

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

Thursday, December 12, 2013

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Kenneth Pritchett, Chairman of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order in Room 153.

II. Introductions

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

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
Dr. Deborah Marks, *School Board*, Hopewell City Public Schools
Ms. Cora Armstrong, *School Board*, King & Queen County Public Schools
Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools
Mrs. Valarie Ayers, *School Board*, Powhatan County Public Schools
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg City Public Schools
Ms. Kimberly Gray, *School Board*, Richmond 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 Kinlaw, **Deputy Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. John Fahey, **Superintendent**, Hopewell City Public Schools
Dr. Kim Allen for Dr. Stanley Jones, **Superintendent**, King & Queen County Public Schools
Dr. Joseph Melvin, **Superintendent**, Petersburg City Public Schools
Dr. Bobby Browder, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Jonathan Lewis, **Interim Superintendent**, Richmond City Public Schools
Dr. Jeffrey McGee, **Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Ms. Megan Rainey, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent from Meeting: (listed by locality alphabetical order)

Mr. Jerry Warren, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools

Dr. Janet Crawley, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. Robert Richardson, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools

Also present:

Phil Tharp, Wendy Ellis, Wendy DeGroat and Deborah Snagg– MLWGS
Jane Scheibe – PTSA President
Marianne Macon, Laura O'Brien and Anne Hayes - PTSA Advocacy
Bill Yates, Burt Hazelwood and Hal Waller – GS Foundation
Nancy Ramsbottom – MLWGS Golf Coach
Others in Attendance: too numerous to list

III. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by Barbara Crawley; the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by John Axselle, seconded by Valarie Ayers, regular meeting and work session minutes submitted for November 14, 2013 were unanimously approved.

V. Recognitions

- **Students and coaches from the following fall athletic teams were recognized for their accomplishments:**
 - **Golf**, coached by Nancy Ramsbottom – Conference Champions, 3rd at Regionals and top 10 finish at the State Championship
 - **Girls Volleyball**, coached by Tony Dee – Conference Champions
 - **Boys & Girls Cross Country**, coached by Jim Holdren, Ryan Webb and Deborah Snagg – Boys & Girls Conference Champions, Regional Champions and State Champions. MLWGS's first individual State Champion **Daisy Banta** ('14-Henrico). **Alex Fleckenstein** ('14-Richmond) - Boys Conference and Regional Champion.

- **Co-Historians Reed Canaan ('15-Henrico) and Samantha Schwartzkopf ('15-Henrico) of MLWGS Model United Nations Club** addressed the Board with an update of club activities which included their recent win of the "Coon Award for Diplomacy", the most prestigious award a team can earn at the William & Mary Conference.

Additional club activities include planning their first international conference at Rogers College in Istanbul, Turkey. Students, Academic Boosters and the GS Foundation are collaborating on efforts to reduce the costs for students attending.

The annual GSMUN conference is planned for March 2014 and the club is excited to announce that in conjunction with the Richmond Forum, The Right Honourable Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, will be their featured guest speaker.

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.

There were no public comments.

VII. Director's Report

- **Verbal Updates:**

- Beginning January 2014, Board packets will be available in GoogleDocs in a public domain. Gratitude was expressed to Goochland for their assistance with this transition.
- 2014-2015 Slots. 729 students are expected and budget planning is developing accordingly. Administration is continuing to explore efficiencies and will maximize instructional staff to ensure that everything possible is being done to appropriately invest division tax dollars.
- Tentative tuition rates and updated budget projections should be available for January meeting.
- Strategic Planning is proceeding and progress is being made. Discussions involve how we can measure whether or not we are accomplishing and fulfilling the mission of the school.
- Freshmen readiness review is moving forward.
- Looking to partner with Chesterfield on teacher leadership and development.
- Student government is under review to make it more robust.
- Lock replacements have been completed.
- Camera replacement is on schedule to be installed over the winter break.

Mr. Hazzard requested a status update of the Verizon proposal. The Director stated that review with other vendors determined the Verizon offer would be a superb opportunity for MLWGS. No contract has yet been presented but the Board will be notified as soon as one is received.

Mr. Tharp added that the installation estimate for Verizon is \$26,000 to run the FiOS lines (to be paid by Verizon). He remains in contact to coordinate implementation, currently working on the eRate credits.

- **MLWGS Coming Events:** December 12th through January 16, 2014

VIII. Action Items

a. Policy Approval

The following policies presented at the November meeting are submitted from the Policy Steering Committee for approval: **No. 4010** – Substance Abuse, Student Assistance Program, **No. 5020** – Professional Staff Discipline, **No. 5021** – Professional Staff Grievance, **No. 5022** – Suspension of Staff Member, **No. 5060** – Reduction in Professional Staff Work Force and **No. 6002** – Parental Involvement. These policies are grounded in the model policies of the Virginia School Board Association.

The Director recommends approval of the policies noted.

On motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by Dianne Smith, the Board unanimously approved policies submitted as noted above.

IX. Materials for Board Review

a. Policy Proposals

The following policies are submitted from the Policy Steering Committee for review: **No. 1030** – Admission of Students, **No. 5060-R** – Reduction in Work Force Regulation, and **No. 5070** – Family and Medical Leave Act. These policies are grounded in the model policies of the Virginia School Board Association.

Approval for these proposals will be requested at the January meeting of this Board.

b. January 2014 Regional Board Elections

Stipulated in the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Constitution and By Laws; the Regional School Board shall elect from its membership in January the following: a chairman and vice-chairman.

The Regional School Board shall also elect a clerk and deputy board clerk.

c. 2014 Regional School Board Calendar of Meetings

The Director recommends review of the proposed 2014 calendar of meetings submitted. Advise of conflicts and/or modifications and be prepared to adopt at the January 2014 meeting.

X. Informational Items:

- **Student News**
 - Christopher Benos ('14-Chesterfield) VDOE White Papers: 'What Will Virginia's High Schools Look Like in the Future,' and 'Bringing Teachers to the Policy Table.'
 - List of Senior Scholarship Nominees
 - Field Hockey Team Undefeated Regular Season
- **Alumni News**
 - Saumil Bandyopadhyay ('13-Henrico) Named 2013 Winner of the Smithsonian's Ingenuity Award
- **Faculty News**
 - Social Studies Teacher Matt McGuire Wins 2013 R.E.B. Award
- **Finance Committee Minutes**
 - November 7, 2013
- **Other News**
 - Foundation Support
 - Forum Remembers MLWGS History, December 3, 2013

XI. Superintendent's Steering Committee Meeting

Dr. Newsome reported the committee held a brief meeting prior to the Regional Board meeting today. No specific items are available today as a consequence of that meeting.

On behalf of the Superintendent's Steering Committee, Dr. Newsome expressed wishes for happy holidays to all.

Lastly, Dr. Newsome extended an invitation to this body to attend the Region 1 Professional Development Consortium on January 28th at the University of Richmond with Consuela Kickbusch, CEO of Educational Achievement.

XII. Closed Meeting

None

XIII. Certification of Closed Meeting and Any Action, if Necessary, as a Result of Closed Meeting.

None

XIV. Announcements/Unfinished Business

Mr. Hazzard reminded the Board that January and February will include regular meetings and budget work sessions with a goal of ratifying a budget in February so that members can get it to City Councils and Boards of Supervisors early in the process.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Deborah Marks, seconded by John Axselle, adjournment of this meeting was unanimously approved.

XVI. Next Meeting

January 16, 2014 at 9:00am. MLWGS Room 153, 1000 N. Lombardy St.,
Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190 or x2111.