

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**November 9, 2010**  
**GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO B**  
**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  
Mr. Andrew A. Meng, III  
Dr. Linda A. Underwood, Superintendent

**Also attending were:**

Pete Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
Ernie McLeod, Director of Finance and Operations  
Debra Beasley, Director of Special Education and Student Services  
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation  
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Stacey Austin, Principal, Goochland Elementary School  
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School  
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Randolph Elementary School  
Christin Ciminelli, Assistant Principal, Goochland Middle School  
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**

Riley Powers, a Goochland Middle School student, let the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

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

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Michael McDermott stated the room for this meeting [Studio B] is much better than where the workshops are held [Annex Building]. He counted the number of seats available at the workshop and there were approximately 18 seats, 9 of which were taken up by school staff. He doesn't see how we are trying to improve by trying to squeeze people into that space, and that the arguments just don't hold water. He mentioned the budget on the agenda and said it was

announced that a tech award was awarded to GCPS staff and dollars have increased. He said there is more being spent for technology, but when we look at the check register, it seems to be a deliberate attempt to cloud the public. The check register is presented in .pdf format but is not searchable. He feels that if the county can do it with tax dollars, why can't the schools. He said it is harder to take the data to scan it and turn it into a .pdf. He wants to know why the schools are spending more money to give public less transparency.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

- VSBA Convention - November 17-19, 2010 in Williamsburg, Virginia
- Regular Monthly Workshop - Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex Building

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

##### **MINUTES**

##### **BILLS/PAYROLL**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval: October 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes, and October 26, 2010 workshop minutes, Bills and Payroll for October, and Personnel Actions.

#### **Appointments:**

Cynthia Allen, RES, Cafeteria Worker  
Amanda Moss, BES, Classroom Aide\*  
Bettie Woodson, GMS, Part time cleaner

\*Transfer from a FAPT position

#### **Supplemental Appointments:**

Sarah Voyack-Head Girls Basketball Coach  
Courtney Rogers-Middle School Girls Basketball Coach  
Oliver Courtney-Head Boys Basketball Coach  
James Shelton-Asst. Boys Basketball Coach  
Brian Ross-Asst. Boys Basketball Coach  
Wilbur Athey-Middle School Boys Basketball Coach  
Grace Creasey-Head Swim Coach  
Mary Kay Dinger-Asst. Swim Coach  
Sherry Rosen-Gymnastics Coach  
Sonia Talman-Middle School Cheer Coach

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:**

##### **SECTION 504 GUIDELINES APPROVAL**

Debbie Beasley presented the Section 504 Guidelines, which are mandates by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504 is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination

<b>Challenges:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4% (\$690,000) reduction in county appropriation</li> <li>• 2%, 4%, or 6% reduction in state funding</li> <li>• Expiration of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act stimulus funds</li> <li>• Estimated total revenue reduction \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria for Budget Decisions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandates, regulations</li> <li>• Essential core curriculum</li> <li>• Affect as few students as possible</li> </ul>

**ACTION ITEM:**

**APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT DESIGNEE**

Dr. Underwood requested that Ernie McLeod, Director of Finance and Operations, be added as a Superintendent Designee in order to have access to financial programs through OMEGA.

Mr. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve the appointment of Ernie McLeod as a Superintendent Designee. The motion was approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Miller gave an overview of the session regarding Virtual Schools that he attended while at the VSBA Convention in Williamsburg. His perspective was that the virtual school seemed to be profit driven. He feels that Goochland would not be able to handle a virtual school because of the higher composite index.
- Mr. Miller also attended a session while at the VSBA Convention in Williamsburg regarding self-insurance. His perspective on this was also that it was profit driven.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Meng 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 a student scholastic record.

**END CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Miller 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. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to long term suspend student no. 5-10 through the end of the school year, to provide student 5-10 with homebound services or Project Return, and to authorize the superintendent to readmit student no. 5-10 prior to the end of the school year in her discretion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

Markus S. Cisne  
Signature

12/14/10  
Date

**APPROVED:**

Diane Bennett  
Signature

12/14/10  
Date