

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

**Attendance**

**February 12, 2009**

**11.30 a.m.**

**Superintendents**

**Present:**

Janet Crawley, Charles City County  
Marcus J. Newsome, Chesterfield County  
Linda Underwood, Goochland County  
Stewart Roberson, Hanover  
Fred Morton, Henrico County  
Richard Layman, King and Queen  
J. Roy Geiger, New Kent County  
James Victory, Petersburg City  
Margaret Meara, Powhatan County  
R. Francis Moore, Prince George County  
Jeffery Smith, West Point

**Absent:**

Yvonne Brandon, Richmond City

**Others Present:**

N. Douglas Hunt, Director  
Crystal C. 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  
Teresa Lindsay, New Kent County  
Kenneth Pritchett, Petersburg City  
Valarie Ayers, Powhatan County  
Kim Gray, Richmond City  
Dudley Olsson, West Point

**Absent:**

Robert Cox, Prince George County  
Gwynn Litchfield, King and Queen County

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

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

**11:30 a.m.**

I. Call to Order

Ivan Mattox, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions and Recognition

Each Board member introduced him or herself and stated their locality along with introductions of everyone attending the meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

Before approval of agenda, Mr. Hunt withdrew action item a, Tennis courts on behalf of our Athletic Boosters. They have decided that this is not a good time to pursue this. On motion by Diane Pettitt, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the agenda was approved. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by John Axelle, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the minutes of the February 12, 2009 meeting were approved. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Hunt welcomed our newest member Ms. Kim Gray who has joined us from Richmond City.

Last weekend was "Battle Weekend" for Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in many areas. We won State Championship in We The People, successfully defended last years championship and this is the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have won State. The national competition will be in Crystal City the last week in April. Matt McGuire is our new coach and teacher who has done a wonderful job in keeping up with the high standards you would expect of this school. Three Regional Championships, first the Central Region Academic Competition, with Henrico High School coming in second. We also won two athletic, Regional Girls Swim, and Regional Boys Swim. One District championship and that was the District Catholic

League Championship in Debate. We are very proud of all our students and all who participated in these activities.

Mr. Hunt also pointed out some things on the calendar of events such as Staff Development day February 16<sup>th</sup>. We have just finished testing 945 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are candidates for next years Freshman class and the Regional Selection Committee will be here to evaluate the applications on February 18<sup>th</sup>. On March 13<sup>th</sup> the letters will be going out to the Superintendent's with the results of the evaluations so you can base your decisions on that.

Parent Teacher Conference was held on yesterday and went quite well. We also had a performance by the Asian Assembly which was held afterwards in the Auditorium. Ms. Connie Schuler is the sponsor and was quite pleased with the student's performance.

Mr. Hunt stated for those of you who read the newspaper article yesterday that was certainly the topic of conversation within our school. The gentleman called attention to Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in this report. There are a lot of inaccurate information in that article. Basically saying that gifted students do fine as cream rises to the top. The cream needs every bit of support and attention just like any other student. Our students obtain a very high level and they do that because they have the proper environment, demanding curriculum and are surrounded by people who are like them. So please keep the youngsters in mind when you do your budgets and provide instruction so they all have a chance to be successful. Please refer to the achievements in the informational section of your packet of some of our students.

I will say that Mr. Layman and his School Board are coming to spend part of the day with us later on this month. We invite anyone that would like to bring their Board in to see our students in action, speak with some of the students even students from your districts you are welcome to do so.

## VII. Action Agenda Items

### b. Personnel

Will be discussed in closed session

### c. Move August 20<sup>th</sup> Regional Board Meeting

This is a conflict with VSBA Conference, so we will move that meeting to Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. On motion by Diane Pettitt, seconded by Barbara Crawley. Motion carried.

## VIII. Materials for Board Review

Mr. Chairman there are two items there that we are putting out for an RFP, Food Service continues to be an issue for us.

Mr. Tharp indicated that they will have a pre bid meeting going over what is needed and what we will provide.

Mr. Hunt stated that the problem is that is very difficult to make a profit and that can be discouraging. No one is unhappy with the services our current vendor is doing, and he has done a great job. He is not making a profit and so breakfast was cut out.

Mr. Tharp stated that the problem is we have one lunch program, and the students do not want to stand in line for 10-15 minutes to purchase lunch so they choose to bring lunch from home. We have talked about portion size, which is more that adequate, we have talked about staffing personnel and try to keep 2 cash registers open and so far has not been real receptive to some of the suggestions that we have bought up.

The Lawn Care contract is also time for renewal. We will also make sure that background checks are done on this organization as well.

#### IX. Information

##### a. Letter from Richmond Public Schools

We have the letter from Richmond City School Board advising us of the nomination of Ms. Kimberly Gray to be newest MLWGS Board member.

Mr. Axselle stated in regards to Mr. Hunts Directors report and his discussion about tough budget times we are experiencing. We will need to work more closely together during these tough times to develop a Governor School budget in light of the districts challenges.

Mr. Hunt stated that we will be meeting with the Finance Committee on March 5<sup>th</sup> and will get their input and anticipate bringing you a proposal in March for April approval or in April for approval in May.

#### X. Superintendents' Steering Committee Meeting

None

#### XI. Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, I move that this Board go into closed meeting to consider the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the School Board, or for

discussion, consideration, or interview of prospective candidates for employment. (On motion Diane Pettitt, seconded by Valarie Ayres.)

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Lisa Marshall, the Board voted to return to open session. Motion Carried.

XII. Certification of Closed Meeting and any action, if necessary, as a result of closed meeting.

The Regional Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Regional Board. (On motion by Lisa Marshall, seconded by Diane Pettitt)

On motion by John Axselle, seconded by Barbara Crawley the Board approved to hire Mr. Fred Morton as the new director of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School starting September 1, 2009.


On motion by Valarie Ayres, seconded by Diane Pettitt, There is to be an amendment to Mr. Hunt's contract due to time and availability of Mr. Morton. Mr. Hunt's contract will be June 30, 2009 to August 31, 2009 and at this time we will extend his contract to reflect the change.

Mr. Chairman went on to thank the Director's Search Committee. He asked Mr. Axselle, Chairman to introduce the committee. Ms. Diane Pettitt (Chesterfield) Co-Board representative, Dr. Janet Crawley (Charles City), Dr. Moore (Prince George), Dr. Underwood (Goochland), Dr. Roberson (Hanover), Dr. Layman (King & Queen), and Dr. Newsome (Chesterfield). Also, we would like to thank Dr. Lyle Evans (Chesterfield) who kept us legal and straight and did a fantastic job of working with us.

XIII. Announcement

There being no further business to discuss, Motion by John Axselle, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.

XIV. Next Meeting: March 19, 2009 at 9 a.m. MLWGS Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

  
Ivan Mattox, Chairman

  
N. Douglas Hunt, Director