

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

Attendance

November 8, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Superintendents

Present:

Janet Crawley, Charles City County
Kathy Glenn, Chesterfield County (Representing
Marcus Newsome)
Linda Underwood, Goochland County
Stewart Roberson, Hanover County
Fred Morton, Henrico County
Richard Layman, King and Queen
J. Roy Geiger, New Kent County
James Victory, Petersburg City
Shelia Roalf, Prince George, (Representing
Frances Moore)
Tom Sheeran, Richmond City (Representing
Deborah Jewell-Sherman)

Absent:

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
Lisa Dawson, Richmond City

Absent:

Valarie Ayers, Powhatan County
Hugh Mumford, Prince George County

Minutes

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Thursday, November 8, 2007

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions and Recognition

Each Board member introduced him or herself and stated their locality.

III. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the agenda was approved. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Ivan Mattox, seconded by Lloyd Jackson, the minutes of the October 18, 2007, minutes were approved. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Hunt referred the Board to page 26 in the meeting packet and recognized the following students: (1) Courtney Jamison (Richmond City), a Richmond winner of the National Miss Junior Teen America competition. She is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship and an opportunity to model in a magazine and received many other opportunities. (2) Rachel Burke (Henrico County) the second student from the GS to be accepted into the NASA Engineering Program. Governor's School (GS) students have applied in the past to this very competitive program and only 12 students are accepted state-wide. Rachel shared her experience at Langley and stated she worked on hypersonic jet fuel trying to design hyper carbon fuel because currently it is not being used. Rachel's three other siblings attended the GS and all are in the Air Force.

Mr. Hunt distributed an essay entitled "*Life's too Short to Take Time for Granted*" by Samantha Halle, a Richmond City Sophomore. Samantha is the winner of the Genworth Foundation "Creative Expressions Contest" and received a \$2,500 scholarship through the Virginia 529 Plan. The contest was held as part of the Genworth Children's Advantage Classic held October 20, 2007 at the Siegel Center, featuring a live concert by James Taylor. Samantha was afforded the opportunity to introduce Mr. Taylor at the concert.

Mr. Hunt further mentioned that the GS had the first of its two informational sessions for rising 9th graders on November 7, for all divisions except Richmond and Henrico County.

Four sessions, approximately 20 minutes each, were held followed by a cookie reception. Richmond and Henrico's informational sessions are scheduled for November 9. Applications are due the 3rd of December, testing is the 1st of February, and the notifications from the Superintendents will be sent out on the 14th of March.

Mr. Hunt stated the GS production of *Hamlet* has a lot of action/gymnastics and is very well done. He asked Board members to consider attending. He announced that Barbara McGonagill, a Department of Education representative, has left Richmond to work in the Gifted Education department of the Manassas' school system. The Friends of the Governor's School has been very active and the parents are hosting a reception on the 4th of February for the out of state legislators. Five students from each of the 18 Governor's Schools, for a total of 90, will be attending the reception.

a. Coming Events - See page 25 in the meeting packet.

b. Comments – None

VII. Action Agenda Items

a. International Language Department New Courses Proposals

On motion by Dianne Pettitt, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the Board approved the new course proposals for Arabic Language I & II, Advanced Placement Chinese Language & Cultural, and Topics in German. Motion carried.

b. Personnel Action

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Lloyd Jackson, the Board approved the Personnel action listed on page 18 of the meeting packet. Motion carried.

VIII. Materials for Board Review

Exam Guidelines

Mr. Hunt noted that the GS has some exam guidelines that have been used as Procedural and some questions came up in the School's Advisory meeting regarding the scheduling of students taking eight exams in four days. Many of these exams are AP's or high level classes. It was discussed with some of the parents, teachers, and students and a faculty committee was formed to bring recommendations to administration. Administratively, the guidelines have been looked at and presented to the faculty and department chairs. The final guidelines (page 20 of the meeting packet) are in effect for this school year and should be made a policy. Administration is open for suggestions as to whether these guidelines should be procedural or a policy. Board members were asked to review these guidelines and consider establishing as a policy at the December's meeting. There was some discussion about the exams being kept on file. It was suggested that wording be incorporated in the guidelines that the exams and answer key are kept on file and stored for a year.

IX. Superintendents' Steering Committee Meeting

None

X. Closed Meeting

None

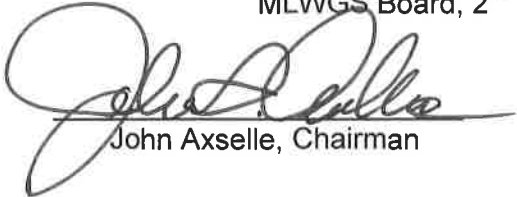
XII. Certification of Closed Meeting

None

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Lisa Dawson, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the meeting adjourned.
Motion carried.

XIV. Next Meeting: December 13, 2007
MLWGS Board, 2nd Floor



John Axelle, Chairman



N. Douglas Hunt, Director