

BUDGET WORK SESSION

MINUTES

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

Thursday, November 14, 2013

10:45 a.m.

Call to Order

Kevin Hazzard, Vice-Chairman serving as Chairman of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the workshop to order in Room 153.

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 Montgomery, Jr., *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Deborah Marks, *School Board*, Hopewell City Public Schools
Mrs. Valarie Ayers, *School Board*, Powhatan County Public Schools
Dr. Marcus Newsome, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Dr. Jamelle Wilson, **Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools
Dr. Pat Kinlaw, **Deputy Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools
Dr. Jeffrey McGee, **Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Megan Marcinkevich, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent:

Mr. John Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Ms. Cora Armstrong, *School Board*, King & Queen County Public Schools
Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg City Public Schools
Mr. Jerry Warren, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools
Ms. Kimberly Gray, *School Board*, Richmond City Public Schools
Dr. Janet Crawley, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. James Lane, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools
Dr. John Fahey, **Superintendent**, Hopewell City Public Schools
Dr. Stanley Jones, **Superintendent**, King & Queen County Public Schools
Dr. Robert Richardson, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. Joseph Melvin, **Director of Schools**, Petersburg City Public Schools
Dr. Bobby Browder, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Jonathan Lewis, **Interim Superintendent**, Richmond City Public Schools

Also present:

Phil Tharp, Wendy Ellis, and Karen Hoover– MLWGS
Others Not Recorded

Funding Proposal

Proposal appearance reorganized from October meeting to include historical data back to 2012.

New Business

Budget priorities for FY15: compensation and benefits, and capital improvement.

Highlights:

- FY15 proposal with an operational increase based on the following assumptions:
 - VRS employer contribution rate of +3%
 - Healthcare Cost Control +9%
 - +1% COLA
 - CIP – 100% and/or 75% Funding (fully consolidating contingency line items around capital requests)
- Proposal is contingent upon division budgets and Kathy Kitchen's analysis which will be updated with FY13 division data.
- CIP review - historically, what happens if there is a capital needs request? Is additional funding from the divisions required or are funds used from reserve? Mr. Tharp noted the only time a need has arisen was the recently approved security camera system and funds from reserve will be used. During the original building renovation, participating divisions provided approximately 1/3rd of the funding necessary for the project.
- The existing capital fund balance is an accumulation through the years of unused line item monies.
- The Regional Board recommends working with a healthcare consultant regarding cost controls.
- Discussion on Amended FY14 budget. An increase in the teacher salary line item is a result of overages that were unknown at the time the budget was developed and adopted. Dr. Wilson noted as a point of process that the amended budget overages in FY14 will become part of the base for FY15 and remarked that in Hanover overages are backed out at the beginning of the next budget process until they know what resources are available compared to requests.