

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

Thursday, February 20, 2014

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order Call to Order

Kevin Hazzard, Chairman of the Regional School Board, called the meeting to order.

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, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Deborah Marks, *School Board*, Hopewell City 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 (late arrival)
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 Kinlaw, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. John Fahey, **Superintendent**, Hopewell City Public Schools
Dr. Stanley Jones, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools
Dr. Robert Richardson, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools
Dr. Bobby Browder, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Dana Bedden, **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 Rainey, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent from Meeting:

Ms. Cora Armstrong, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools
Dr. Janet Crawley, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. Joseph Melvin, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools

Also present:

Phil Tharp and Wendy Ellis – MLWGS Administration
Wendy DeGroat – MLWGS Faculty
Hal Waller, Bill Yates and Burt Hazelwood – GS Foundation
Jane Scheibe – PTSA President, Anne Hayes – PTSA Advocacy Committee
Other: Parents (inaudible on recording)

Welcome Dr. Dana Bedden, Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Dianne Smith, reorganization meeting and budget workshop minutes from January 16, 2014 were unanimously approved.

V. Recognitions

- Six students were recognized for their selection as 2014 Presidential Scholar Candidates: John Oliver (Richmond), Cameron Tarry (Richmond), Yash Tekriwal (Henrico), Dylan Vrana (Hanover), Kevin Yuan (Henrico) and Leon Zhan (Henrico). Introduction was made by Dr. Rachel Loving, Senior Counselor.
- Multiple students were recognized for their outstanding performance in the 2013-2014 Regional Scholastic Awards with 22 Gold Keys, 22 Silver Keys and 28 Honorable Mentions in Art. Writing Awards also earned 6 Gold Keys and 14 Silver. The long list of winners was provided to Board members in their February packet. Introduction was made by Jeff Hall, Fine Arts Department Chair, along with Georgianne Stinnett, Photography Teacher.
- 2014 Patricia E. Taylor Teaching Award Winner: Michael 'Max' Smith, MLWGS Social Studies Department.

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.

The following comments are not transcribed verbatim:

Mr. Burt Hazelwood addressed the Board representing parents with concerns regarding student safety when they are transported for activities on 16 year old equipment; equipment which administration does not feel confident to take out of the city. With new VHSL conferencing, Maggie Walker is in a district where they could play in Tazewell, Falls Church, Brunswick County, etc., so having a bus that can't travel more than an hour is somewhat of an issue, which was demonstrated by two incidents where the bus had broken down. Mr. Hazelwood requests the Board consider potentially using some of its capital funding to invest in a used bus for activity purposes that would replace the one Walker currently uses.

VII. Director's Report

- New student assessments were conducted January 25th and February 1st. Local testing evaluators were brought in February 19th to assess performance of these assessments. Lists for admission from the divisions should be available soon. Approximately 1,200 students tested.
- Capitol Day occurred on February 3rd where school representatives continued to speak with legislators, particularly regarding 9/6 funding and other budget amendments.
- GSMUN (Governor's School Model United Nations) Conference will be held March 14-15, 2014 featuring The Right Honourable Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- We the People team wins the State Championship.
- Faculty member Lynn Reed will be returning from sabbatical for the next academic year (2014-2015).
- Coming Events reviewed covering February 20th – March 20th, 2014.
- Other
Engagement has begun with VCU around the Arabic program to explore a dual enrollment process to the extent that Walker would have sufficient enrollment. Mr. Montgomery questioned what the viable enrollment number is; to which Dr. McGee reported fifteen students per section, while also recognizing there may be some courses that are so integral to the mission of the school that it may run with fewer students. Eight students are currently enrolled in Arabic 1, but Dr. McGee stated he could not see how it would be feasible to run Arabic 2 next year with less than 5, while hoping for all of the current 8 students. Arabic 1-2 would be offered through VCU as a combination course. Typical enrollment in Arabic 1 has been much larger than 8 students in years past.

VIII. Action Items

a. Copier Contract:

Following a thorough review by Philip Tharp, it is the recommendation of the Director that Cannon Solutions be awarded a contract for copier replacement and maintenance service.

After brief discussion on procurement amounts, on motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Kimberly Gray, the Director's recommendation to award Cannon Solutions with a contract for copier replacement and service was unanimously approved.

b. Verizon/FIOS Internet Service

The Board conducted a lengthy discussion regarding concerns around procurement policy and legal review. In conclusion, it was the Director's recommendation to table action and seek further clarifying language that would separate the long term lease of equipment from month-to-month service for voice and internet, while also addressing on premise concerns for support of equipment.

With no action requested, on motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by Valarie Ayers, the Board unanimously approved amending the meeting agenda to remove Verizon/FIOS from action (VIII.b).

IX. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. Approval of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Foundation Board of Directors

The following policies are submitted from the Policy Steering Committee for review: **No. 2023** – Threat Assessment Team, **No. 4094 (Amended)** – Anaphylaxis Policy, **No. 4095** – Administering Medicines to Students, **No. 4095-R** – Procedures for Administering Medicines to Students, **No. 5017** – Salary Schedules, **No. 5020-R** – Regulation for Professional Staff Discipline and **No. 5050** - VRS. These policies are grounded in model policies of the Virginia School Board Association.

The Chairman called for motion to accept the slate of policies presented for first reading. On motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the Board unanimously approved policies presented for review.

Approval for this slate of policy proposals will be requested at the March meeting of the Board.

X. MLWGS Informational Items

Finance Committee Minutes, February 6, 2014

Student News

Barrett Mills ('14-Chesterfield) Wins Oratory Competition

We the People Wins Regionals & State Championship

JV History Bowl – Regional Champions

Quiz Bowl – Regional VHSL Champions

Alumni News

Saumil Bandyopadhyay ('13-Henrico), Smithsonian Channel – Genius in America

XI. Superintendent's Steering Committee Report

Dr. Lane indicated the committee held a meeting just prior to the Board meeting and discussed Walker's budget and clarification of costs per students (tuition). 9/6 proposal impacts were also discussed.

The committee recommends the Board consider for future meetings a seating arrangement where superintendents sit with their board members to give counsel. The committee believes this would lead to better business and guidance on their part.

XII. Closed Meeting

The Chairman directed the Clerk to announce 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:

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 John Montgomery, seconded by Barbara Crawley, 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 Deborah Marks, seconded by Barbara Crawley, 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 Dianne Smith, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the Board unanimously approved closed session certification.

Roll Call Vote on Closed Meeting Certification:

Barbara Crawley	Aye
Dianne Smith	Aye
Kevin Hazzard	Aye
John Axselle	Aye
John Montgomery	Aye
Deborah Marks	Aye
Cora Armstrong	Absent
Sarah Barber	Aye
Kenneth Pritchett	Aye
Valarie Ayers	Aye
Jerry Warren	Aye
Kimberly Gray	Aye

XIV. Announcements/Unfinished Business

None

XV. Recess

There being no further business to discuss, the Board paused for a brief recess prior to the budget workshop.

XVI. Next Meeting

March 20, 2014 at 9:00am. MLWGS Board Room, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190 or x2111.

W. Kevin Hazzard, Chairman

Jeffrey W. McGee, Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk