

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

Attendance

September 20, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Superintendents

Present:

Marcus Newsome, Chesterfield County
Linda Underwood, Goochland County
Becky Alexander, Hanover County (Representing
Stewart Roberson)
Fred Morton, Henrico County
Richard Layman, King & Queen
James Victory, Petersburg City
Margaret Meara, Powhatan County
R. Francis Moore, Prince George County
Deborah Jewell-Sherman Richmond City

Absent:

Janet Crawley, Charles City County
J. Roy Geiger, New Kent County

Others Present:

N. Douglas Hunt, Director
Joyce H. Charity, Clerk
Barbara Marshall, Deputy Clerk

Board Members

Present:

Barbara Crawley, Charles City County
Dianne Pettitt, Chesterfield County
Ivan Mattox, Goochland County
John Axselle, Hanover County
Lloyd Jackson, Henrico County
Eileen Long, King and Queen County
Teresa Lindsay, New Kent County
Kenneth Pritchett, Petersburg City
Valarie Ayers, Powhatan County
Lisa Dawson, Richmond City

Absent:

Hugh Mumford, Prince George County

Minutes

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Thursday, September 20, 2007

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

John Axelle, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions and Recognition

Each Board member introduced him or herself and stated their locality. Others introduced: Lynn Reed, a Governor's School (GS) Mathematics teacher, who is serving as a liaison to the Board and Pamela Brown, Dr. Jewell-Sherman's Harvard Doctoral intern. The Chairman welcomed to the Board, Dr. Linda Underwood, the newly appointed Superintendent for Goochland Public Schools.

III. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Lloyd Jackson, the agenda was approved. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Ivan Maddox, the minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting were approved. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Director's Report

Philip Tharp, Coordinator of Administration, introduced Marie Bertonneau, a senior from Henrico County, who did a project as part of her community service hours with Oak Grove Elementary School. The school was interested in doing some beautification projects and asked her to help coordinate or paint a mural in their cafeteria. Marie spent over one hundred hours during the summer painting a rain forest theme mural in the school's cafeteria. Marie stated the project was very fulfilling. On behalf of the GS Board and Richmond City, Dr. Jewell-Sherman thanked Marie.

Mr. Hunt introduced Dr. Broeniman, Chair of the Foreign Language Department at the GS. Dr. Broeniman accompanied five GS students who attended the various GS language academies during the summer. The following students introduced themselves: Carolyn Martin-a junior from Chesterfield County (Russian Academy); William Shimmer – a junior from Henrico County (Latin Academy); Anna Mohan – A senior from Chesterfield County (French Academy); Steve Bailey – a senior from Chesterfield County (German Academy) and Anant Shukla – a senior from Chesterfield County (Spanish Academy). Each student shared their experience in their particular academy.

The following new hires introduced themselves:

Sherry Arnold – English and World Religion; Libby Girma – Global Studies (part-time) and sponsor of the freshmen class; Kim Kawa – Senior Guidance Counselor; Wendy Sellors – Library Media Specialist; Jennifer Todd – Honors and AP Chemistry; Gabriela Georgiadis – Algebra II and Geometry; Dawn Page – Sophomore and Junior Counselor; Stephanie Wells – Spanish; Jeff Hall – Art Teacher and Fine Arts Department Chair; Penny Deck – Senior Counselor; Georgianne Stinnett – Photography (from part-time to full-time) and Karl Zweerink – Department Chair – Guidance (promotion).

The Chairman passed around a thank you card he received from recent retiree Judith Kowler. Mary Jane McKay, Global Studies teacher, distributed a brochure highlighting the accomplishment of Besan Abu-Joudeh, a junior from Chesterfield and a member of the Model Government Club. She participated in the American Legion Program (Boys State and Girls State) at Longwood University along with Alex Gecker. Besan was selected from all of the representatives from across the State of Virginia to be one of the two senators representing Virginia in the Girls Nation Program during July in Washington, D.C. She had the opportunity to meet the president, tour Capitol Hill, and meet some of Virginia's senators.

Mr. Hunt reported that all of the paper work will be completed by September 30 for the transition of the GS property to the Regional Board and after the transfer signatures will have to be obtained. Also, at a later date, the following two recommendations from the faculty will be brought to the Board. One is to investigate the possibility of a sick leave bank. Administration will work on it and will ask divisions to share their expertise. Second, establish a relationship between the GS and the 11 supporting school divisions to have some type of exchange for faculty members. These items will be investigated, discussed with the Chairman and the Chair of the Superintendents' Committee, and will be made an agenda item at one of the Superintendents' Steering Committee meetings.

a. Coming Events - not discussed

b. Comments – None

VII. Action Agenda Items

a. Personnel Action

On motion by Dianne Pettitt, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the Board approved the Personnel Action. Motion carried.

b. RFP for Consultant

The Chairman noted a committee comprised of Board members was formed to review in more detail the RFP for a consultant and bring it back to the Board for final review and approval/disapproval. He commended Ivan Maddox for chairing the committee and the committee members who participated. Ivan reported the following: Two superintendents, two school board members, two parents, two students, and two staff members were members of the committee. The committee discussed each section separately and identifying a date or time line for an award would be a Regional Board decision. Ivan thanked everyone who participated on the committee.

Dr. Newsome questioned in the first paragraph the wording “. . . seeking outside expertise to conduct a study to review the effectiveness and fairness of the current

admissions process.” He felt the word “fairness” is subjective and questioned it, as it is tough to define. He also questioned under Intent and Mission (item 3) how could an increase in diversity of students be achieved while maintaining the mission and quality of MLWGS? Dr. Newsome indicated the wording in item 3 implies that increased diversity will impact the quality of the school. The GS wants to maintain the mission, integrity, and quality of the program regardless of the students attending. Mrs. Dawson stated the way it is stated brought forward some of the strong concerns of the parents. The parents were concerned about the major mission and quality of the school not being changed in any way. Discussion ensued between Dr. Newsome, Dianne Pettitt, Lisa Dawson, and Fred Morton about diversity and quality.

On motion by Ivan Mattox moved, seconded by Lisa Dawson, the Board voted to change # 3 under Intent and Mission to read: “How can the mission and quality of MLWGS be maintained while increasing student diversity?” Motion carried. [(For (6) – Opposed (2)]

On motion by Eileen Long, seconded by Lloyd Jackson, the Board voted for a proposal for a MLWGS consultant to be bid by November 2 and an award date to be determined. Motion carried. It was suggested before the bid goes out, have a procurement professional from one of the districts involved to insure its legality. On motion by Lisa Dawson, seconded by Valarie Ayers, the Board amended the motion to add “and it is the intent of the Board to make an award within 60 days.” Motion carried.

On motion by Lloyd Jackson, seconded by Ivan Mattox, the Board approved sending the RFP out as it is with the proper procurement terms added. Motion carried. Mr. Hunt asked if the Board could borrow individuals from one of the districts to get the final product out for bid. Mr. Morton stated he would work with Henrico County and consult with their procurement department to insure legality. He asked if the Board wanted a procurement person spearheading the process. Mr. Morton stated he could volunteer his staff and check with Henrico County’s procurement staff – Paul Prodo, Director. The Board expects the bid to go out on September 30.

VIII. Materials for Board Review

The Board was directed to review the information in the meeting packet.

IX. Superintendents’ Steering Committee Meeting

None

X. Closed Meeting

None

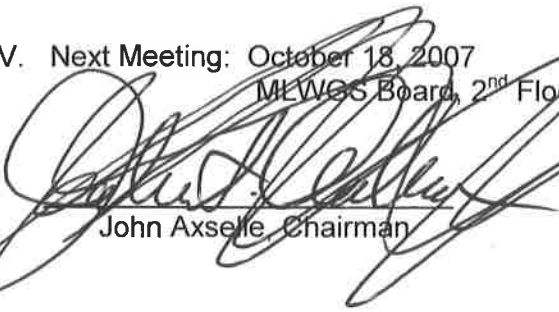
XII. Certification of Closed Meeting

None

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Lloyd Jackson, seconded by Valarie Ayers, the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

XIV. Next Meeting: October 18, 2007
MLWGS Board, 2nd Floor



John Axsele, Chairman



N. Douglas Hunt, Director