

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 25, 2008
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present were:

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

Also present:

Lynne Venter, Supervisor of Finance
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:

Lee Francis, *The Goochland Courier*
Amy Condra, *The Goochland Gazette*

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Carolyn Elliott spoke responding to a newspaper regarding potential budget cuts. She is concerned about the possibility of cutting Maggie Walker Governor's School from the budget. She feels that expenditures should be cut before instructional programs.
- Elizabeth Nelson-Lyda asked the School Board to consider more unpopular ideas such as staggering start times to save in transportation costs and eliminating bus stops before cutting Maggie Walker Governor's School.
- Romualde Azor spoke regarding the need for the Maggie Walker Governor's School and that she thinks it would be unfair to cut the program from the budget.
- Nancy Ashley does not approve of cutting Maggie Walker Governor's School from the budget. She feels it is an annual threat and would like to see that come to an end.
- Adeeb Hamzey spoke on behalf of the Maggie Walker Governor's School. He has children attending Maggie Walker and feels strongly that it is a program unlike any other programs offered by GCPS. It was Mr. Hamzey's understanding

that the program had been moved to a core program and would not be considered for budget cuts. He feels cutting the program would be neglecting a segment of the student population whose needs cannot be met in Goochland County Public Schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Budget:

- Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.-Budget Workshop-Staff Presentations
- Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.-Public Hearing – Regular monthly Board meeting
- Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.-Adoption of Preliminary Budget
- Wednesday, December 31, 2008-Preliminary Budget Due to County Administrator

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following Personnel Actions were presented for approval:

Appointments:

John Bowles, GA, FAPT Instructional Assistant
Laura Spence, GA, FAPT Instructional Assistant

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

SCHOOL MESSENGER DEMONSTRATION

Pete Gretz and Brad Franklin provided a demonstration of the School Messenger system.

FY 2009-10 BUDGET

Dr. Underwood presented the preliminary FY 2009-10 Budget. Programs have been kept intact. Revenues have been reduced. Growth has slowed so there will be no new teachers, but there will be larger class sizes.

ADOPTION OF BG-R

Dr. Underwood presented proposed regulation BG-R for first reading. This regulation will be brought back at the December 9, 2008 meeting for second reading and adoption.

COMMUNITY MEETING/FACILITIES UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding the multipurpose rooms at Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School stating feedback from parents had been good. Of the options presented the Board favored Options 2 and 2a. The Board directed the Superintendent to request more complete renderings and prices of Options 2 and 2a.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter – Virginia Code § 15.2-2508 and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

END CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Cisne 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. Miller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

APPROVED:

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Raymond G. Miller
Signature

Diane Bennett
Signature

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