

GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
November 8, 2010
ANNEX BUILDING TRAINING ROOM
9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Maxwell G. Cisne, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Pete Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Diane Bennett, School Board Clerk

The Media was represented by:

None.

COMMENTS ON PURPOSE:

Dr. Underwood explained the purpose of the comprehensive plan. GCPS has been in a growth mode for the last few years, which has allowed the schools to add depth and breadth in the programs and services. In addition to comprehensive planning being something that needs to be done by Virginia Code every 6 years, it's a time to take a step back to see where we're going.

OUTLINES OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES/ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

Dr. Worner outlined the agenda for the day. He explained that the School Board would not want someone to come in and prepare the strategic plan for them. They will need to take ownership of it. Dr. Worner would like the School Board to reconfirm or affirm a set of core values. He said the Board should look at October, 2011 as a timeframe for having a plan in place. He reviewed a timeline for completion of the plan.

IDENTIFICATION/CONFIRMATION OF CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS:

Core values and beliefs were discussed. Some core values suggested were safety, shared responsibility, opportunity, grade level minimum, prepare the kids for the future, focus on basic skills, performance, teach the kids to think rather than just making them perform to a standard, stewardship, accountability, preparation for "life" (life-long learning, "think"), more than standardized lists, high expectations, options, excellence, and preventative actions.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission statement was discussed. Dr. Worner will put together a beginning mission statement based on the Board's discussions.

OUR SCHOOL DIVISION IN 2015:

Dr. Worner asked the School Board to think about what the schools should look like in 2015. The board discussed the matter indicating that virtual learning needs should be a part of the planning process. Other items discussed were independent learning, the need to have group assimilation type thing so students can approach problems and solve them with the help of others, dynamics of interpersonal communication will be lost in technology, distance learning, students coming to school when specific class is going on, more learning going on at home, and "drop-in-drop-out" learning.

RECESS FOR LUNCH:

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to recess for lunch. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Cisned called the meeting back to order at 12:54 p.m.

OUR REPORT CARD:

Dr. Worner led a discussion on the schools' report card and the need for separate committees such as Personnel, Programs, School Community Relations, Transportation, Facilities, Food Service, Special Education, Extra Curricular, Technology, and Finance during this process.

PLANNING COMPONENTS:

Dr. Worner will send back a set of questions for consideration by November 12, 2010 as well as an articulation of the core values and mission statement.

PARTICIPANTS/STAFFING/TIMELINES (INTEGRATING PROCESSES):

Dr. Worner and the School Board discussed timelines. The "what is" profile will be done by approximately December 5, 2010. The Committee charge and membership should be done by January 10, 2011. From January to May 1 is Committee work. A second retreat will be scheduled some time in the summer to review the committee reports.

SUMMARY/AGREEMENTS/DEBRIEFING/NEXT STEPS:

Dr. Worner will review the information gathered and will send Dr. Underwood a summary report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Wayne S. Lisle
Signature

Diane Bennett
Signature

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