

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

Attendance

January 15, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Superintendents

Present:

Janet Crawley, Charles City County
Marcus J. Newsome, Chesterfield County
Linda Underwood, Goochland County
Stewart Roberson, Hanover
Pat Kinlaw, Henrico County (for Fred Morton)
Richard Layman, King and Queen
Suzanne Vaughan, Petersburg City (for James Victory)
R. Francis Moore, Prince George County
Rodney Fout, Richmond City (for Yvonne Brandon)
Jeffery Smith, West Point

Absent:

Fred Morton, Henrico
J. Roy Geiger, New Kent County
James Victory, Petersburg City
Margaret Meara, Powhatan County
Yvonne Brandon, Richmond City

Others Present:

N. Douglas Hunt, Director
Crystal C. Charity, Clerk
Barbara Marshall, Deputy Clerk

Board Members

Present:

Barbara Crawley, Charles City County
Ivan Mattox, Goochland County
John Axselle, Hanover County
Lisa Marshall, Henrico County
Gwynn Litchfield, King and Queen County
Teresa Lindsay, New Kent County
Bernard Lundy, Jr., Petersburg City (for Kenneth Pritchett)
Valarie Ayers, Powhatan County
Kim Bridges, Richmond City
Dudley Olsson, West Point

Absent:

Dianne Pettitt, Chesterfield County
Kenneth Pritchett, Petersburg City
Robert Cox, Prince George County

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

Thursday, January 15, 2009

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Stewart Roberson, Temporary Chairman, called the Reorganization and Regional Board Meeting to order. He chaired the meeting until the new chairman was elected.

II. Election of Chairman

Nomination: Ivan Mattox. On motion by John Axselle, seconded by Barbara Crawley that Ivan Mattox serves as the Board Chair. Motion Carried. At this point, the Board Chair took over the meeting.

III. Election of Vice Chairman

Nomination: Diane Pettitt. On motion by John Axselle, seconded by Barbara Crawley. Motion carried.

IV. Election of Board Clerk

Nomination: Crystal Charity. On motion by Valarie Ayres, seconded by John Axselle, Barbara Crawley abstained. Motion carried.

Election of Deputy Board Clerk

Nomination: Barbara Marshall. On motion by John Axselle, seconded by Barbara Crawley. Motion carried.

V. Introduction and Recognitions

Each Board member introduced him or herself and stated their locality.

VI. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Dudley Olsson, the agenda was approved. Motion carried.

VII. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Lisa Marshall, the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting were approved. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comments

None

IX. Director's Report

Mr. Hunt requested we refer to page 11 for the coming events. We are getting into the testing phase which will take place on January 31st and February 7th. We have a record number of applicants this year almost 950 for 170 slots. We will be testing approximately 475 each Saturday. The Regional Selection Team will spend the entire day together on February 18th sorting through and scoring the essay portion of the test. The results will be sent back to each Superintendent in order of highest to lowest and then the letters will follow on March 13th. Mr. Geiger gives us great leadership in the admissions process.

Please refer to the newspaper articles in the back of the packet. Also we have some alumni updates. We are very proud of our past and present students.

I have had some recent conversations with the consulting group who is doing the review of the admissions policy. They have alerted us that they have gathered all the information that was requested from the various school divisions. Now they are moving into the interview phase. They have worked with Mike Geiger and myself to try to get some letters out to a sampling of students here, but also students that were accepted but chose not to come here. I am a little concerned now about who is going to incur the expense of mailing the letters since we are paying a lot to get this study done I hate to add an additional cost. But right now we are working on that and everything is moving along. We anticipate some type of report from them sometime this spring.

X. Action Agenda Items

a. Calendar of Meetings

On motion by Dudley Olsson, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the Board approved the Calendar of Meetings for January 2009 – January 2010. Motion carried.

b. Feasibility Study Permission

On motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Dudley Olsson, the Board approved the Feasibility Study permission. Motion Carried.

c. Personnel

On motion by Lisa Marshall, seconded by Teresa Lindsay, the Board approved Michelle Surat's request to return in 2009 and Dixon Benesh's request to stay another year. Motion Carried.

IX. Superintendents' Steering Committee Meeting

X. Closed Meeting

None

XII. Certification of Closed Meeting

None

XIII. Announcement

There being no further business to discuss, Motion by John Axelle seconded by Barbara Crawley, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.

XIV. Next Meeting: March 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. MLWGS Board 2nd Floor



Ivan Mattox, Chairman



N. Douglas Hunt, Director