

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP  
September 28, 2010  
Goochland High School Studio B  
6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Maxwell G. Cisne, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Absent:**

Mr. Raymond A. Miller

**Also attending were:**

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Ernie McLeod, Director of Finance and Operations  
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Bryan Gordon, Activities Director  
Christin Ciminelli, Assistant Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel  
Diane Bennett, School Board Clerk

**The Media was represented by:**

Amy Condra, *The Goochland Gazette*

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood presented additions/deletions/changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Elaine Wadkins spoke on behalf of NAACP, the education branch of the NAACP is requesting town meetings during the 2010-2011 school year, hopefully every 9-12 weeks in order to open lines of communication and encourage dialog between teachers, parents, and students. Suggested topics were diplomas, graduation rates, drop-out changing to drop-in, disciplinary actions and suspensions, and School Improvement Plans.
- Michael McDermott said he noticed the possible use of the overhead projector to have more transparency and thanked the School Board for the use of the resources. He questioned where the basis of our student fees come from specifically a \$20 instructional fee and a high school art and technology fee. He said did some research and looked at the Code of Virginia and said he could not

find justification for an instructional fee. He looked at the School Board policies of which there were voluminous amounts. He said he cannot see any legal basis for the instructional fees. He said that when he asked a simple question and was told he was asking for legal research. Mr. McDermott said he would appreciate an answer to his question.

- John Wright spoke on behalf of the Goochland Rotary and said that every year Rotary sponsors a performance by the Richmond Symphony to perform at Goochland High School in the auditorium. This year that performance will be November 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Proceeds will go to Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services. Rotary is offering the schools a group rate for the tickets and the difference would be an opportunity for the music department to make some money. He wanted to remind everyone of this opportunity if everyone bought tickets from the music department.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

##### **Appointment:**

Brenda Martin, GMS, Instructional Assistant  
(transfer to full-time position)

##### **Supplemental Appointment:**

Frank Minter, Percussion

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **GIFTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dr. Underwood presented Gifted Advisory Committee list as follows:

##### **Byrd Elementary School**

Mrs. Marcy Meiller  
Mrs. Patsy Easley

##### **Goochland Elementary School**

Mrs. Cindy Stansberry (Chair)  
Mrs. Margaret McLemore

##### **Randolph Elementary School**

Mrs. Rebecca Roby  
Mrs. Karen Creasey  
Mrs. Jodi Pillow

**Goochland Middle School**

Mrs. Karron Myrick  
Mrs. Elizabeth Alford  
Mrs. Lisa Brown  
Mr. John Esposito

**Goochland High School**

Mrs. Christina Rosenbaum  
Mr. Wilbert Ware

**Members At-Large**

Mrs. Nicole Thornton  
Mrs. Linda Tuskey

***Consultants to the Committee: (Appointed by the Superintendent)***

Mrs. Connie Foreman, Enrichment Specialist  
Ms. Glenda Hawk, Enrichment Resource Teachers BES  
Ms. Jamie-Ellen Spessard, Enrichment Resource Teacher RES  
Mrs. Sherrill Kauffman, Enrichment Resource Teachers GES  
Mrs. Grace Creasey, School Gifted Coordinator GMS

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

**SECONDARY AP EUROPEAN HISTORY TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

Dr. Underwood presented staff recommendations for AP European History Textbook. Each of the textbooks were reviewed by a team. Staff recommended *Western Civilizations*.

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve staff recommendations for a secondary AP European History textbook. The motion was approved unanimously.

**POLICY UPDATE**

Dr. Underwood presented revisions to policy FB-R, Facilities Committee, for approval

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve policy FB-R as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Dr. Underwood presented a list of the current Facilities Committee members and also presented Mr. Miller's recommendation of Kristin McNaron to serve as the second committee member for District 2. The Board deferred action on this item to the October meeting when additional members will be recommended.

**DONATION FROM JAMES RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

Goochland County Public Schools received a donation from the James River Correctional Center of school supplies. Dr. Underwood explained that the supplies will be given to students who need them. Dr. Underwood requested approval to accept the donation.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to approve the donation of school supplies from the James River Correctional Center. The motion was approved unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – GOOCHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School, presented the School Improvement Plan for Goochland Middle School.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School, presented the School Improvement Plan for Goochland High School

**ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS UPDATE**

Dr. Underwood presented an overview and uses of the Student Activities Accounts.

**ATHLETICS BUDGET**

Brian Gordon, Activities Director, presented an overview of the Athletics Budget.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**BASEBALL SPRING TRIP**

Dr. Underwood presented a request for the GHS Baseball team to attend spring training in Disney. Dr. Underwood recommended approval with the understanding that the cost of the trip come solely out of money from fund raisers and nothing else.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, for the GHS Baseball team to attend spring training in Disney, provided the cost of the trip come solely out of funds from fund raisers. The motion was approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Mattox received an email from VHSL regarding the banning of energy drinks throughout the State of Virginia. He asked Mr. Gordon if he were aware of it. Mr. Gordon stated he was aware of it and had asked the coaches to talk to the players.
- Mr. Mattox made a suggestion that the School Board workshops be moved back to the Annex Building Conference Room. He feels this setting is better suited for Board members to communicate among themselves as well as communicate with staff, and it also provides additional resources that may be needed that are housed in the Central Office. Mr. Haskell agreed, but stated we must make sure we have the availability of additional space in the event members of the public attend the meetings. Dr. Underwood will add this as an action item on the October Board agenda.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Is there a motion 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. Meng 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. Meng 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. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to long term suspend student no. 2-10 through the end of the first semester (Jan. 3, 2011) and that student no. 2-10 be permitted to receive services through Project Return at Goochland Prep. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

*Wayne S. Levine*

Signature

10/12/10

Date

**APPROVED:**

*Diane Bennett*

Signature

10/12/10

Date