

MINUTES

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

Thursday, October 18, 2018

9:04 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Sarah Barber, Chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Moment of Silence

The Chair called for a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Introductions

Each member present is listed in alphabetical order by locality.

Ms. Martha Harris, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools

Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools

Mr. John Wright, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools

Mr. John Axelle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools

Rev. Roscoe Cooper for Mrs. 'Micky' Ogburn, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools (late arrival)

Mrs. Harwood Hall, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools

Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools

Mrs. Valarie Ayers, *School Board*, Powhatan County Public Schools

Mr. Rob Eley, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools

Dr. David Gaston, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools (late arrival)

Mr. Donald Fairheart, **Interim Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools

Dr. Jeremy Raley, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools

Dr. Michael Gill, **Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools

Dr. Amy Cashwell, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools

Dr. Jay McClain for Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools (late arrival)

Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools

Dr. David Myers, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools

Dr. Marcus Newsome, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools

Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County 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

Not in Attendance:

Mr. Christopher Reber, *School Board*, Hopewell Public Schools
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg Public Schools
Mr. J. Scott Barlow, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools
Mrs. Renee Williams, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

Also present:

Michael ‘Max’ Smith – MLWGS Administration
Lynn Reed, Susan Hefty, Mike Brown and David Bortz – MLWGS Staff
Suzannah Stora and Marianne Macon – GS Foundation
Katherine Vail Rhodes and Lisa Qin – MW Students

V. Approval of Agenda

On motion by John Wright, seconded by Rob Eley, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by John Wright, the minutes of the Executive School Board meeting of September 20, 2018, was unanimously approved.

VII. Recognitions

- ***Katherine Vail-Rhodes*** – ’19-Hanover, was recognized for her 1st Place finish in the National Italian Exam, Level 2. Katherine won a 2-week study aboard during the summer of 2018 in Genova, Italy. During Katherine’s review of her award and the places she visited in Italy as a result, she thanked the GS Foundation for their support and assistance with airfare costs that were not included in the study abroad package. Katherine also thanked her teacher (Ms. Hefty) and the MW administration for their support.
- ***Lisa Qin*** – 19’-Henrico, was recognized as the 1st weekly winner this season of the Lexus of Richmond Leadership award. Lisa is in the running for a \$10,000 scholarship from this organization that will be determined at the end of this academic year among all weekly winners. Lisa’s coach Mr. Brown was on-hand to support his athlete.

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.

There were no public comments.

IX. Director’s Report

A. Verbal Updates

- **Mark your Calendar: FY20 Budget Development Town Hall**, December 4, 2018, @ 6:00 pm, in the MW Forum. We welcome engagement and discussion around our FY20 budget.

- **Recruitment:**

- Nightly Information Sessions at MLWGS, November 12-14, 2018
- Recruitment Efforts: Planning Committee, middle school visits, recruitment material dissemination, etc.

- **National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists:**

This year MLWGS has thirteen National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists, eight (8) from Henrico, four (4) from Chesterfield, and one (1) from Richmond.

- Derek Chen (Henrico)
- Emily Dai (Henrico)
- Lawrence Jia (Chesterfield)
- Everett Llewellyn (Henrico)
- Ivan Marshall (Richmond)
- Som Mohapatra (Henrico)
- Alexander Nikolov (Henrico)
- Lisa Qin (Henrico)
- Narmeen Rashid (Chesterfield)
- Kamya Sanjay (Chesterfield)
- John Strader (Henrico)
- Grady Trexler (Chesterfield)
- Yashodhara Varma (Henrico)

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1995. High school students enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program by taking preliminary SAT /National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests (PSAT/NMSQT®) – a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

- **National Honor Society Induction**, Monday, October 22, 6:30 pm, MLWGS Auditorium.
- **2018 Fall Festival Recap:** with gratitude to the PTSA for their efforts, over \$17,000 was raised for the MLWGS clubs to fund their activities.
- **2018-2019 School Profile** (used for college admissions).

B. Coming Events:

October 18, 2018, through November 8, 2018 (see page IX.b for details).

C. 2018-2019 Division Enrollment

As MLWGS begins the planning process for the next school term as directed by Policy 1029 adopted May 18, 2000, amended December 18, 2014 and December 17, 2015, it annually seeks this slot commitment statement from participating divisions.

Letters were provided at table to participating school divisions for their 2019-2020 student enrollment commitment. Note that each letter should be executed by the division superintendent and school board member, and returned to MLWGS by December 1, 2018.

X. Unfinished Business

None.

XI. Consent Items

On motion by John Wright, seconded by John Axselle, the following consent items were unanimously approved as a slate: October 2018 personnel actions, fiscal status reports of August 31, 2018, and the donations report of August 31, 2018.

XII. Action Items

a. Policy and Regulation Approval (Second Read)

The Policy Steering Committee offers the following policies and regulations for Regional School Board approval.

Policies submitted August 16, 2018:

- Pol 1001 - School Board Members Conflict of Interests *Amended*
- Pol 1030 - Admission of Students *Amended*
- Pol 2017 - Possible Exposure to Viral Infections
- Pol 3001 - Instructional Goals & Objectives *Amended*
- Pol 3001.1 - Notification of Learning Objectives
- Pol 3003.2 - Retaking SOL Assessments
- Pol 3004 - School Year/School Day *Amended*
- Pol 3006 - Textbook Selection, Adoption and Purchase *Amended*
- Pol 3009 - Testing Programs *Amended*
- Pol 3011 - School Counseling Program *Amended*
- Pol 3012 - Health Education/Physical Education *Amended*
- Pol 3014 - Family Life Education *Amended*
- Pol 3018 - Acceleration *Amended*
- Pol 4003 - School Meals and Snacks
- Pol 4015 - Student Fees
- Pol 4045 - Student Records *Amended*
- Pol 4075 - Student Wellness
- Pol 5000 - Personnel Policies Goals *Amended*
- Pol 5000.2 - Employment of Family Members *Amended*
- Pol 5004 - Professional Staff *Amended*
- Pol 5005 - Professional Staff Probationary Period *Amended*
- Pol 5011 - Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation - Employee *Amended*
- Pol 5011.2 - Prohibition of Abusive Work Environment
- Pol 5012 - Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination - Employee *Amended*
- Pol 5022 - Suspension of Staff Members *Amended*
- Reg 5065-R1- Sick Leave *Amended*
- Reg 5065-R6 - Compensatory Time for Employees *Amended*
- Reg 5065-R9 - Military Leave and Benefits *Amended*

- Pol 5074 - Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse
- Reg 6000-R - Requests for Information *Amended*
- Pol 6003 - Goals for School-Community Relations
- Pol 6004 - Relations with Parent Organizations
- Pol 6005 - Relations with Law Enforcement *Amended*
- Pol 6011 - School Visitors *Amended*
- Pol 6014 - Public Complaints
- Pol 6025 - Public Dedication of New Facilities
- Pol 7013 - Commercial, Promotional & Corporate Sponsorships & Partnerships
- Pol 7015 - Small Purchasing *Amended*
- Pol 7020 - Payment Procedures
- Pol 7030 - Payroll Procedures
- Pol 7050 - Public Gifts to MLWGS
- Pol 8000 - Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation - Student *Amended*
- Pol 8001.1 - Section 504 Nondiscrimination Policy & Complaint Procedures
- Pol 8002.1 - Standards of Student Conduct
- Pol 8003 - Compulsory Attendance *Amended*
- Pol 8010 - Student Absences *Amended*
- Pol 8015 - Teacher Removal of Students from Class
- Pol 8090 - Student Suspension/Expulsion

Policy Submitted September 20, 2018:

- Policy 3003 - Academic Standards and Community Service Policy *Amended* (with updates)

On a motion from John Wright, seconded by Rob Eley, the above-presented policies and regulations were unanimously approved.

XIII. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. None

XIV. Information Items

- Finance Committee Minutes, October 4, 2018
- New Student Clubs 2018: Cantene Club, Cubing Club, Club Inspire, Gaming Club, Slam Poetry Club, Teens Against Gun Violence, Economics Club, Yoga Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Lifting Club
- Students Accepted into Virginia District I Regional Orchestra
- Mental Health Initiatives at MLWGS

Not on the agenda but briefly discussed by the Board was their upcoming November luncheons at MW with their students. Scheduling is in progress and details will be finalized soon. Mr. Axselle shared how much he has enjoyed this activity in the past and is looking forward to the 2018 luncheon.

XV. Superintendent's Steering Committee Report

Dr. Myers reported his committee met during the morning and discussed the additional State funding efforts underway being spearheaded by the Friends of Virginia Governor's Schools (FOVGS), a group co-lead by Dr. Lowerre. The group is working collectively and developing strategies that benefit both the full-time and part-time programs.

There is interest from another division to join Maggie Walker, but that is a future announcement should their interest advance.

Also discussed was the Planning Committee's admission process meeting that was recently held. The superintendents continue to talk about how to build a more diverse population at MW and what are the next steps for this Board and the Superintendents.

Lastly, the MW Identity Project was discussed with a focus on why students do or do not come to MW.

XVI. Closed Meeting

None.

XVII. Certification of Closed Meeting and Any Action Taken if Necessary as a Result of Closed Meeting

None.

XVIII. Announcements/Additional Discussion

None.

XIX. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

On motion by John Wright, seconded by John Axselle; by unanimous consent, this meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am.

Next Meeting – Executive School Board

November 8, 2018, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220.
804-354-6800 x2190.

Sarah Grier Barber, Chair

Robert Lowerre, Ph.D., Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk