

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 22, 2009
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ivan O. Mattox called the meeting to order at 6:36 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
Thomas DeWeerd, Director of Secondary Education
Lynne Venter, Director of Finance and Operations
Brad Franklin, Research and Information Services Analyst
Ned Creasey, District 3 Supervisor
Andrea Erard, Legal Counsel

The Media was represented by:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dr. Underwood presented additions and changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Jane Christie stated she is frustrated with the budget process in that the School Board has elected not to answer questions at board meetings and asked about the status of communications with other parents. Ms. Christie also spoke to the cost of sending students to Maggie L. Walker Governor's School stating that the cost per student is less than the per pupil expenditure for Goochland County. She also spoke to health insurance costs asking the minimum health insurance mandated for school employees. She feels the health care costs are out of proportion to the cuts proposed by the county. Ms. Christie asked about the administrative positions in the budget, and requested the School Board indicate where the public could find a definition of which positions may legally be included in the administration and instructional categories (b) provide a detailed public accounting of each individual position included in 1. the administrative category and 2. the instructional category, and (c) indicate which of the positions included in the instructional category are full-time teaching positions.

ACTION ITEM:

RACE TO THE TOP PARTICIPATION

Dr. Underwood presented information regarding participation in the federal grant program Race to the Top, explaining that Goochland County Public Schools will be full participants in Race to the Top, and as it is described now will be eligible for full funding of Race to the Top if Virginia is selected as one of the awardees for this particular grant program.

Mr. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to apply for the Race to the Top funds as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

FY 2009-2010 BUDGET

Dr. Underwood presented an update on the FY 2009-2010 budget, explaining that the Governor has reduced state funding for the current year again and that all textbook funding has been eliminated. The Governor suggested using savings from the VRS holiday this year to purchase textbooks.

FY 2010-2011 BUDGET

Dr. Underwood presented the Board with a handout listing FY 2010-2011 Revenues. Lynne Venter was present to explain the reductions/changes in revenue. Dr. Underwood also presented the Board with the First Draft Proposed 2010-2011 Budget for review. This budget is still short of the requested \$2.9 million cut. Dr. Underwood asked the Board members to advise her of additional reductions they would like to make. Dr. Underwood will include any changes requested by the Board and will put together another budget to be presented on January 12, 2010.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Dr. Underwood explained that in conversations with the Ms. Dickson, the County Administrator, the question had been raised whether going together with the county could reduce health insurance costs. The county's health insurance advisor is looking into any potential cost reduction. Dr. Underwood advised that the School Board would have to do an RFP to look at cost together and separate, as well as more non-traditional types of insurance.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Dr. Underwood reminded the School Board members that their Statements of Economic Interest are due on January 15, 2010.
- Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Cisne had requested that the School Board officers not change until after the end of the budget process. Mr. Miller will remain Chairman and Mr. Cisne will remain Vice Chairman.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion or consideration of the performance of a specific special education teacher.

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. Mattox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Meng, 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.

RECESS

Mr. Meng made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cisne, to recess the meeting until January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:

Raymond A. Miller

Signature

1/12/10

Date

APPROVED:

Diane Bennett

Signature

1/12/10

Date