

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

Attendance

February 14, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Superintendents

Present:

Janet Crawley, Charles City County
Marcus J. Newsome, Chesterfield County
Linda Underwood, Goochland County
Becky Alexander, Hanover County (Representing
Stewart Roberson)
Jean Murray, Henrico County (Representing
Fred Morton)
J. Roy Geiger, New Kent County
James Victory, Petersburg City
Pam Brown, Richmond City (Representing Deborah
Jewell Sherman)

Absent:

Richard Layman, King and Queen
Margaret Meara, Powhatan County
R. Francis Moore, Prince George 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
Lisa Marshall, Henrico County
Gwynn Litchfield, King and Queen County
Teresa Lindsay, New Kent County
Valarie Ayers, Powhatan County
Kevin Foster, Prince George County
Lisa Dawson, Richmond City

Absent:

Minutes

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Thursday, February 14, 2008

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Ivan Mattox, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order. He welcomed the newly appointed board member, Mrs. Litchfield (King and Queen County) and two former board members – Mr. Ballard (Richmond City) and Mrs. Eileen Long (King and Queen County).

For all of the Board's support of the Governor's School (GS) and in celebration of a special day, tokens of appreciation (red roses) were presented to each Board member by a student from their school division.

II. Introductions and Recognition

See Director's Report

III. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Valeria Ayers, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the agenda was accepted as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Dianne Pettitt, the minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting were approved. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

Lynn Foshee Reed – Faculty Liaison to the Board

“Good morning. My name is Lynn Foshee Reed, and I am the elected Faculty Liaison to this Board. In your Board packet is information that I believe Pat Taylor will be discussing later in today's meeting concerning support for teachers wishing to pursue National Board Certification (NBCT). I wanted to share with you that the MLWGS faculty were very pleased that such a proposal is being brought for your consideration. From talking to colleagues in other districts, I know that the NBCT is one of the most profound growth experiences they have ever had in their professional lives. But it is a very intense process that is expensive and it is time consuming. We are hopeful that the Board will give serious consideration to this proposal and extend support to MLWGS teachers just as many of your districts do to your teachers.

Finally, I also want to strongly encourage that the Board support pairs of teachers if all possible, because teachers earning NBCT report that having a partner and/or a mentor throughout the process to assist and support has been critical to their success.”

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Hunt reported that page 13 of the meeting packet was listed in error and to disregard it. Mr. Hunt introduced Connie Schuler, GS Chinese teacher. Currently the GS is involved in the Japanese Exchange Program and visiting Japanese students from the ASUWA High School, located on the west coast of Japan, were present. Connie mentioned this is the eighth year the GS has had an exchange program with ASUWA. Mrs. Schuler extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Asian Assembly to be held later today at the GS. The students were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their future career plans and their instructors shared their impressions of their visit. Dr. Broeniman thanked everyone that was involved with the exchange program - the students, the parents, and especially Mrs. Schuler, as it is a six month experience that began during the past summer.

Other Recognitions:

Kim Kawa and Penny Deck – Senior Counselors presented the following students to the Board: Yu-Sung Huang (Henrico County) recognized for his achievement up to the last phase in the Jefferson Scholar with the University of Virginia. Yu-Sung has been invited to the University of Virginia campus to do a five-day visit. He received a perfect score of 800 on both the verbal and math portions of the SAT and a high 740 on the writing.

National Achievement Finalists based on PSATs taken during their junior year: Ida Girma (Chesterfield); Dahlia Mignouna (Chesterfield) and also a recipient of a \$10,000 merit scholarship; and Amarchi Eseonu (Chesterfield). Dahlia and Amarchi both have been accepted into Yale University.

National Russian Essay Contest – Michael White

Mr. White reported the American Council of Teachers of Russian held its 20th Annual National Russian Essay Contest in November with over 1,500 students competing and approximately 15% to 16% of those competing nationwide earned gold, silver, or bronze medals or an honorable mention. Second year GS Russian students and Gold Medal winners are: From Chesterfield - Emma England, Matthew Childs, Paige Endsley, Hillary Hurd, Caroline Martin, Eric Sawchak, and Alison Walter; Hanover – Matthew Burnett, Ramin Haidari; Henrico – Leaf Elhai, David Kunkel; and Richmond City – John Surface.

Swim Team – Robb Sultzer, Coach. Regional Champions (boys) and Second Place (girls)

Girls: Paige Endsley, Karen Brown, Meredith Drummond, Teresa Dula, Sarah Acree, Sarah Partridge, Jocelyn Powelson, and Deanna Gulick. Boys: Johnnie Hermes, Ben Catanese, Sam Rairden, Jack Allen, Matt Hesser, J.H. Vivadelli, and Hunter Knight

Science National Honor Society - Michael Wong and Yu-Sung Huang Co-Presidents - On March 8, the GS will host the 3rd annual middle school Science Day for students to invite them to experience hands on activities. The goal of Science Day is to provide access to high school laboratories to those students who otherwise might not have the opportunity. The students will have breakfast, experience two experiments in the morning, have lunch, and then have two experiments in the afternoon. There will be a speaker in the morning from the Science Museum. All of the experiments will be student run with 11 different modules. Some of them are: Electroplating, extraction of DNA, a robotics demonstration, and an egg drop. At the end of each module, there will be

discussions and a worksheet for the students to complete to help reinforce what they learned. The co-presidents asked Board members to pass this information on to the teachers in their middle schools and encourage them to attend the Science Day as it will be exciting. Mr. Hunt noted that the information will be listed on the GS web site and letters have been sent out to the localities.

In concluding his report, Mr. Hunt asked Board members to include the sheet that was placed at the seat with the budget information and remove page 13 from the meeting packet. Testing of the current 8th graders is completed. The evaluation date for the metro area evaluators to convene to evaluate all of the applications is next Wednesday and the letters will be mailed out from the superintendents on the 14th of March. Also, the Board had invited one of its past chairman (David Ballard) and a past board member (Eileen Long) to be recognized in appreciation for their dedicate service on the Board. Also, past chairs (Diane Pettitt and John Axselle) from the Maggie Walker Regional Board were recognized for their leadership. The Chairman presented each of them with a token of appreciation for their dedicated service.

VII. Action Agenda Items

None

VIII. Materials for Board Review

a. FY 09 Operating Budget

Mr. Hunt referred to the operating budget starting on page 14 in the meeting packet and asked the Board to spend some time reviewing the information and be prepared to vote at the March or April meeting. He directed Board members to contact the GS if they had questions.

b. Standard Fee Waiver

As part of the GS partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), a standard fee waiver is being requested for VCU's summer 2008 String Music Day Camp. This standard fee waiver will allow VCU to maintain an affordable tuition fee for all campers. Personnel costs will be billed to VCU as incurred.

Mr. Hunt requested the Board to review both items carefully and be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

IX. Information

Mr. Hunt highlighted the following two items: National Board Certification, page 44 of the meeting packet, and the job description for a shared position with the Governor's School Foundation, page 34. This will be a GS employee and the Foundation will contract to use this individual for half days. Lastly, he mentioned that the PTSA held its auction at the ACCA Temple on Hermitage Road and it cleared approximately \$70,000. Items donated by various organizations within the GS received the proceeds for their items.

X. Superintendents' Steering Committee

No Report

XI. Closed Meeting

None

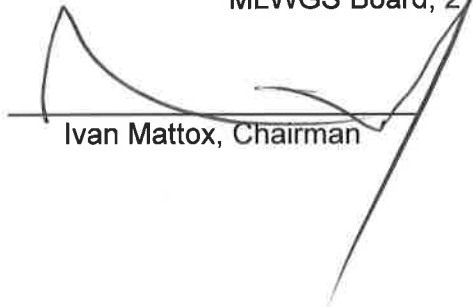
XII. Certification of Closed Meeting

None

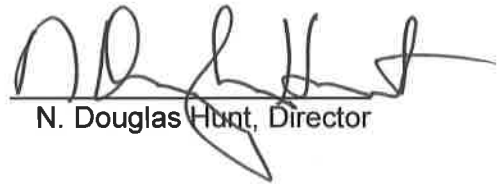
XIII. Adjournment

On motion by John Axselle, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the meeting adjourned.
Motion carried.

XIV. Next Meeting: March 20, 2008
MLWGS Board, 2nd Floor



Ivan Mattox, Chairman



N. Douglas Hunt, Director