

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2008  
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Raymond A. Miller, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present were:**

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

**Absent:**

Andrew A. Meng, III, Chairman

**Also attending were:**

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent  
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Goochland Elementary School  
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education  
Ellen Guidry, Director of Elementary Education  
James Hopkins, Principal, Byrd Elementary School  
Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School  
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School  
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School  
Lynne Venter, Supervisor of Finance  
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation  
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*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hunter D. Glaveskas and William R. Glaveskas, both students at Byrd Elementary School.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Dr. Underwood provided Agenda Addendum items to the Board.

**RECOGNITION**

Dr. Underwood and Mr. Meng presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals:

**Robotics Teams:**

*GES/SC Tomados*  
Coach - Lisa Brown

Romie Azor  
Tierra J. Morris  
Calvin I. Martin  
Joseph J. Brown  
Andrew Giovanni Esposito  
Casey R. Elliot  
Elizabeth L. Rosenbaum  
Connor J. Skelly  
Nathan A. Tirak

*GES Team P.R.I.D.E.*  
Coach Krystle Battistelli

Tiffany L. Bowen  
Jacob J. Marks  
Brandon R. Myrick  
Amanda N. McKinney  
Jordan A. Shifflett  
Corinne R. Whalen  
Mark C. Maguire  
Andrew Conner Rosier

*RES The Mean Green Lego Crushers*  
Coach - Annalise Ware

Wyatt D. Wright  
Chandler B. Oxendine  
Charles E. Brown  
Nicholas S. Clore  
Hunter J. Bailey  
Stephen T. Wright  
Georgie K. Alvis  
Matthew E. Chisholm  
John Edward Grigg, III  
Scott Mitchell Rosenbloom

*BES Ember Eagles*  
Coach - Glenda Hawk

Henry L. Carscadden  
Cody B. Clark  
Madison L. N. White  
Hunter D. Glaveskas  
William R. Glaveskas  
Christian C. Hopkins  
Jacob M. Payne  
Christopher J. Mann  
Christopher K. Pinkston  
Jackson Maxwell Spivey

*GMS Cumuloslegos*  
Coach - Karen Harden

Robert B. Brown  
Aaron J. Early  
Jonathan A. Ferguson  
Jaleel A. Jackson  
Avery W. Petersen  
Joseph Wayne Rudolph  
Daniel A. Stanley  
Anne E. Thrasher  
Benjamin Z. Toole

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Janice Graziosi spoke regarding drug and substance abuse at GMS/GHS. Ms. Graziosi described incidents that she is aware of happening in the schools. She asked the Board to reconsider allowing drug dogs in the schools to "sniff" students.

- Heather Earley spoke regarding drug and substance abuse stating everyone must recognize that drugs are not problems of schools and its administration, rather a problem of the community. Mrs. Earley suggested that a collaborative approach be taken to solve the problem.
- Dottie Brown had her daughter speak describing an incident that happened at school involving drugs. Mrs. Brown feels that if drug dogs are allowed to go into the classrooms when kids are not around it will help.
- Wendy Hobbs spoke in support of Ms. Graziosi and Ms. Brown regarding drugs in schools.
- Ben Slone requested an agenda item be added at next Board meeting regarding allowing drug dogs in schools. He expects same environment be provided in school that he provides at home. Mr. Slone thinks drug usage needs to be "uncovered" in schools and requested that the Board allow drug dogs in schools.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2009-10 BUDGET**

- Carolyn Elliott spoke regarding the budget document stating she could not find it online and requested that the community have access to the document.
- Jerry Aubin spoke regarding special education. Mr. Aubin has a child who needs a special program. He would like Board to look at special education issues and try to come up with money for better programs.
- Adeeb Hamsey spoke in support of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School program. He asked Board to look into other ways to save money (i.e., electricity) before cutting programs.
- Debi Parker spoke regarding cutting of the Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP). She stated that the Goochland County Schools' pay scale at the 30 year mark is about \$10k less than neighboring counties and asked that Board not cut the ERIP program.
- Jeff Harris asked board to consider cutting into instructional expenses minimally, in particular continue offer AP classes to GHS students. He also asked that the Board support programs targeting at-risk students. He asked Board to not accept a "mediocre" budget and fully fund AP classes as well as programs for at-risk students
- Margaret Reynolds spoke regarding goals, creativity, talents and leadership of students and asked the Board to consider academics first.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

- Budget Workshop on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room.
- Schools will be closed for Winter Break at the end of the school day on December 19, 2008. Schools will reopen on January 5, 2008.

- Regular monthly workshop on Friday, December 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Conference Room.
- Wednesday, December 31, 2008 Preliminary Budget Due to County Administrator
- There will be a School Board Reorganization Meeting on January 13, 2009 at the beginning of the regular monthly business meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**MINUTES**

**BILLS/PAYROLL**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval: November 11, 2008 regular meeting minutes, November 19, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes, and November 25, 2008 work shop minutes, Bills and payroll for November, and Personnel Actions.

**Leave of Absence:**

Melanie Stegner, BES, Special Ed Teacher

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**ADOPTION OF BG-R**

Dr. Underwood presented new regulation BG-R for second reading and recommended its adoption.

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mattox, to adopt regulation BG-R as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2008-09 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

James Hopkins, Principal, presented the Byrd Elementary School 2008-09 School Improvement Plan.

**PROPOSED FY 2009-10 BUDGET**

Dr. Underwood provided an update on the FY 2009-10 budget process.

**PROPOSED CIP**

Dr. Underwood informed the Board that the CIP is due to the County on December 31, 2008. She will pull information from the 20-year plan and will present the plan for approval at the December 23, 2008 meeting.

**MULTIPURPOSE ROOMS**

Dr. Underwood presented two options for multipurpose rooms at Byrd Elementary School and Randolph Elementary School, both of which had been prepared by Moseley Architects. There was a Board consensus to go with Option 2 and to do further survey work at Byrd Elementary School.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Dr. Underwood stated the state will make its announcement regarding the budget on December 19, 2008.

**SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Nancy Ashley stated she would like to see action with regard to drugs in schools. She would also like to see drug dogs in schools and requested the Board explain why it is not currently being done.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

**APPROVED: APPROVED:**

Raymond A. Miller  
Signature

Diane Bennett  
Signature

1/13/09  
Date

1/13/09  
Date