

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET
DECEMBER 15, 2009
GOOCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond A. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present were:

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

Also attending were:

Peter M. Gretz, Assistant Superintendent
Tom DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Francie Ball, Principal, Goochland High School
Johnette Burdette, Principal, Goochland Middle School
Matt Covington, Assistant Principal, Goochland High School
Dianna Gordon, Principal, Goochland Elementary School
Stacey Austin, Principal, Randolph Elementary School
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations
Betty Thurston, Supervisor of Transportation
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst
Connie Foreman, Gifted Specialist
Tina McCay, Elementary and Parent Involvement Specialist
Ned Creasey, District 3 Supervisor

The Media was represented by:

David DesRoches, *The Central Virginian*
Amy Condra, *The Goochland Gazette*
Ken Odor, *The Goochland Gazette*

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Underwood presented additions and changes to the agenda.

RECOGNITION

Bryan Smith, John Julock, Scott Spivey, and Dave Smith, all from LuckStone, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the Robotics Team.

STATEMENT

At this time Mr. Miller read the following statement for the record:

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have engaged the board during the beginning phase of our budget preparation. You have done a great job of communicating your priorities and we are fortunate to have heard from all of you.

The annual school budget process takes its next step after tonight. The School Board now has the responsibility of constructing a budget that is responsive to student needs and community expectations. We will continue to work until the school budget is forwarded on January 22 to the Board of Supervisors for its approval.

The 2010-2011 school year will be especially challenging for Goochland as with school systems across the nation. Universally, school systems are experiencing decreasing revenues and increasing costs. These two factors have led to the inevitable conclusion that painful cuts in school programs will have to be made.

During the past month, we have solicited input from the public. You have responded and two themes came through loud and clear:

Goochlanders do not expect their school system to be "average" or to just meet "state standards."

You are, and will be, supportive of the school system in a very passionate way.

As chairman and a member of a five-person board, I can say without reservation I too support these two positions. Further, I will do all I can to see that we send to the Board of Supervisors a responsible budget that will continue to move Goochland forward."

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

Dr. Underwood presented an overview of the budget process prior to the public hearing.

- Jane Christie spoke asking for confirmation of the current annual cost of health insurance, and the total annual cost per student for students attending Maggie L. Walker Governor's School. She also asked the School Board to consider giving the gifted center back to the gifted program rather than it being the 3rd grade wing of Goochland Elementary School. She asked that the School Board consider making only one bus stop at the gifted center. Ms. Christie asked for an explanation of the increase in the coaching budget as well as an accounting of all administrative staff positions, both full-time and part-time.
- Monica Smith spoke regarding the TOP program and asked for information regarding what will happen to the program with the budget. She feels that with the increase in classroom size, there is the tendency for an increase in behavior issues and feels the TOP program is vital to the school system.
- Jo D. Hosken thanked the School Board for listening to the gifted parents. She also asked that the Board and Superintendent open the lines of communication with parents.

Mr. Miller stated public hearing will be continued to January 12, 2010 at Goochland High School.

CONSENT ITEMS

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

Appointments:

Cassandra Hawk, RES, Cafeteria Worker

Terminations:

Cornelia Mealy, Cafeteria Worker

Betty Wagoner, Cafeteria Worker

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

ACTION ITEMS:

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Dr. Underwood presented staff recommendations for elementary Social Studies textbook adoptions. Staff recommended the following:

Kindergarten-*Our World: Let's Go!*, Five Ponds Press
First Grade-*Our World: Then & Now*, Five Ponds Press
Second Grade-*Our World: Near & Far*, Five Ponds Press
Third Grade-*Our World: Far & Wide*, Five Ponds Press
Fourth Grade-*Our Virginia: Past & Present*, Five Ponds Press
Fifth Grade-*Our America to 1865*, Five Ponds Press

Mr. Cisne made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Haskell, to approve staff recommendations for elementary Social Studies textbooks. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Dr. Underwood presented the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for review and approval.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to approve the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT REGULATION UPDATE

Dr. Underwood presented revisions to the Title I Elementary Parental Involvement Regulations (IGBC-R) for first reading. The policy will be presented for second reading and approval on January 12, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED MEETING

None.

RECESS

Mr. Haskell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, to recess the meeting until December 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Raymond G. Mulla
Signature

Diane Bennett
Signature

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