

**MINUTES**  
**The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies**  
**Regional School Board Meeting**

Thursday, August 15, 2013

9:00 a.m.

**I. Call to Order**

Kenneth Pritchett, Chairman of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order in Room 153.

**II. Introductions**

Each Board member introduced him or herself and stated their locality, (listed in alphabetical order by locality).

**Present:**

Mrs. Barbara Crawley, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools  
Mrs. Dianne Smith, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools  
Mr. Kevin Hazzard, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools  
Mr. John Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools  
Mr. John Montgomery, Jr., *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools  
Dr. Deborah Marks, *School Board*, Hopewell City Public Schools  
Ms. Cora Armstrong, *School Board*, King & Queen County Public Schools  
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg City Public Schools  
Mr. Jerry Warren, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools  
Ms. Kimberly Gray, *School Board*, Richmond City Public Schools (late arrival)  
Dr. Janet Crawley, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools  
Dr. Marcus Newsome, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools  
Dr. James Lane, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools  
Dr. Jamelle Wilson, **Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools (late arrival)  
Dr. Pat Kinlaw, **Deputy Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools  
Dr. John Fahey, **Superintendent**, Hopewell City Public Schools

Mr. Dashan Turner, **Director of Schools**, Petersburg City Public Schools  
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools  
Dr. Bobby Browder, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools  
Dr. Jonathan Lewis, **Interim Superintendent**, Richmond City Public Schools  
Dr. Jeffrey McGee, **Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
Mrs. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
Mrs. Megan Marcinkevich, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

**Welcome new members:** Dr. Deborah Marks – Hopewell School Board, Dr. John Fahey – Hopewell Superintendent, Dr. Eric Jones – Powhatan Superintendent, Dr. Jonathan Lewis – Richmond Interim Superintendent, Dr. Stanley Jones – King & Queen Superintendent

**Absent from Meeting:**

Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, **School Board**, New Kent Public Schools  
Mrs. Valarie Ayers, **School Board**, Powhatan County Public Schools  
Dr. Stanley Jones, **Superintendent**, King & Queen County Public Schools  
Dr. Robert Richardson, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools

**Also present:**

Phil Tharp, Wendy Ellis, Karen Hoover, Deborah Snagg, Lynn Reed and Wendy DeGroat – MLWGS  
Jane Scheibe – PTSA President  
Marianne Macon, Laura O'Brien and Chamie Valentine – PTSA Advocacy  
Burt Hazelwood, Bill Yates and Hal Waller – GS Foundation  
Robert and Sally Mooney - Renovation Foundation  
Ben Lewis – Henrico alumni parent, Michelle Oppenheim – Chesterfield parent, Joan Yates, - Richmond alumni parent and Christina Dufner – Henrico parent.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Dianne Smith; the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Deborah Marks, minutes submitted for June 20, 2013 were unanimously approved.

#### **V. Recognitions**

- *None*

#### **VI. Public Comments**

The Public Information Period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes (at the discretion of the Chairperson) to make his/her comments. Individuals representing groups will be allotted five (5) minutes. Citizens must schedule their appearance with the Board's Clerk, no later than 10:00am on the last business day before the meeting at which they desire to be heard.

*Lynn Reed, MLWGS faculty*, addressed the Board: "Good morning, my name is Lynn Reed and I am a mathematics teacher from Maggie Walker currently on leave of absence so that I may serve as an Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow at the National Science Foundation. I am here because I am on a very short little break between my two Fellowship years, and I want to start by thanking you for extending my leave of absence so that I may serve a second year in my current role with the polar programs office at NSF."

"I'd hoped to make a brief presentation but I know that you all have a very full agenda and so I'm going to just give you the three minute update, which is very short. I believe I last spoke to you in August of last year and at that time I had just shadowed the then current Einstein Fellow on a trip to Greenland, and I'm happy to report that I just got back from my year of being in charge of the joint science education project, and it was amazing again, in Greenland! We took five US students; three hundred seventy-five applications came in and only five were selected, we joined three Danish students and eight Greenlandic students for a three week trip where they learned a lot about science going on in the Arctic. They did things like hold Peregrine falcon chicks that were only three days old; we went out and drilled pores into the ice sheet at 10,500 feet (\_\_\_\_*inaudible*). They did things like look at a back light snow pit with Dr. David Noone from the University of Colorado Boulder who spent hours with the students explaining...letting them help to take samples that he was going to be looking at... looking at isotopes of oxygen and how those are giving us ideas and clues about how the climate may be changing, so it was a jammed packed week."

“In December and January, I had the great fortune to spend three weeks in Antarctica; most of that time was in McMurdo Station, which is the largest of the US stations, about eleven hundred people work there, not only the scientists, but there are everything thing from diesel mechanics and the electricians, and carpenters, and cooks and you name it and there is probably someone down there who has to fulfill that. One of things that I’m trying to do now that I’m back is to make sure that students know the variety of skills that might be needed, whether to perform science or just support the sciences going down as part of the US program.”

“As part of that trip I also got to go to South Pole Station, which was amazing! The flag pole right there has the US flag and in the top of it there’s a compass rose and on all four corners it says ‘North.’ (*laughter*) Again, a lot of great science is going on, a lot of astrophysics... learned quite a bit about what is going on with the NOAA Station (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency). Oops, I see that I’m supposed to wrap up here.”

“Also, I’ve not just been going to faraway places, but I’ve also been doing a lot of professional development. I am now moon rock certified through the NASA program, so if any of you have programs at schools that might want to have lunar samples come to your school, I’m lunar certified and can help you out there. We’ve been to the Library of Congress; I’ve taken a science communications course through the University of Maryland. Also, they support my work with math so I’ve been to two different math conferences; I got to go to the AP Calculus Readers reading for this year. And I have also been visiting plenty of schools; in Fairfax, in Stafford, in Georgia, in Illinois. I would love to come to some of the schools here; just...so I’m going to start... I got some cards here. All you have to do is tell the teachers or science or math folks in your districts, and as part of my job with Polar Programs is to help spread the information whether it’s about Antarctica or the Arctic, and I’d be happy to come speak to any of your schools.”

“I think that’s just about it other than I should mention that I did get to have some time in Alaska and will probably be going back there. There is also a possible trip to Chile with a school group in February where I will also be able to go the Chilean and Antarctic station. So, try and work with that international program so I can bring it back to our students. I’ve been back to school four or five times with classes this year and I’m eager to make that trip down I-95, although sometimes it’s interesting, to come back and share with Maggie Walker. So thank you very much.”

**Joan Yates, alumni parent**, addressed the Board: “Good morning. I’m Joan Yates and I’m the parent of two Maggie Walker graduates. Over the last eight years I’ve been privileged and blessed to be a part of the Maggie Walker Green Dragon family as we call it, and to experience this remarkable school in action. As a past PTSA President, Fall Festival Chair, Baccalaureate Coordinator, School Board Liaison, Smoke & Scales Newsletter Editor and parent, I’ve seen the

tremendous work and outstanding achievements that occur here at the Governor's School. I've gotten to know and admire many faculty members, fellow parents and students as part of this family."

"I'd like to thank all of you, the Board, for your dedication and your support of Maggie Walker. Your efforts speak to a real understanding of the needs of highly gifted students, a dedication to those students, their families, and a commitment to regional cooperation. You know already that Maggie Walker is an extraordinary school, recognized as the top high school in Central Virginia and the 14<sup>th</sup> best school in the nation. But it's so much more than that! Maggie Walker is an extended family of dedicated faculty, engaged students and supportive families; one that has grown and flourished since its first grassroots formation by parents and teachers over twenty three years ago. It's a rare collection of creative, inventive and sometimes quirky individuals who work independently and collaboratively together. For Maggie Walker to continue to grow and soar, to continue as the region's premiere high school; it's essential that the students, faculty, administration and parents work proactively and positively together. As members of our school board we rely and ask you to empower the students and teachers as they work to accomplish this unique, gifted admission and help foster that collaborative cooperation – those traits that make Maggie Walker not only a top of the top schools, but a very special, inspiring and nurturing home."

"These last two years have been difficult for Maggie Walker. Funding challenges predictably have produced strain. But even more troubling, short sighted actions born of an excessively bureaucratic perspective by the administration have started to tear into the fabric that is Maggie Walker. The faculty here has remained enormously dedicated to the students and the mission despite economic stress and strain and stagnate wages. These extraordinarily talented teachers like you've just seen with Mrs. Reed, need the support of the Board. They need you to help them maintain their academic freedom and creativity. They need you to help them provide a unique classroom and extracurricular experiences that make Maggie Walker the best of the best."

"I encourage you; please, this year to fully fund our program. I encourage you also to work diligently to assist our teachers in stretching themselves and their students. I encourage you to listen to the stakeholders and promote that pioneering and collaborative (\_\_\_\_*inaudible*) that has flourished at the school, at the Governor's School for Government and International Studies these past twenty three years."

"Our students and parents appreciate value tremendously...thank you for helping our Maggie Walker family; students, faculty, administration, parents, alumni and community supporters, learn, work and grow together. Thank you."

**Marianne Macon**, representing the **PTSA Advocacy Committee**, addressed the Board: “I’m Marianne Macon and I’m the parent of a Richmond Junior here at Maggie Walker and I am Chair of the PTSA’s Advocacy Committee. On behalf of our committee...welcome back...you had a very, very brief break there, but thank you for coming back.”

“Shortly after your last meeting this wonderful article came out in the Richmond Times Dispatch on June 23<sup>rd</sup> praising our school, saying ‘Governor’s School Centers our Region.’ I have several copies of this; I’d like for you to please take a copy, take it back to your local school board, your local governing bodies, and take credit for the part each of you has played in making this school what it is today and I want to thank you for that.”

“Also, thank you so much for the strides that this Board has made toward budget reform since the growing commitment on the part of all of you to look at our budget closely. In particular I want to thank you for the unanimous decision at the last Board meeting to add a budget workshop in the fall and for moving up the presentation of the preliminary budget. Thank you. I cannot thank you enough; that is a step in the right direction! Thank you for the one-time compensation adjustment for our teachers. And more importantly, I want to thank you for the time you have spent listening to parents; you have been very generous with your time, you have listened, you have indicated a willingness to work together with us and we want to thank you for that. And we want to thank you for your commitment to transparency and to collaborative leadership ...we really appreciate that. As you all know this is a new challenging era for public education and I think it is so important that...it’s critical that we all work together to develop innovative and creative solutions to the challenges that we are facing.”

“We still have a long way to go, as you in your local school districts all have a long way to go. In February the Virginia Department of Education gave us a roadmap of their recommendations and their evaluation and we’ll be coming to you regularly to get updates and to insure that we are doing everything as parents that we can do to help you follow that roadmap and to make improvements here. The DOE recommendations that we want to highlight: the needs based budget; we want this governing body to please see a needs based budget and to see it in time for you to go back to your local school boards and to effectively advocate on behalf of your students here at Maggie Walker.”

“Teacher salaries...there is not a teacher’s salary, excuse me there is not a teacher in the state of Virginia who is adequately compensated and you all know that, you all live with the consequences of that day to day. We are no different. The base salaries here are not competitive, the recommendation of the DOE was to put them in-line with the fiscal agent, and we would ask that you please pay particular attention to making our base salaries competitive. We know that many of you have not been able to give your teachers raises but let’s look at base salary comparisons.”

“There are improvements in technology, class ratios that were recommendations and lastly and most importantly, we here are a community of learners, we are a community of givers. Working together and pooling resources we lift each other up; but let’s get this financial house in order so that we can lift others up and can focus on the under-served populations that need to be coming to this school, that need to be prepared for this school. Let us do the things that we are meant to do in this school. Anyway, we are asking you a lot but we are willing to work, we are willing to support you. Please communicate with us and let us know how we can help you; and if we are not being effective and we are hurting your advocacy efforts, let us know please.”

“Throughout the summer we’ve had a core group of parents and several of them are here today, who have been working...have spent hours...and my time is up. I’d like to recognize for working on increasing state funding: Laura O’Brien- Henrico parent, Anne Hayes, Fran DeCicco – Henrico parents, Chamie Valentine – Richmond parent. They have been analyzing funding models, reviewing statues, compiling data from the Department of Education, meeting with state officials, meeting with elected officials and consulting with public education policy makers to increase funding for not only this school, but for all schools in Virginia. We would ask for this support...that this Board support, the Superintendent’s support us as we go forward with those efforts. Thank you.”

**Burt Hazelwood**, representing the **GS Foundation**, addressed the Board: “Hi everyone. In front of you there is an invitation for September 11<sup>th</sup> for our Director’s Circle event being held at Julie Weissend’s house on Monument Ave. We did think about approaching Lynn Reed to see if you guys could go to Antarctica but (*inaudible due to laughter*) a locale for you. This is a signature event for the Foundation for the long standing supporters, contributors and alumni. We’d love for you to attend and show some support from the Regional School Board. Please, if it’s in your time that you can make it...stop in. Thank you very much.”

The Chairman thanked all speakers for their remarks today.

## **VII. Director’s Report**

- **Instructional Enhancement Outreach:** Dr. McGee has met with many high level corporate and philanthropic professionals over the course of the summer regarding their involvement and participation in the life of this school. Many are members of the international corporate community. The Director is exploring the potential of developing an ‘advisory’ from this group pertinent to their involvement in this school; i.e., mentorships, community service opportunities, etc.

- **2013 MLWGS Website Redesign** – The school is working with a professional web designer and anticipate launch of a new site close to the beginning of school.
- **Budget Matrix Presentation** – Mrs. Kathy Kitchen will make presentation to the Board in September.
- **Opening of School** – The Director updated various activities regarding opening of school: professional development of staff that includes participation in an LMS (Learning Management System), freshmen orientation, parent orientation, and enrollment (727 students). Average class size across the board is 19.9. Back to School night is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Student Achievement Profile:** Provided at table, the Director discussed testing data results compiled for the first time in one document covering years 2009-2013.

Mr. Montgomery questioned fluctuation in the number of AP tests in certain subjects given across the span of years reported. Dr. McGee responded factors that would affect this outcome include class sizes and dual enrollment options.

- **MLWGS Coming Events:** August 15<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Director also revisited the Mayor's Youth Academy held at Maggie Walker over five weeks of the summer.

## **VIII. Action Items**

### **a. Authorization for Director to Certify Crisis Plan**

The Director reported that members of the Richmond Police Department were on school grounds recently to render a safety audit and that the school is awaiting their definitive findings. Mr. Tharp added that the Fire Marshall was in prior to police and made the following recommendations: increasing the size of room numbers from the current 6" to 8", changing all existing door locks to allow for interior locking and upgrade of the security camera system.

The Director reported that the Crisis Plan presented today includes designee and vendor updates.

On motion by John Montgomery, seconded by John Axelle, the Board unanimously approved MLWGS's Crisis Plan.

### **b. Annual Board Authorization of Signatures in Absence of Division Superintendent (VDOE)**



There being no discussion on the matter, on motion by Cora Armstrong, seconded by Jerry Warren, the Board unanimously approved DOE Authorization of Signature for Philip Tharp through August 31, 2014.

**c. New Club Authorization**

Submitted in August for Board review: SAGE (Student Assembly for Gender Equality) seeks approval of the Board to operate within the structure of MLWGS.

There being no discussion on this matter, on motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Deborah Marks, the Board unanimously approved the start of SAGE club as requested.

**d. Policy: MLWGS Constitution and ByLaws**

The Director requested waiver of first read to add Hopewell to the membership list of the MLWGS Constitution and Bylaws, noting this Board previously approved Hopewell's request for membership at their December 13, 2012 meeting.

There being no discussion on this matter, on motion by Cora Armstrong, seconded by Dianne Smith, the Board unanimously approved amending the Constitution to reflect Hopewell's membership.

**e. Emergency Generator Replacement: Vendor Approval**

Dr. McGee requested waiver of first review explaining this action is the result of a lighting strike to the existing school generator whose condition would require several thousands of dollars to repair. Board action will accommodate installation of this system prior to the start of school and safeguard systems such as: food service refrigerants, lighting, main distribution frame for the computers, etc. Insurance would partially reimburse the school approximately \$8,000. Mr. Tharp noted still being in hurricane season.

The Director stated funding for this replacement will come out of the 13-14 operating budget.

After a brief discussion regarding new generator performance ratings, etc., on motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Cora Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved emergency generator replacement.

**f. Dissolution of the Maggie L. Walker High School Renovation Foundation**

The Director requested a waiver of first review for this authorization to accommodate a timely IRS Form 990 filing date of August 15, 2013 (today) and recommends action for the dissolution of the Maggie L. Walker High School Renovation Foundation. Pertinent documents provided include Bylaws of the Maggie L. Walker High School Renovation Foundation 1998 and the current ending balance sheet reflecting no assets and no liabilities.

Bob and Sally Mooney were applauded for their generosity of time, talent, leadership and resources to Maggie L. Walker Governor's School since its inception. Mr. Axselle thanked the couple on behalf of the Regional Board and the children of Hanover County.

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Deborah Marks, the Board unanimously approved the dissolution request of the Maggie L. Walker High School Renovation Foundation.

**IX. Materials for Board Review**

**a. Policy Proposals**

The following policies are submitted from the Policy Steering Committee for review: No. 0014 – Students in Decision Making, No. 1011 – Board Legal Status, No. 1012 – Board Committees, No. 2020 – Emergency Response Plan, No. 2021 – Safety Drills, No. 3000 – Moment of Silence, No. 3001 – Instructional Goals, No. 3010 – Library, No. 5006 – Evaluation of Professional Staff, No. 6001 – Volunteers, and No. 8005 - Ethics. These policies are grounded in the model policies of the Virginia School Board Association.

The Director advised that based on an inquiry from a prior meeting regarding copyright infringement if we remove the VSBA logo, verification was received from the VSBA that as a member of the organization, we are entitled to use their materials, remove text or symbols and tweak as necessary without copyright infringement.

Approval for these proposals will be requested at the September meeting of this Board.

**b. Lock Replacement**

The Director remarked that this action is being sought because of a recommendation of a recent security audit noting that current hardware is not lockable from the inside. Also, this action will comfort educators and students that they are in a safe classroom environment.

Recent bid opening data is provided for review with Pleasants Hardware expected to be the recommended vendor for this project in September.

Mr. Hazzard questioned the decision to delay action until September. The Director replied that the school is awaiting decision from a safety grant request recently filed that could fund up to \$100,000 for both the security camera system and lock replacement combined. The grant decision will be rendered September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Axselle asked what would happen if the grant is denied to which the Director responded we will need to re-think both requests as it would dig into the contingency reserve fund, but the locks at approximately \$17,000 might be sourced through the building maintenance line item of the operating budget and the current fund reserve for capital projects.

*At this time the Director requested discussion skip over Item C to review Item D. Item C was covered last.*

**c. Proposed Additional Budget Workshop**

The Director noted that Kathy Kitchen will make a presentation to this Board regarding Walker's budget in September.

In response to a member suggestion, Dr. McGee is submitting an additional budget workshop request adding a session during October to the existing session in November.

**d. Upgrade Security Camera System: Software and Hardware**

The Director advised the Board that the current camera system in use was part of the original renovation of this building and as such is analog technology. As part of the safety process we are interested in upgrading the system. Mr. Tharp has taken the leadership of this project starting with putting out an RFP in July.

Mr. Tharp addressed the Board noting he is still in the process of determining which bidder would be recommended for this proposal. He stated there were over nine contractors that expressed interested and listened to the presentation; of which two submitted bids. The difference in pricing between the two bidders is less than 3% and is within the realm of expected costs between \$120,000 and \$180,000. Mr. Tharp stated he didn't want to release the actual bid at this meeting because he is still negotiating for best pricing. The system under consideration is IP addressable and consists of 16 cameras. The additional cameras will allow coverage of every exit door in the building and one additional exterior camera to cover the front and adds two on the athletic field and field house. Additionally, the system will allow the three administrators and security personnel to have live time access on their laptops to view from remote locations. In conclusion, Mr. Tharp stated this package puts the school in good standing for the next 10-15 years.

The Director requests the Regional Board consider this project.

**X. Informational Items:**

- **Finance Committee Minutes, June 6, 2013**
- **GS Foundation 2012-2013 Fundraising**
- **News: RTD on MLWGS Chess Camp, July 8 through 13, 2013**
- **2013 Newsweek Poster**

Ms. Gray complimented the chess camp activity and encouraged the school to pursue similar opportunities for students and families who may not be looking to Maggie Walker as an option, engaging students early enough in their elementary and middle school years to get them comfortable coming into Maggie Walker. Ms. Gray acknowledged that several things have been done to increase diversity at MLWGS but it's not really making a dent yet. Her hope is to start opening up to more of this type of opportunity.

Dr. McGee highlighted some of the opportunities that have been pursued: Charles City brought elementary students last year and Goochland and New Kent are sending students over the next months. Dr. Ellis stated in fact, several school districts have expressed an interest in bringing their elementary students to Maggie Walker for a visit. Also, a current student (collaborating with other current students) discussed ideas with Dr. Ellis and is writing a proposal to extend outreach to students in elementary and middle schools.

*Mr. Warren left the meeting.*

## **XI. Superintendent's Steering Committee Meeting**

Dr. Newsome welcomed the newest members to the Maggie Walker family.

The committee met this morning and Dr. McGee reviewed most of the items discussed today during this meeting.

Additional time was spent discussing racial diversity of the school. The committee feels efforts have been noble thus far; however, Dr. McGee and the Planning Committee are continuing to address this matter and hopefully within the next several months more details will be shared in a presentation for the Board for consideration.

The committee also viewed a presentation that this Board will see in September from Kathy Kitchen regarding funding analysis of Maggie Walker; probably the most detailed ever seen.

The final item discussed was the Director's evaluation; noting the State has mandated a new standard and new requirement for teacher evaluations that took effect last year, principal evaluations that take effect this year and superintendent evaluations that take effect next year. Dr. Newsome stated that based on actions taken last year, this Board is ahead of the process consistent with State expectations.

## **XII. Closed Meeting**

The Chairman directed the Clerk to announce the items for closed session:

It is my understanding that the School Board desires to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with Sections (§) 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and specifically under the following enumerated subsection, the following items:

1. Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the School Board. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter which involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the School Board.

On motion by Cora Armstrong, seconded by Kimberly Gray, the Board unanimously approved moving into closed session.

The recorder was paused and the door closed.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Clerk was invited back and asked to record a motion to reconvene in open session.

On motion by John Montgomery, seconded by Cora Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved moving into open session.

**XIII. Certification of Closed Meeting and any action, if necessary, as a result of closed meeting.**

The Chairman directed the Clerk to certify the closed session:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Regional School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i-**one**) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and (ii-**two**) 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. Any member of the Regional School Board or committee who believes that there was a departure from these requirements shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.

The Chairman asked if there were any statements or concerns from Board members. Being none, a motion was requested for closed session certification.

On motion by Kimberly Gray, seconded by Dianne Smith, closed session certification was approved on the following vote:

Barbara Crawley: Aye

Dianne Smith: Aye

Kevin Hazzard: Aye

John Axselle: Aye

John Montgomery: Aye

Deborah Marks: Aye

Cora Armstrong: Aye

Sarah Grier Barber: Absent

Kenneth Pritchett: Aye  
Valarie Ayers: Aye  
Jerry Warren: Absent  
Kimberly Gray: Aye

**XIV. Announcements/Unfinished Business**

Ms. Armstrong shared news regarding the DMV Christian Music Awards nomination she received. Vote Armstrong!

**XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, on motion by John Axselle, seconded by Deborah Marks, adjournment of this meeting was unanimously approved.

**XVI. Next Meeting**

September 19, 2013 at 9:00am. MLWGS Board Room, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 226, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190 or x2111.

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Kenneth Pritchett, Chairman

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Jeffrey W. McGee, Director

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