

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP
October 25, 2011
Goochland High School**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ivan O. Mattox, Sr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present were:

Ivan O. Mattox, Sr., Chairman
James L. Haskell, Vice Chairman
Mr. Maxwell G. Cisne
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
Dr. Steve Geyer, Director of Elementary Education
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel
Diane Bennett, School Board Clerk

The Media was represented by:

Ken Odor, *The Goochland Gazette*

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Sekou Shabaka commented on the Comprehensive Plan and suggested developing early childhood programs that are effective that parents can afford, a 3rd grade student competence review to incorporate black history events year-round, step up community outreach and more home visitations, student to student mentoring programs, establish mentoring and reading programs in community, and teach character traits and to bring in consultants. He hopes there is accountability and timeline to the Comprehensive Plan and that it is adopted as a policy directive.
- Beth Hardy spoke regarding the Comprehensive Plan. She realized there have been additional tweaks to plan and in reviewing plan she hopes what she sees are highlights. She asked what the next steps will be.
- Jane Christie spoke on behalf of budget subcommittee, stating the budget subcommittee had met many times and spent a great deal of time to prepare goals and objectives, and provided binders in support. She disagrees with the

changes made to the Comprehensive Plan stating it does not represent what the subcommittee put forth.

- Michael McDermott spoke regarding his recommendation to use the old middle school as a resource and that the suggestion fell on deaf ears; now it is a campaign issue. He feels the Board needs to look at career and technical education now and feels there should be a technical center in Goochland County.

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Ernie McLeod and Dr. Underwood presented information explaining unexpended funds and their use.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Dr. Underwood presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Jane Christie stated that members of the budget and finance committee do not agree with the changes made to the Comprehensive Plan and do not want their names included as participants. Ms. Christie read a letter from Dean Young asking Dr. Underwood to go back through the program again. She feels that three-quarters of the budget committee's goals were deleted or characterized as actions when they were not. She feels it looks like they are looking for the budget and finance committee to rubber stamp the presentation.
- Sekou Shabaka stated he was happy to see student achievement in a formal document. He spoke regarding the achievement gap and wonders how much comes from poor policy, caretaker responsibility (parents, grandparents) or lack of student accountability. He also feels how the division handles discipline has an effect. He mentioned the percentage of African Americans in honors programs. He feels until we know the full nature of the problem, we cannot solve it. He feels we need someone from the outside to negotiate the ideology on both sides.
- Michael McDermott said he is perplexed at comprehensive plan and its promotion. He said he would like to see the budget presentation line-by-line as part of transparency. He said the budget process got his attention and said if there is so much left over at the end of the year, then why is nothing being done to change it.
- Mike Payne said he was excited when he served on the academic subcommittee but when he looks at what has been put forth, he feels what was put forth does not represent what the committees put together.
- Mr. Mattox addressed some of the issues presented. He explained the Comprehensive Plan doesn't represent the specifics of what we plan to do. The Comprehensive Plan is a broader overview of what we plan to do. He asked the Board for a consensus that they ask the specific chairs of each committee to ask if they want changes, in that there are concerns.
- Mr. Miller asked that the process be explained in that he feels that is where some of the contention lies.

- Mr. Haskell agrees that there are some misunderstandings and they need to be ironed out.

**CONSENT ITEM:
PERSONNEL ACTION**

The following Personnel Action item was presented for approval:

Appointments:

Fay Hall, CO, Secretary
Annette Jones, GES, Instructional Assistant

Resignation:

Carla Armstrong, RES, Special Education

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to approve Personnel Action as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (SHAB) MEMBERS

School Health Advisory Board members are recommended by SHAB for approval by the School Board. SHAB has recommended that the members listed below be approved for the 2011-2012 school year:

Current Members

Karen Hall (BES PE)
Dr. Ralph Hellams
(GCPS Medical Director)
Kelly Brooks (GES Parent)
Gloria Laflamme (GMS Parent)
Denine Michels (GES Parent)
Suzanne Murray (RES/GMS Parent)
Eric Carlsen (Chiropractor)
Lisa Landrum (GCPS Food services)
Star Anderson (RES/GMS Parent/Nurse)
Cindy Moss (Health Dept.)
Peter Gretz (Assist. Superintendent)

Potential Members

Angie Duke-Haynes (RES
Parent/Nurse)
Linda Arnette (GMS Health)
Jocelyn Dailey

Ex-Officio Members

Mazie Rowe (GCPS nurse)
Molly Hawkins (GCPS nurse)
Marti VanEpps (GCPS nurse)
Chris Finn (GCPS Nurse)

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve the School Health Advisory Board Appointments for 2011-2012 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

On August 9, 2011 the School Board approved a grant awarded by the Virginia Department of Education, Workforce Investment Act, in the amount of \$192,237.78 for the purpose of providing expanded career guidance and experiences to high school students. The grant has been approved in the amount of \$192,237.78 for the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Underwood recommended that the School Board approve a supplemental appropriation of \$192,237.78 and further request that the Board of Supervisors approve the supplemental appropriation to Fund 025 for FY 2012.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to approve the supplemental appropriation as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD CALENDAR

The regularly scheduled School Board meeting of November 8, 2011 is in conflict with Election Day. If the School Board would like to change the meeting date or cancel the meeting, an official vote by the Board is necessary. Concern has also been expressed about the meeting scheduled for December 27.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to cancel the November 8, 2011 and December 27, 2011 meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Facilities Committee members are appointed by the School Board to serve two-year terms. At this time, appointments are needed for members whose terms expire and for those members who are unable to continue to serve on the committee. Dr. Underwood presented recommendations for Crystal Miller-Johnson and John Grigg to be re-appointed to the Facilities Committee. Further appointments will be approved as received.

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Deferred.

POLICY JECB REVISION

Policy JECB permits the part-time enrollment of middle and high school nonpublic school students within defined parameters, under certain conditions, and with specific expectations. The policy does not include elementary students. It has been proposed that the policy be revised to include the part-time enrollment of elementary nonpublic school students. The Board discussed the matter and asked that further information be presented.

REPORT OF VASS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Dr. Underwood presented a review of the VASS Legislative Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Dr. Underwood announced that Mrs. Fannie Alice Mealy Beale passed away on October 18, 2011 at the age of 102. Mrs. Beale worked in Goochland County Public Schools for 36 years and was a retired principal of Byrd Elementary School.

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 two student disciplinary matters because discussion in open meeting would disclose information from a student scholastic record. The motion was approved unanimously.

END CLOSED MEETING

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Cisne 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. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to allow student no. 21-10 to be readmitted to school the next day after providing proof a negative drug test from November 1, 2011 or later to the Superintendent. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:



Signature

11-22-2011

Date

APPROVED:



Signature

11/22/11

Date