

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
BUDGET WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 20, 2007
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

James L. Haskell, Chairman, called the budget work session to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present were:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Underwood provided the Board with an overview of the Proposed FY 2008-09 Budget. She indicated the priorities of the Proposed Budget are maintaining current programs and services, a competitive compensation, growth, and critical initiatives.

INFORMATION REQUESTED BY SCHOOL BOARD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007

The following items were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

- **Uncategorized Funding** – The School Board would like to request the Board of Supervisors allow uncategorized funding of the 2008-09 budget.
- **Bus Driver Pay** – An additional \$9 per day is proposed which will bring the drivers up to the average pay of neighboring counties.
- **Clerical Pay** – An additional \$800 annually will be added to the Clerical staff salaries.
- **Instructional Assistants Pay** – An additional \$600 annually will be added to the Instructional Assistant salaries.
- **An Activities Director** will be added to the High School. The Board requested a definite job description for this position.
- **Six more buses** were added for growth.
- **Student projection** for 2008-09 is 83.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

- ESL students are more spread out among schools. Two ESL positions will appear for the first time in the 2008-09 budget.
- There will be a shift of Title I funds in 2008-09. 2007-08 is the last year Goochland Elementary School will receive Title I funds. The reading specialist must be paid from local funds.
- Science will now be part of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

CRITICAL INITIATIVES

The following critical initiatives were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

- Literacy
- Internships and apprenticeships
- Independent Study
- Expansion of Young Explorers
- Day Project Return

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Dr. Underwood provided an opportunity for the Board to ask questions about the Proposed Budget.

- Mr. Meng would like to compare the School budget/growth to that of Goochland County.
- Mr. Mattox would like to add security cameras to more buses.
- Sonny Turner will let the Board know when all middle school/high school cameras are operational.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Meng would like to have a better driver education program put in place in our schools to improve the quality of education and driver awareness.
- There has been a request for a hearing before the School Board for an employee who is currently on paid administrative leave.
- The Board discussed the proposed improvement to the baseball field. They are waiting to receive more in-depth plans and information.
- The next Board workshop is Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room.

CLOSED MEETING


None.

ADJOURNMENT

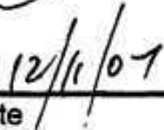
The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.


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