

MINUTES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies
Regional School Board Meeting
1000 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond, VA

Thursday, December 15, 2016

9:10 a.m.

I. Call to Order

John Axselle, Chairman of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Moment of Silence

The Chairman called for a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Regional School Board and visitors recited the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Introductions

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

Present:

Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Mr. John Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Mrs. Michelle 'Micky' Ogburn, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Deborah Marks, *School Board*, Hopewell 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. Reeve Ashcraft, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. David Gaston, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. James Lane, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Dr. Jeremy Raley, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools
Dr. Michael Gill, **Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools (late arrival)
Dr. Pat Kinlaw, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Sheila Bailey for Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools
Dr. David Myers, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. Marcus Newsome, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools
Mrs. Renee Williams, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Jonathan Lewis, **Interim Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Megan Perez, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent:

Ms. Martha Harris, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools
Mr. John Wright, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools
Ms. Celestine Gaines, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools
Ms. Kimberly Gray, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools
Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools
Dr. Dana Bedden, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

Also present:

Dr. Wendy Ellis, and Michael Smith – MLWGS Administration
Lynn Reed, Jeff Hall, and Deborah Snagg, – MLWGS Staff
Suzannah Stora – GS Foundation
George Nyfeler – PTSA President
Laura Razzolini and Eric Lowell – School Advisory Council
Debbie Taminger –Parent
Andrea Medina – MLWGS Student
Matthew Gilley and Kevin Bellamy – Siemens

V. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by Javaid Siddiqi, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by Valarie Ayers, minutes for the regular meeting of November 10, 2016, were unanimously approved.

VII. Recognitions

- MLWGS Cross Country wins its 4th consecutive VHSL State Championship, both the girls and the boy's teams. Cross Country is coached by Jim Holdren, Deborah Snagg, and Ryan Webb. Mr. Holdren noted this team of seniors had never lost a championship.
- Andrea Medina ('17-Chesterfield) was named a 2017 National YoungArts Foundation finalist and as such will attend the 36th annual National YoungArts Week in Miami from January 8 to 15, 2017. Medina was recognized for her outstanding artistic achievement which also places her on the path to becoming a Presidential Arts Scholar.
- Departing Regional Board Member Kimberly Gray, Richmond School Board, was recognized in absentia for her eight years of service to MLWGS (2009-2016).

VIII. Public Comments

The Public Information Period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to make his/her comments. Individuals representing groups will be allotted five (5) minutes.

The following remarks are provided by speaker Debbie Taminger:

Hello, my name is Debbie Taminger. I am the parent of a junior from Chesterfield. I am also the 1st VP of the PTSA, on the Policy Review Committee, co-chair of Fall Festival, on the Night of the Dragon Auction Planning Committee and on the Athletic Committee. So I am one of your involved parents, and the reason I am an involved parent is because I care deeply about this school, and am very thankful for the opportunities it gives its students.

The Student Honor Council and Code have been mentioned at almost every PTSA Meeting since last March. It's an important issue to the PTSA. The new proposed policy was explained to the PTSA in October. I also went to the Regional School Board Meeting in October because I wanted to hear the Board's reaction to the policy. Several questions were asked and answered, and I assumed, as did others, that the Regional School Board would approve the policy in November.

I don't think many Virginia public high schools have honor councils, but Maggie Walker is not like the other schools. I believe the Honor Code is a critical part of the Maggie Walker experience and it means a lot to our students. I know several students who are upset that the policy has not yet been approved. However, I am not a student, I am a parent. Therefore, I will speak to you as a parent telling you why I support the policy.

My older son is a sophomore at the US Coast Guard Academy. It's one of the Federal Military Academies, like West Point, so it's not easy to get an appointment. When he was a sophomore in high school he made a minor mistake. He messed up and he faced consequences. His father and I thought the action taken was appropriate and were relieved to know it wouldn't go on his record. We thought we wouldn't have to tell colleges. However, US Coast Guard Academy application does not ask if you have any violations on your record. It asks have you ever had to testify as a defendant before a committee, board or court, and if so, why? My son was very upset that he had to disclose his mistake, but not telling the truth was never a consideration. My son wrote briefly about what happened, that he learned from it, and it was not on his record. He was in the first group to be giving their appointments in November of his senior year.

Also, my best friend is on the admission committee for MIT and her husband is on Harvard's. They know all about my son, and I spoke to them about the statement he wrote. They both said that it would not raise a red flag at MIT or Harvard. They feel that if it isn't on a student's record, the implication is that the mistake was just that, a mistake. Not a big deal. One time thing. Not something that should change his future. And he was honest about it. That matters the most to colleges.

Although I hope **not** telling the truth would **never** be a consideration for any Maggie Walker Student, the reality is it may and therefore the school has to encourage the students to be truthful. The revised policy not only states the student **should** report and explain the violation but also gives a suggested start "while not part of my school's disciplinary record".

The Maggie Walker Student Honor Council and Code allow them to say "hey it isn't on my record, but wanted to let you know I'm not perfect, and I learned from my mistake." Colleges appreciate that, and as a parent, if my wonderful junior makes a minor mistake, I want him to have the option to face consequences but not have it on his official record. He maybe 17 but he's still a kid.

Please consider passing the proposal.

IX. Director's Report

A. Verbal Updates

- **Calendar Item:**

January 12, 2017: Orientation for new board members

- **Review of Tentative Budget Calendar From Regulation 7003.1 Budget Calendar**

The following guidelines will be used in establishing the annual budget calendar:

- A. At least one public forum will be held prior to December 30 in order to solicit public input. *(Held December 6, 2016)*
- B. The budget work session date(s) will be published as part of the Regional School Board's Meeting Schedule. *(Proposed for January 17, 2017)*
- C. The proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Plan will be presented by the third Thursday in February.
- D. The budget shall be adopted in accordance with applicable statutes.
- E. At least one public hearing will be held prior to budget adoption. *(Proposed for March 16, 2017)*

- **Director to attend VSBA Capital Conference, January 23, 2016, Richmond**

- **1:1 Pilot Initiative Update.** Adjustments are being made to the schedule and this initiative will be postponed until the new director has arrived with implementation expected in the fall of 2017; however, purchases will be made in this fiscal year as budgeted.

- **VSBA Policy Services Agreement.** MLWGS will be re-entering into a new agreement with VSBA for one year effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, and is renewable for four additional one-year terms at the original contract fee of \$1,000. The first agreement was entered into effective January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2016.

- **Reminder: FY18 Slot Commitments were due December 1, 2016**

B. Coming Events

December 15, 2016 through January 19, 2017 (*see packet, Section IX.b for details*)

- C. **FY18 Budget Town Hall, December 6, 2016:** Remarks by Peggy Feldmann, Walker parent, were provided to the RSB in their packet. Dr. Lewis briefly remarked there was a lively discussion of goals and the current strategic plan, facility issues, capital improvement, curriculum and instruction, technology, student recruitment and retention. Items expected to be brought to the Board in January will include overarching goals for the next budget. Goals will be developed and sent out to the Board prior to January 19th so members can begin to develop their framework in terms of strategic issues.

- D. **ESCo Performance Report for April 1, 2015, through October 31, 2016, with Matthew Gilley, Siemens.** Highlights from this report: **On time?** No; 18 months versus a 6-month plan, with delays experienced from weather and permitting issues, although all of the core

high energy savings measures planned were implemented on time. **On budget?** Firm fixed price on Siemens that incurred all delay costs with no change orders to MLWGS. **Savings Met?** The guaranteed savings report reflects \$31,850 over the construction period and \$10,000 was guaranteed.

Project scope included automated building systems, LED lighting in common areas, domestic water, solar/wind renewable lab, service room HVAC upgrade, and roof replacement/repair.

Project financials: 14.7% utility savings. Looking forward, \$31,313 annual savings, \$583,625 15-year savings. Total project costs were \$640,021 with \$485,147 for energy and \$154,847 on the roof.

X. Unfinished Business

- **Board Development.** Mrs. Barber has contacted the VSBA (Virginia School Board Association) for information and pricing about their board development services. President Gina Patterson related their fee is \$1,000 and is consistent with what is typically charged. Ms. Patterson's team has agreed to meet at MW to help this unique body define ways to work together and help support the school. Mrs. Barber also inquired about VSBA availability for either of the next two RSB meeting dates [*January and February 2017*].

Table discussion included what the timeframe involved would be, to which Mrs. Barber indicated it could involve several hours (potentially 4 hours). If that is an issue, Mrs. Barber said she would work with Ms. Patterson to establish a more agreeable timeframe. Mrs. Ayers reminded the Board that the January meeting will include a budget work session, followed by a CodeRVA meeting, so January would not work. The February meeting will be followed by a policy committee work session, so a session in the spring would probably work better after the budget is complete.

Dr. Siddiqi asked why board development was needed; adding "candidly, this is just another time commitment and we are already having challenges filling the table as it is, so who are we developing? There's a core group of members who are here all the time, and I think that is amazing, but we're giving plaques to folks who are not here. We have some things to think through in regards to the cost." Mrs. Barber responded that attendance is one of the drivers for doing this activity, and to participate better as a board that comes here with purpose.

Dr. Siddiqi suggested consideration for the way CodeRVA is being structured using the superintendent's [*for monthly governance meetings*], with the RSB scaling back its involvement to maybe quarterly meetings to do more meaningful work. Mrs. Barber suggested this topic along with other ideas could be a covered within an organized meeting to tackle all of these items. Dr. Siddiqi asked if using the consulting services of the VSBA was necessary, or is it possible to utilize other services such as from the VCU performance group?

Mrs. Ogburn asked Dr. Siddiqi if he had every done board development with the VSBA? Dr. Siddiqi answered, "with Chesterfield, no." Mrs. Ogburn added that the Henrico board has, with all five members participating and finding the experience to be

very productive. She stated that VSBA are the meeting facilitators and as such participants were able to discuss issues that are not normally discussed in the formal setting, and because the VSBA is used to board topics and their issues they were better at facilitating the discussion and making it concise as opposed to going off on various tangents. Plus, the VSBA are also up-to-date on what is required of school boards, adding she thinks if you are going to utilize board development one would use the VSBA because of their experience. Concluding, she said Henrico found VSBA board development very helpful because of the open dialogue experience and would recommend the exercise, especially when we want to find a way for board members to feel more connected so they also feel a desire to come to regular meetings and school events.

Mrs. Ayers stated Powhatan had also used VSBA board development services and she liked their experience dealing with unique school boards, stating that through prior completion of a survey the VSBA team was able to deal with their specific issues.

The Chairman called for RSB straw polling regarding proceeding with board development to be facilitated by the VSBA at a date to be determined in spring, 2017. By a show of hands, the RSB agreed by consensus to proceed with planning for future RSB development by the VSBA in 2017. However, this action will be formally voted on at a future meeting before finalizing.

Mrs. Barber will coordinate scheduling with the VSBA.

- **DOE Funding Recommendation for AYGS.** Dr. Lewis offered insight, stating that several volunteers that have been working on the issue for years shared their concerns with this formula. This item is provided ahead of budget planning and Dr. Lewis will continue working with the volunteers going forward in terms of trying to get better funding from the state.

XI. Consent Items

On motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the following consent items were unanimously approved: personnel actions, the fiscal status report of October 31, 2016, and the donations report of October 31, 2016.

Prior to proceeding with Action Items, Dr. Lewis stated that several items listed require waiving first read as a result of being time sensitive matters. Dr. Lewis stated he will work to ensure this action is an exception and note the rule in future meetings.

XII. Action Items

a. Policy Proposals

The following are submitted from the Policy Steering Committee for RSB approval:

3016 – Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Classes

3030– Homebound Instruction

3031 – Online Courses and Virtual School Programs

Proposed policies are grounded in model policies of the Virginia School Board Association.

On motion for policy approval by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Micky Ogburn, the above slate of policies was unanimously approved.

b. Revised Student Honor Council (HC) Code

Director Lewis began by observing this request has been brought to the RSB on several occasions. With concerns expressed at the last meeting, there are two options to choose from today, and we are asking the board to pick one and pass the policy today so we can move forward with student implementation in January. Dr. Lewis briefly described the difference between the two options as 1) the first is the original that holds students harmless on the first offense with language that makes it more specific that students are required to report [*on college applications*] this despite the fact that the violation does not appear on the student record, and 2) all violations, whether heard by the honor council or the administration, will become part of the student record.

With discussion, Mrs. Ogburn stated the board received information from the Henrico County attorney and from their comments she suggested the board select the second option because option 1 is not enforceable, thus unreasonable to put forward for students and would cause more confusion. Mrs. Ogburn suggested the selection of option 2 which makes it clear what we expect from our students. If MW chooses the path of student’s reporting disciplinary action, we should not leave the issue unclear.

The Chair called for a motion on this action. Sarah Barber made a motion for the RSB to accept the current version [*Option 1*] of Honor Council Code Revision that was developed and supported by the committee and includes language that states the student’s first offense is not recorded. This motion was seconded by Valarie Ayers. After a split voice vote, the chair called for the clerk to record a roll call vote.

But first, Dr. Siddiqi expressed his unease stating there should be a discussion after the motion and second have been made as this policy is a ‘big deal’ and several members are absent, adding he is concerned that policy could be passed today that caused a divisive conversation one month ago and this board may have to come back for a repeat of this conversation, adding he didn’t see how the board could pass this item in good faith. The Chair acknowledged Dr. Siddiqi’s concern but stated he would allow a vote noting this action reflects part of the reason Mrs. Barber is pursuing board development. The Chair noted there has already been a great deal of discussion on this item which has been under consideration since June [2016]. The Chair added the Board needs to progress by either voting this item up or down.

As directed, the clerk proceeded with a roll call vote for the current option [*1*] of the Honor Council Code Revision:

Mrs. Martha Harris	Absent
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi	Nay
Mr. John Wright	Absent
Mr. John Axelle	Nay
Mrs. Micky Ogburn	Nay
Dr. Deborah Marks	Nay
Ms. Celestine Gaines	Absent

Mrs. Sarah Barber	Aye
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett	Aye
Mrs. Valarie Ayers	Aye
Mr. Reeve Ashcraft	Nay
Ms. Kimberly Gray	Absent

With three aye votes, five nays, and four absent, the motion did not carry.

The Chair called for a motion on Option 2 of this item. Micky Ogburn made a motion for the RSB to accept Option 2 of the Honor Council Code Revision that states all violations will be included on the student record. The motion was seconded by Javaid Siddiqi.

Mrs. Ogburn asked if Option 2 had been presented to the committee, to which Mrs. Barber replied it had not. Mrs. Ogburn reiterated and Mrs. Barber affirmed, the committee has not had the opportunity to review Option 2, nor the comments of the Henrico attorney and were able to weigh their thoughts on this proposal. Mrs. Ogburn stated she finds that problematic. Dr. Jones stated the committee did have many prior conversations on this issue, and if you are asking if the committee had discussed whether this should be on the student disciplinary record, the answer is yes. The idea of restorative justice and following current practice where the first offense was not reported as part of the record, was very attractive to the students and alumni who were part of this committee. Those members also viewed this option as an opportunity to keep the viability of the Honor Council intact and make it an attractive option for students on the first offense for non-serious integrity issues. Yes, this issue was discussed at length at several committee meetings, but we did not specifically go back and talk about it again. Dr. Jones concluded by speaking on behalf of the committee that they would have preferred the current [*first*] option.

Dr. Siddiqi stated this information changes everything in that from the last conversation one month ago he walked away with clarity that proposed revision language based on feedback from board members was going back to the committee, and since that hasn't happened, the next step should be that this revision proposal goes back to them for conversation. He added that one more month would not hurt MW. Mrs. Ogburn stated she also left the last meeting with the same understanding which is why she consulted with the Henrico attorney. Their attorney's opinion was that if this policy was adopted as the committee currently proposes, its language is incongruent. Mrs. Barber remarked that at this point we've had a vote and the current language proposal was not approved but the next vote may carry which clarifies member concerns. Mrs. Ogburn asked if it was possible there might be another alternative that is not before us and was answered; 'no.' Mrs. Barber stated during the month that has transpired since the November meeting, the committee only received one email relating to input on this matter, and that was from Mrs. Ogburn.

With hesitation, Dr. Jones reminded the board the first recommendation from the Honor Council committee in June does not have any language pertaining to the disciplinary record. The June version is also included on the agenda if the board chooses to review as an alternative.

At the direction of the Chair, a voice vote was called from the motion and second. After a split voice vote, the chair called for the clerk to record a roll call vote.

The clerk proceeded with roll call vote for Option 2 of the Honor Council Code Revision:

Mrs. Martha Harris	Absent
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi	Aye
Mr. John Wright	Absent
Mr. John Axselle	Aye
Mrs. Micky Ogburn	Aye
Dr. Deborah Marks	Aye
Ms. Celestine Gaines	Absent
Mrs. Sarah Barber	Nay
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett	Nay
Mrs. Valarie Ayers	Nay
Mr. Reeve Ashcraft	Nay
Ms. Kimberly Gray	Absent

With four aye votes, four nays, and four absent, the motion did not carry.

With no approved code the Honor Council will be disbanded unless a compromise can be reached so the board proceeded to review the June version again, with particular reference to page 7, part B, which contains no language relating to reporting on the college application, all it discusses is current practice with honor societies and book awards.

Dr. Lewis proposed the possibilities are the penalty for a first offense violation regardless of whether it comes from the Honor Council or administration, is a warning and not part of the record. Any subsequent violation automatically, whether from Honor Council or administration, does become part of the record. This gives the concept of restorative justice for the first offense, regardless of who hears it. Dr. Lewis requested to also keep in mind that any decision by the Honor Council is a recommendation to the director, and the director ultimately will make the final decision, so this seems to be a compromise between the two proposals that retains the concept of restorative justice but doesn't create an imbalance between the work of the Honor Council and the administration.

The Chair called for a motion on the June version of the Honor Code option to include clarifying language that will provided by Dr. Lewis, [*Article VII, D. A student's first offense for violation of the Honor Code heard by the Honor Council or administration will not become part of the student's school discipline record. Any subsequent violation of the Honor Code heard by the Honor Council or administration will become part of the student's school discipline record.*]

Valarie Ayers made a motion for the RSB to accept the June option of the Honor Council Code Revision with clarifying language. The motion was seconded by Javaid Siddiqi. On a voice vote, this item was approved with seven aye votes, and one nay recorded by Reeve Ashcraft.

The following were considered as a slate:

- c. DOE Authorization of Signature in Absence of Division Superintendent**
- d. International Trip – Canada 2017**
- e. Resolution of Bank Signatories**
- f. RPS Signature Authorization for Wire Transfers and Purchase Orders**
- g. New AP & Dual Enrollment Course Proposals for 2017-2018**

Dr. Lewis remarked that XII.g is asking board approval pending final approval from VCU but allows MW to place offerings into the course catalog with an asterisk.

On motion for approval for Action Items VII.c-g by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Micky Ogburn, all items were unanimously approved.

XIII. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. January Reorganization Meeting including election of School Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk(s)

- As stipulated in the MLWGS Constitution, elections shall occur for the chair, vice-chair, and board clerk(s) at the January 19, 2017, meeting.
- A budget work session will follow at the conclusion of the reorganization meeting.

b. Code of Conduct for School Board Members

- Grounded in practice by the VSBA and many participating school divisions, the code will be presented for adoption at the January 19, 2017, meeting.

c. Code of Conduct for Clerks

- Grounded in practice by the VSBA and many participating school divisions, the code will be presented for adoption at the January 19, 2017, meeting.

d. 2016 Regional School Board Calendar of Meetings

The Director recommends a review of the proposed 2017 calendar of meetings and consultation with the member's local calendar for conflicts and/or modifications. Approval will be requested at the January 19, 2017, meeting of the Regional School Board.

Highlighted items include an orientation for new board members on January 12th, and a public hearing prior to budget adoption on March 16th.

e. Policy Proposals

The following are submitted from the Policy Steering Committee for Board review:

Policy No. 2025 - Use of Tobacco & Electronic Cigarettes on School Premises *Amended*
Policy No. 4006 - Field Trips

Proposed policies are grounded in model policies of the Virginia School Board Association. Approval will be requested at the January 19, 2017, meeting of the Regional School Board.

f. Budget Transfer

The Director stipulated this is a budgeted item requiring payouts dictated by Policies No. 5065-R1 and 5065-R3.

Approval will be requested for budget transfer at the January 19, 2017 meeting of the Regional School Board.

g. Budget Amendment

The Director stipulated this amendment relates to a budget shortfall anticipated by a loss of tuition and state funding.

Approval will be requested for this budget amendment at the January 19, 2017, meeting of the Regional School Board.

XIV. Information Items

Newly Approved Club: Watch and Learn

Music Students Gain Eligibility to Audition for All-Virginia Orchestra

Published Faculty: Wendy DeGroat for Forage Poetry Journal. Dr. Lewis advised that Ms. DeGroat will be back at a future meeting for a reading.

Other: Finance Committee Minutes, November 3, 2016

XV. Superintendent's Steering Committee Report

Dr. Myers reported for Dr. Gill that superintendent's had more questions than answers at their morning meeting. Most of the meeting involved budget discussion and all divisions are awaiting their capital totals and local funding reports. The superintendents are giving Dr. Lewis a little more time before making any type of recommendation, especially around tuition. Dr. Myers acknowledged this will be a tough budget session.

The other item discussed was the Honor Council.

XVI. Closed Meeting

The Chairman announced the item for a closed session:

Do I hear a motion 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:

Number 7: Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Regional School Board; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Regional School Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For purposes of

this subsection, “probable litigation” means litigation which has been specifically threatened or on which the Regional School Board or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. The closure of a meeting is not permitted merely because an attorney representing the Regional School Board is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Sarah Barber, the Board unanimously approved moving into closed session. The recorder was paused and the door closed.

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

On motion by Valarie Ayers seconded by Javaid Siddiqi, the Board unanimously approved moving into open session.

XVII. Certification of Closed Meeting and Any Action Taken if Necessary as a Result of Closed Meeting

The Chairman read the certification of closed session statement:

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 Micky Ogburn, seconded by Sarah Barber, the Board unanimously approved closed session certification.

XVIII. Announcements/Additional Discussion

Congratulations to Kenneth Pritchett for chairing the Southside Region for Statewide Association.

Dr. Gill noted the Director’s position has been posted for recruitment.

Dr. Lewis wished the board happy holidays and invited members to take a poinsettia with them compliments of the students of MW.

Mrs. Ayers stated that former MW alum Lucy Dacus was named Person of the Year in Discover Richmond Magazine.

XIX. Adjournment

On motion by Javaid Siddiqi, seconded by Reeve Ashcraft, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting and Budget Work Session

January 19, 2017, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x 2190.

John Axselle III, Chairman

Dr. Jonathan Lewis, Interim Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk