursing
 Lisa Thesier, Bus Driver

Resignations/Terminations:

Cheryl Sims, GHS, Cafeteria
Loyd Creekmore, Bus Driver
Steve Mills, GMS, Part-time Cleaner
Gennifer Torrence, GMS, English

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

ACTION ITEMS:

SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE AND SELECTION OF AUDIT FIRM

The contract with the current audit firm expires in the fall of 2007. The County Administrator has requested two School Board members serve on the committee to select a new audit firm. Mr. Cisne and Mr. Haskell will serve on this committee.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to approve Mr. Cisne and Mr. Haskell's serving on the Audit Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Dr. Underwood presented a request for supplemental appropriation as follows: As a result of the change in the lease program for technology, a supplemental appropriation is necessary in order to receive \$235,984.75 from CCA Financial, LLC, the current leasing company, in order to pay the balance of \$239,688.96 to GE Capital, the former leasing company. This is a pass-through request. This request, if approved by the School Board would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY SURVEY

Dr. Underwood presented different methods of soliciting broader community participation to include people who do not have children in Goochland County Public Schools.

2007 SOL RESULTS

Karren Streagle, Division Director of Testing, presented a report on the results of the 2006-2007 SOL assessment along with an overview of the Virginia Department of Education statewide data on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

OLD GMS SURVEY

The "old" Goochland Middle School building has been surveyed in preparation for its return to the County of Goochland. The survey raised an issue regarding property lines that must be resolved before the Board can take action on returning the building.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding beginning the design process for the new elementary school.

EXPANDED ACADEMY

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding the County's making the former library building available to Goochland County Public Schools and CPMT to provide expanded services for students who cannot attend school during the regular school day. Use of this building will allow additional day placements for students formerly assigned to the evening Project Return program.

OPENING OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented information on the opening of school. School opened very smoothly with some new programs beginning. As of September 7, 2007 enrollment was at 98.2% and will potentially end the year at 100%.

GRADUATE RATE

Dr. Underwood presented an analysis of Goochland High School's graduation rate. The number calculated by the Virginia Department of Education for No Child Left Behind is much less than actual. Dr. Underwood presented a chart showing the actual count for Goochland High School which was 158 graduates out of 159 candidates.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CLOSED MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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