

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP  
NOVEMBER 24, 2009  
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Also present:**

Pete Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Matt Covington, Assistant Principal, Goochland High School  
Christin Ciminelli, Assistant Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations  
Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
Connie Foreman, Gifted Specialist  
James W. Eads, District 5 Supervisor  
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst  
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

**The Media was represented by:**

David DesRoches, *The Central Virginian*

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood presented additions and changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Belinda Bowles spoke asking the Board to not look to cut teachers when looking at budget cuts. Ms. Bowles suggested looking for other funding sources such as "Reach for the Top".
- Cynthia Stansberry spoke regarding the gifted program and asked the Board to not consider cutting the program.
- Jo D. Hosken spoke asking the Board to keep the gifted program when considering budget cuts.

- Jane Christie spoke in favor of the gifted program, stating she would be willing to pay more taxes to fund the program. She asked the Board to not cut the gifted program.
- Rebecca Dougherty spoke on behalf of the gifted program and asked the Board to consider not cutting it.
- Amy Joyner spoke on behalf of the gifted program and the exceptional teachers. She asked the Board to not cut the program or teachers.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

**Supplemental Appointments:**

Elizabeth Curfman – Middle School Cheering  
 Jamie Winfield – Middle School Cheering

**Resignation:**

Curtis Allen, BES, Part-time Cleaner  
 Rebecca Campbell, Cafeteria

**Leave of Absence:**

Irene Anthony, Bus Driver

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**GIFTED PLAN EXTENSION**

Connie Foreman presented information regarding the Gifted Plan and pending changes by the Governor. Ms. Foreman asked the Board for a one year extension on the Plan pending the proposed changes.

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to grant the one year extension on the Gifted Plan as requested. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2009-2010 BUDGET REVISION**

Dr. Underwood presented a recommendation for supplemental appropriation from the 2008-2009 unexpended funds in the amount of \$130,000, with \$85,000 allocated to Facilities and \$45,000 allocated to Maintenance.

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$130,000 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**GOOCHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Johnette Burdette, Principal of Goochland Middle School, presented the Goochland Middle School 2009-2010 School Improvement Plan.

**GOOCHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIFTED SERVICE MODEL**

Connie Foreman presented information on the new Gifted Service Model whereby honors courses will be offered versus a center-based gifted program with accelerated classes. This would allow all qualified students the opportunity to select honors classes even if they would not normally qualify for the gifted program. This program opens the opportunity to meet the needs of not only gifted students, but other accelerated students who may not qualify for the gifted program.

**2010-2011 BUDGET INFORMATION**

Dr. Underwood presented information on the FY 2010-2011 budget. After looking at fixed costs, all items were considered, as well as the effects not only for this year, but for future years. Other considerations were future regulations, restrictions on stimulus funds, and the governor's budget. Dr. Underwood read the possible list to the Board of possible reductions. The total of possible reductions, including fixed costs, is \$1.5 million.

**REDUCTION IN FORCE POLICY**

Andrea Erard presented a revised draft of the Reduction in Force Policy (GCPA-R) for the Board's review. The revised draft is posted to the website for review.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Dr. Underwood presented the Board with a copies of the agenda for the December 1, 2009 Special Meeting on budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mattox asked that each Board member consolidate any thoughts from the VSBA convention and share them among all other Board members. He asked that any information be forwarded to Dr. Underwood in writing.

**CLOSED MEETING**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED:**

Raymond A. Miller  
Signature

Date

12/18/09

**APPROVED:**

Diane Bennett  
Signature

Date

12/18/09