

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Maxwell G. Cisne, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Mr. Andrew A. Meng, III

Also attending were:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Ernie McLeod, Director of Finance and Operations
Shannon Lacy, Testing Coordinator
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School
Stacey Austin, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School
Connie Foreman, Enrichment and Interim Elementary Instructional Specialist
Tina McCay, Interim Specialist - Elementary Education and Title I
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.

RECOGNITIONS:

- Dr. Underwood and Mr. Cisne presented a resolution to Doris Elderman honoring her for her service to Goochland County and Goochland Schools.
- Byrd Elementary School was honored for being named a Distinguished Title I School.

- Dr. Underwood presented a VSBA Award of Excellence to Mr. Cisne for his commitment to the School Board.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Ellen Cooper voiced concerns about bus route cuts and asked that the School Board and Transportation Department review the cuts and bus routes. Ms. Cooper doesn't believe they are justified.
- Jane Christie spoke regarding AP test fees. She believes parents have the right to question these fees and asked the School Board to indicate the goals set and what the goals are for the students to take these tests. She asked why Goochland High School is denying these students these credits to students who are not taking the tests. She feels this forces parents to pay for the AP credit and that grades will be misrepresented. She asked who specifies this policy and asked what will happen when the VASS program expires in three years. Ms. Christie also mentioned the item in the agenda regarding hiring a facilitator for the comprehensive plan and suggested the expense could be saved and applied to the students' educations. Ms. Christie also stated that a good faith effort to communicate does not have to cost anything

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- Regular Monthly Workshop - Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Goochland High School, Studio B
- Dr. Underwood introduced Shannon Lacy, Testing Coordinator and Ernie McLeod, Director of Finance and Operations.
- September 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. - Dedication of the Byrd Elementary Multi-Purpose Room
- September 19, 2010 is the presentation of Certificates of Recognition for participating in the reading program at Field Day of the Past.
- Notice for federal jobs funding was received on Friday, September 10, 2010.
- There was a suggestion that Board members would like to make some school visits. Dr. Underwood asked that they let her know and she would make arrangements.
- Monday, October 4, 2010 is the Region 1 Superintendent's Learning Series. Dr. Billy Cannady will be speaking on communication. There are a limited number of slots and we would like to use those slots. Dr. Underwood asked that the Board members let Mr. Gretz know so he can get them on the list.
- October 7, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Goochland High School VASS is having their annual ceremony where students are presented with checks.

CONSENT ITEMS
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
MINUTES
BILLS/PAYROLL

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:
August 10, 2010 regular meeting minutes, and August 24, 2010 workshop minutes, Bills and Payroll for August, and Personnel Actions.

Appointments:

Jennifer Gates, RES, 5th Grade
Harry Hancock, GMS, Technology
Lillian Hendrickson, GMS/GHS, Cafeteria
Linda Newman, Bus Driver
Sheri Marshall, Bus Driver

Resignations:

Charles Brown, Bus Driver
Jan Brown, RES, 5th Grade
Laura Parrish, BES, Cafeteria
Benita Stills, GMS, 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:
POLICY UPDATES

Dr. Underwood presented the following policy updates for approval:

<u>Policy Code</u>	<u>Revision</u>
FECBA	Energy Efficient Construction Policy and Legal References updated. Cross References added.
FECBB	Accommodations for the Disabled Policy, Legal References, and Cross References updated.
FEG	Construction Planning Policy and Legal Reference updated. Cross Reference added.
GA	Personnel Policies Goals Policy updated. Cross References added.

- GC Professional Staff**
Policy and Legal References updated to reflect repeal of Va. Code § 22.1-298, enactment of § 22.1-298.1 and repeal of 8 VAC 20-21-10 and adoption of 8 VAC 20-22-10 et seq. by the Board of Education.
- GCBE Family and Medical Leave**
Policy revised to reflect October 2009 amendment of the Family and Medical Leave Act.
(Presented with correction on page 16 changing word "BLANK" to "Goochland")
- GDI Support Staff Assignments and Transfers**
Policy updated.
Cross Reference added.
- JED Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals**
Changes in subsection I based on amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-254 by SB361.
- JN Student Fees, Fines, and Charges**
Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-243 by HB 491.
- LC Charter Schools**
Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-212.15 by HB 208.
- LI Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies**
Policy revised to reflect new statute, Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:9, enacted by HB 1172/SB 145.

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

POLICY REVISION

Dr. Underwood presented revisions to policy FB-R, Facilities Committee. Approval of the policy was deferred to the September 28, 2010 workshop.

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

SPRING BASEBALL TRIP

Dr. Underwood presented a request for the baseball team to travel to Disney for spring training. Mr. Miller asked for details regarding fund raising for this trip as well as athletic department. Dr. Underwood explained that the athletic budget would be brought to the September 28, 2010 workshop. Mr. Miller asked that this be included in that request. Dr. Underwood explained that there are no tax dollars going into this funding. Mr. Haskell asked for specifics as to how many players plan to attend.

INFORMATION ITEMS:
FY 10 AUDIT PROCESS

Rob Churchman with KPMG presented information on the FY 10 audit process.

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS REDUCED

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding the number of positions reduced as a result of the 2010-2011 budget process. She stated that reduced were 9 FTEs of teaching or instructional support positions at the school level, 3 instructional assistants, 2 clerical, 3 central office positions, 1 maintenance position, the cleaner hours were reduced by 1 hour, and the 4-day furlough.

Dr. Underwood also told the Board that notice had been received from the Virginia Department of Education on Friday that they had submitted their application and were confident in the approval of jobs funding. These are not ARRA funds and have separate rules. The new funds cannot be substituted for basic state aid. The state cannot change funds. It is exclusively for school-level services. We are getting approximately \$260,000 which will cover a two-year period.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Dr. Underwood suggested the School Board meet for a day retreat to go over the comprehensive plan process in early October.

COMPARISON OF GRADUATION RATES

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding graduation rates.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Miller said there was an unofficial agreement on the Memorandum of Agreement. Ms. Dickson and Dr. Underwood talked about an agreement that is represented well on the county CIP, that when the old middle school is renovated and Parks and Rec moved that the old GHS classrooms and gym would become part of GES. Dr. Underwood stated that is a long way off and even longer when funding is considered. In the meantime we are continuing to use the old GHS gym for elementary P.E. and other things and GHS uses it for the weight training classes. Gochland Prep also uses it. Mr. Miller was referring to an unofficial Memorandum of Agreement outlining how much we would be allowed to use the building. Mr. Miller stated we are fortunate to celebrate grand opening of multi-purpose rooms at BES and RES and as the GES representative, he is seeking comparable facilities. He said it will be a long time before funds will become available to renovate the old middle school and even then we don't know if we get the money if it will be spent on recreation. Secondly, the old middle school gym, in his opinion, can be made available to the county at a minimal cost. He understands there are some issues to be addressed there. The highest use for old GHS gym is for it to be available to GES. It appears the best way to get there is through incremental steps, i.e., MOU. He hopes the schools can use that to do the regular school planning as it would for any other facility. He will be pushing for at least an MOU.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Haskell received an email regarding adding a chorus teacher and asked if we cut a chorus teacher from the budget. Dr. Underwood said we did not. Mr. Mattox said the main concern was that there was adequate space at the middle school. Mr. Haskell wanted to make sure the position was not cut.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michael McDermott said that once again he was upset that no overhead was used for presentations. He said that in looking over the minutes in the online package he noticed the FOIA presentation was presented at the meeting and that what was in the packet was illegible. He said he is still waiting for the organizational chart. When he looked at the online packet for summary of positions reduced, he saw a blank page. He said this would be a perfect opportunity to highlight the information. He said we need true transparency. He wants to know where tax dollars are going. He said there has been public discussion regarding money spent on cell phones. He doesn't think all of the people listed need phones. He said we don't need to spend thousands of dollars on phones. He said his son is in a class of 28 kids and that no one can learn in a class of that size. He said he sees a rise in need for special education in the county and that we should try to make the old middle school a regional charter school and turn it into a profit center rather than a money hole. He challenged the Board to think outside the box to see opportunities where other people see challenges.
- Mr. Haskell asked for clarification that the old middle school no longer belongs to the School Board, but belongs to the county. Dr. Underwood confirmed.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the discussion or consideration of a student disciplinary matter because discussion in open meeting would disclose information from student scholastic records.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell for the Board to come out of Closed Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox 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. Miller, to long-term suspend student no. 1-10 for a minimum of 364 days and to allow student no. 1-10 to receive such educational services as are consistent with his/her IEP. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

Wayne S. Cosme

Signature

10/12/10

Date

APPROVED:

Drake Bennett

Signature

10/12/10

Date