

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**  
**The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies**  
**Regional School Board**

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**

**10:30a.m.**

The Budget Work Session of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School was held in the Auditorium of the Walker Building located at 1000 North Lombardy St., Richmond, VA. Mr. Kenneth Pritchett called the session to order at 10:30am.

***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  
Ms. Cora Armstrong, ***School Board***, King & Queen Public Schools  
Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, ***School Board***, New Kent Public Schools  
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, ***School Board***, Petersburg Public Schools  
Mrs. Valarie Ayers, ***School Board***, Powhatan County Public Schools  
Mr. Jerry Warren, ***School Board***, Prince George Public Schools  
Ms. Kimberly Gray, ***School Board***, Richmond Public Schools  
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  
Dr. Pat Russo, ***Superintendent***, Henrico County Public Schools  
Mr. Charles Clare, ***Superintendent***, King & Queen Public Schools  
Dr. Robert Richardson, ***Superintendent***, New Kent Public Schools  
Dr. Joseph Melvin, ***Superintendent***, Petersburg Public Schools  
Dr. Bobby Browder, ***Superintendent***, Prince George Public Schools  
Dr. Yvonne Brandon, ***Superintendent***, Richmond Public Schools  
Mr. 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

*Absent from Session:*

Dr. Margaret Meara, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools

*Also Present:*

Wendy Ellis and Phil Tharp – MLWGS Administration  
Karen Hoover – MLWGS Finance  
Guests - No roll of guest members was called

**III. Draft Budget Presentation**

Mr. McGee shared a PowerPoint overview of two budget proposals submitted to the Board at this meeting and referred to as Proposal 1 and Proposal 2. A copy of this presentation will be retained as part of the permanent record of this meeting.

**Highlights and Comments:**

Proposal 1 assumes compensation increases of 3% VRS + .42% offset. Staff reductions: 2.2 Instructional FTE and .8 Non-Instructional FTE. Total Revenue Reduction: \$143,407. Overall 1.8% budget decrease.

Proposal 2 assumes compensation increases of 4% VRS + 1% offset. Staff reductions: 2.2 Instructional FTE and .8 Non-Instructional FTE. Total Revenue Reduction: \$142,074. Overall 1.8% budget decrease.

72% of MLWGS's budget comes from tuition, 26% state add-on, and 2% Miscellaneous. Proposed expenses: 83% personnel and 17% non-personnel.

The Director suggests it is in the school's best interest to take as much of VRS as possible off Walker's plate because of uncertainty in future year obligations.

Mr. Montgomery asked if Administration had received any feedback from the community regarding implementing a \$50.00 fee for dual enrollment classes that will add \$50,000 in revenue. Mr. McGee noted no strong opposition particularly if we are able to continue to provide a world-class program as a result. Also, the Foundation generously provides student aid for students who cannot afford the fee or qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Further inquiry by Mr. Montgomery related to class size. Mr. McGee responded both budgets had been developed with the standard formula PTR of 20.9 which is up slightly from current PTR of 18.3.

Mr. Axselle asked Dr. Newsome which budget the superintendents recommend for adoption. His response was that because there was so little difference between the two options, the superintendents support Proposal 2 which resolves the VRS issue.

Mr. Hazzard requested clarification regarding the appearance of using contingencies funds of \$33,000+ from personnel to make the 5% option work. Mr. McGee noted that to be correct and generally contingency funds help populate reserve funds. In the past the school has had to access those funds for actions such as retirement buy-outs. To the extent that slots may still increase by an additional two that would add an additional \$26,000 of revenue and offset dollars used from contingency.

In conclusion, the budget that will be presented for Board approval in May is Proposal 2.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion by John Axselle, seconded by Kimberly Gray, the motion to adjourn this meeting was unanimously approved.