

MINUTES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies
Regional School Board Regular Meeting
1000 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond, VA

Thursday, April 19, 2018

9:07 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Micky Ogburn, Vice-Chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Moment of Silence

The Vice-Chair called for a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Regional School Board and visitors recited the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Introductions

Each member is listed in alphabetical order by locality.

Present:

Ms. Martha Harris, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Mr. John Lumpkins, Jr., *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools
Mrs. Sue Dibble, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Mrs. Michelle 'Micky' Ogburn, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools
Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg Public Schools
Mrs. Valarie Ayers, *School Board*, Powhatan County Public Schools
Mr. Rob Eley, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools
Mr. J. Scott Barlow, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools
Dr. David Gaston, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools (late arrival)
Dr. Thomas Taylor for Dr. James Lane, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Dr. Jeremy Raley, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools
Mrs. Jennifer Greif for Dr. Michael Gill, **Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools
Dr. Pat Kinlaw, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools
Dr. David Myers, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools
Mrs. Renee Williams, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Robert Lowerre **Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Megan Perez, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent:

Mr. Christopher Reber, *School Board*, Hopewell Public Schools
Mrs. Harwood Hall, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools
Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools
Dr. Marcus Newsome, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

Also present:

Michael ‘Max’ Smith and Dr. Wendy Ellis– MLWGS Administration
Lynn Reed and David Bortz – MLWGS Staff
Suzannah Stora – GS Foundation
Shawndra Smith – UniServe Director

Sarah Barber, Chair, arrived at the meeting and the gavel was turned over to her.

Dr. Myers requested a recognition out of agenda order for Dr. Patrick C. Kinlaw, retiring Henrico Superintendent. Dr. Kinlaw was presented with a token of appreciation by Mrs. Ogburn on behalf of the RSB for his service to Maggie Walker as a member of the Superintendents Steering Committee, 2014-2018.

V. Motion to Amend the Agenda to Table Item XIII.b – Textbook Adoption First Read

On motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Rob Eley, the agenda presented will table Item XIII.b. This motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Valarie Ayers, the amended agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Rob Eley, the minutes of the regular meeting and FY19 budget public hearing of March 15, 2018, was unanimously approved.

VII. Recognitions

- Congratulations to Dr. David Myers, Region I Superintendent of the Year.
- MW Chamber Orchestra earns a Superior rating at District I Orchestra Festival for the second year in a row. This rating reflects proficiency at the highest level of difficulty. The orchestra class is taught by Mr. Karl von Klein. Students in attendance for recognition are Concert Master & First Violin Willow Kwak (18-Henrico), Chello Section Rachel Zhao (18-Henrico), Flute Player Kevin Ren (20-Chesterfield), and First Violin Section Destini Best (18-Richmond).
- MW Debate and Forensics Teams win at VCFL State Tournament. The teams were not in attendance but were recognized in absentia. Team members include Anisha Sharma (18-

Henrico), Andrew Shin (18-Henrico), Grady Trexler ('19-Chesterfield) and Noah Ratliff ('20-Richmond). The team is sponsored by Dan Brown who will accompany them to the national debate championship to be held over Memorial Day weekend in Washington, D.C.

Forensics had two members qualify for nationals. The team is sponsored by Robinette Cross.

- MW wins back-to-back SABR Analytics Competition in Phoenix, AZ on Friday, March 9. The competition pits students from colleges across the country against each other in an analytic major league baseball operations decision. By winning the college-level SABR Analytics Competition again this year, MW is still the only high school ever to complete this program and is now the first school to boast winning teams in back-to-back years.

The team was sponsored by Mr. Dickson Benesh. Team members: Matthew Haines ('18-Hanover), Aditya Kannoth ('18-Henrico), David Winters ('19-Hanover), Reid Jesselson ('18-Henrico), and Yug Rao ('18-Henrico).

- Week 25 Lexus of Richmond Leadership Award Winner: Joe Paul ('18-Prince George). Joe scored 1510 out of 1600 on his SATs and has a current 4.34 overall GPA. He is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society and the TJ History Honor Society, as well as a three-year member of the Spanish Honor Society.

Joe is a 4-year member of the MW wrestling team and track teams. As a wrestler, he is a three-time conference finalist and two-time conference champion. Joe won the State Championship as a sophomore and senior.

- Robotics Mech Tech Dragons are District Champions for the first time in nineteen seasons. Sponsored by Mr. Mark Sailer, the team has qualified for FIRST Championships in Detroit, April 25-28. Students in attendance are: Kavya Puthuveetil ('18-Henrico) CEO of Team, Dani Chowen ('18-Henrico) Chief Community Operations Manager, Hailey Hall ('19-Goochland) Build Sub-Team Leader, and Gayatri Tyagi (20-Henrico) Mechanical Sub Team Member.

VIII. Public Comments

The Public Information Period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to make his/her comments. Individuals representing groups will be allotted five (5) minutes.

No Comments

IX. Director's Report

A. Verbal Updates

- **MLWGS with (1) 2017 UVA Jefferson Scholars** Ben Hazelton (Henrico). Awarded solely on the basis of merit, Jefferson Scholarships are granted to candidates who have undergone a rigorous selection process.

The Award is intended to cover the entire cost of attendance for four years at the University of Virginia plus coverage of the supplemental enrichment experiences.

- **National Merit Scholarship Winner:**
 - Autumn Grace Hughes (Chesterfield)
- **Grandparents Day, April 20th.** Sponsored by the Governor School Foundation, this is an afternoon event where we invite current students' grandparents (or other special family members and friends) to learn a little about our school, take a brief tour, and have a reception with their grandchildren.
- **We the People 2018 National Finals.** The 31st Annual We the People National Finals will take place April 27-May 1, 2018 at the National Conference Center in the Washington D.C. area and in hearing rooms on Capitol Hill. Find out about the exciting three days of simulated congressional hearings on the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights at <http://civiced.org/national-finals-2018>
- **New Student (Incoming 9th Graders) Registration** April 23, 2018 @ 6:00pm.
- **AP Testing May 7 – 18, 2018**

Total Number of Exams to be taken at MLWGS: 1,258

Total Number of MLWGS Students Registered: 489

Average Number of Exams per MLWGS Student: 2.57

These totals represent a slight decrease in the number of exams to be taken this year. One factor in this decrease is a changing of the exam policy for seniors and not making it mandatory for them to test in order for them to be exempt from the final exam. We think this is a positive for those students who are attending colleges that will not accept an excess of AP credit. The number of testers is down by 7 students, so it appears the seniors may be selecting which tests to take more thoughtfully.

- **2018 RFP for Parking Lot Sealing and Painting.** Bids are due by May 10 @ 2:00 pm. First read submission will be presented to the RSB at their May 17, 2018 meeting.
- Mark your Calendar: **Graduation for the Class of 2018**, Friday, June 15, 2018, at Altria Theater, 3:00 pm. Sponsor Kerry Sheppard was on hand to distribute invitations.

B. Coming Events

April 19, 2018, through May 17, 2018 (see page IX.b for details).

X. Unfinished Business

None.

XI. Consent Items

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Rob Eley, the following consent items were unanimously approved as a slate: April personnel actions, fiscal status reports of February 28, 2018, and the donations report of February 28, 2018.

XII. Action Items

a. Policy & Regulation Proposals (Second Read)

The following were submitted by the Policy Steering Committee to the Board for second read and approval:

- Pol 4000 – Student Honor Code *Amended*
- Pol 7019 – Petty Cash
- Reg 7019-R – Petty Cash Regulation

The following are also submitted with Cross Reference only updates:

- Pol 7004 – Funds for Instructional Materials and Office Supplies *Amended*
- Pol 7005 – Food Service Management *Amended*
- Pol 7009 – Management of Funds *Amended*
- Pol 7010 - Advertising in the School *Amended*
- Pol 7014 – Purchasing Authority *Amended*
- Pol 7014.1 – Purchasing Procedures *Amended*

Submitted March meeting with Legal Review. Page 5, Paragraph 1 is reworded by legal and was not seen in RL edition:

- Reg 5065-R1 - Sick Leave *Amended*

VSBA Updates February 2018 with Cross Reference and Legal Updates:

- Pol 0012 - Educational Philosophy *Amended*
- Pol 2014 – Buildings and Grounds Management and Maintenance *Amended*
- Pol 2020 - School Crisis, Emergency Management & Medical Emergency Response Plan *Amended*
- Pol 2021 – Safety Drills *Amended*
- Pol 5015 – Professional Staff Contracts
- Pol 7001 - Support Services *Amended*

The proposed policy and regulation is grounded in a model policy of the Virginia School Board Association.

On a motion from Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Micky Ogburn, the above-stated policies and regulations were unanimously approved.

b. 2018-2019 School Operating Calendar Second Read

Presented with a standard start proposal, the Director recommends approval of the 2018-2019 operating calendar.

On a motion from Valarie Ayers, seconded by Rob Eley, the 2018-2019 operating calendar was unanimously approved.

c. FY19 School Operating Budget Second Read

The Director reported that due to the delay of the State Legislature to approve a budget, an amended budget reflecting the loss in revenue of \$289,000 is presented for approval. The crux of the State budget negotiation deals with Medicaid expansion in Virginia and the split in the legislative bodies on this matter.

Highlights of the reduced funding proposal (covered at the March 2018 meeting) include:

- Projecting a carry-over of funds in FY18 the amount of \$75,000 that will be earmarked for the FY19 operating budget (not a sustainable option),
- A large reduction in funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Overall, the net reduction is approximately \$247,000 because there was an increase in their direct aide along with additional tuition funds requested from the localities or approximately \$30,000 less in funds for FY19 from FY18,
- Personnel are maintained at the current level,
- 2% salary increase is maintained,
- The CIP will not be funded to any significant extent,
- Technology reductions,
- Textbook reduction,
- Healthcare dollars are maintained at current levels,
- Other small amounts in various areas are pushed out,
- Graduation site expenses will be funded from another source,
- Athletic department reduction, and
- The budget is balanced at \$8.346 million.

Dr. Lowerre noted that should the GA approve a State budget that retains the add-on MW had been receiving, an amended budget will be presented to the RSB at their August meeting.

Mr. Lumpkins asked, should be an amended budget be proposed in August to include additional State dollars, would that mean division tuitions would be reduced. Dr. Lowerre responded that tuition will remain unchanged.

On a motion from Javaid Siddiqi, seconded by John Lumpkins, the FY19 operating budget was unanimously approved.

d. Approval of the 2018-2019 Governor's School Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors First Read and Approval

Approval is requested with the first read to facilitate seating of the GS Foundation, Inc. Board.

In nomination as new members are:

Neil Amin – Alum Class of 96 (Henrico, Chesterfield)
Barrier Bowers – (Hanover)
Jewel Caven (Richmond)
Alexander Guzman – Alum Class of 07 (Richmond, Prince George)

On a motion from Rob Eley, seconded by Scott Barlow, the 2018-2019 GS Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors slate was unanimously approved.

XIII. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. Policy & Regulation Proposals First Read

The following was submitted by the Policy Steering Committee to the Board for first read and review:

- Pol 0011 - Nondiscrimination *Amended*
- Pol 2008 - Director's Contract, Compensation, and Benefits
- Pol 2009 - Evaluation of the Director *Amended*
- Pol 3003.1 - The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements
- Pol 3010 - School Library and Media Center *Amended*
- Pol 5006 - Evaluation of Professional Staff *Amended*
- Pol 5007.4 - School Bus Drivers *Amended*
- Pol 5016 - Supplemental Pay *Amended*
- Pol 5030 - Professional Staff Development *Amended*
- Pol 5110 - Resignation of Staff Members

The proposed policy is typically grounded in model policies of the Virginia School Board Association.

Approval will be sought at the Board's August 2018 meeting.

b. Textbook Adoption

Withdrawn from agenda.

e. FY19 Student Fee Schedule First Read

A 2018-2019 fee schedule proposal was submitted that is estimated to cover the costs associated with various expenses across all subject areas; ex: workbooks, dual enrollment fees, class dues, etc.

Approval will be sought at the Executive Board's May 17, 2018 meeting.

XIV. Information Items

- Finance Committee Minutes, April 11, 2018
- MW Students Enjoy Time at the Canadian Parliament

- 2018 VSBA Showcases for Success Included (3) MW Programs: Elective Field Experience, FIRC Class, and We the People
- Adjusted Academic Schedule in April Due to Lost Time

XV. Superintendent’s Steering Committee Report

Dr. Myers shared the superintendents primarily discussed at their brief morning meeting three items: 1) budget update, 2) projected carry-over, and 3) Dr. Lowerre and team’s new initiatives to help struggling students while building a culture of excellence and high expectations with systems and supports.

Also briefly discussed was Dr. Lowerre’s upcoming evaluation which will be handled as in previous years. The final evaluation will be determined from input by all of the superintendents. Dr. Myers will compile those comments and feedback during the summer and bring a summary report back to the RSB in late summer.

XVI. Closed Meeting

None.

XVII. Certification of Closed Meeting

None.

XVIII. Announcements/Additional Discussion

None.

XIX. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

On motion by Rob Eley, seconded by Javaid Siddiqi, this meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:50 am.

Next Meeting – Executive Board

May 17, 2018, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190.

Sarah Grier Barber, Chairman

Robert Lowerre, Ph.D., Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk