

MINUTES

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

Thursday, November 8, 2018

9:02 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 Executive School Board and visitors stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Introductions

Each member present is listed in alphabetical order by locality.

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
Dr. David Myers, **Superintendent**, New Kent 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. John Wright, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools
Mrs. Harwood Hall, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools

Not Required to be in Attendance:

Ms. Martha Harris, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Mr. John Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Mr. Christopher Reber, *School Board*, Hopewell 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. Merv Daugherty, **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. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools
Dr. Marcus Newsome, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Dr. Eric Jones, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County 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, Amanda Lemco and David Bortz – MLWGS Staff
Suzannah Stora – GS Foundation

V. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Micky Ogburn, the minutes of the Regional School Board meeting of October 18, 2018, were unanimously approved.

VII. Recognitions

- Narmeen Rashid (Chesterfield) was recognized in absentia as a Lexus of Richmond Leadership Award Recipient, Week #7.

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

- **MLWGS Drama Presents Shakespeare's 'Hamlet,' November 8-10, 2018**
- **Information Sessions for Prospective Families, November 12-14, 2018**
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will hold three evening information forums for students and families interested in knowing more about the program and the admissions process. Each session runs from 6:30 pm to about 8:30 pm, and begins in the MW auditorium.
 - Monday, November 12 – a special invitation to the prospective students and families of Henrico.
 - Tuesday, November 13 – a special invitation to the prospective students and families of Hanover, King and Queen, New Kent and Richmond.

- Wednesday, November 14 – a special invitation to the prospective students and families of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hopewell, Petersburg, Powhatan, and Prince George.

Prior to the above-mentioned information sessions for prospective families, MLWGS administration and staff conducted **22 middle school visits** or education fairs to each of our participating divisions.

- **Reminder: Division Slot Letters Distributed at October Meeting are due to MLWGS December 1, 2018**
- **FY20 Budget Development Town Hall, December 4, 2018, @ 6:00 pm, Forum**
A form is available for public input (to be published after this meeting).
Results will be shared with the RSB.

As reported by Dr. Lowerre, the nineteen State Governor Schools directors have worked together over the past months and now support a funding model that is based on the Standards of Quality and provides additional State dollars for all Governor Schools. Conversations have been oncoming with DOE representatives and State officials to support this additional funding model. The director added he is hopeful this model will be adopted within the upcoming General Assembly session.

- **Dr. Wendy Ellis** is visiting China this week as a recipient of the Chinese Bridge for American Principals.

B. Coming Events:

November 8, 2018, through January 17, 2019 (see page IX.b for details).

X. Unfinished Business

None.

XI. Consent Items

The Director provided a review of each consent item presented.

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the following consent items were unanimously approved as a slate: (*November 2018 Personnel Actions - none this month*), the fiscal status reports of September 30, 2018, and the donations reports of September 30, 2018.

XII. Action Items

- a. **International Trip Proposal to Peru, June/July 2019 (First Read)**
Sponsored by Amanda Lemco

This is a new trip proposal for MLWGS.

The nine-day educational trip encompasses art, history, language, and culture. Students will begin by visiting sites in the modern-day capital of Lima, including a monastery, a museum featuring pre-Columbian art, and an authentic shopping district where students can exercise their language skills

at the market. Students will then learn about Peruvian pottery at a ceramics workshop in Cuzco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Next, they will experience a guided tour and hike through Machu Picchu, one of the seven wonders of the world. In the Sacred Valley, students will also engage in a community service project for two days. They will be immersed in cultural activities, customs, and traditions, and have a chance to reflect and discuss as a group each night. Finally, students will have the opportunity to explore Peruvian crafts at the Pisac market in Cuzco and visit the Sacsayhuaman archeological site.

The number of chaperones is yet to be determined but the trip is designed for a 6:1 adult/student ratio. Ms. Lemco added that students and teachers from Glen Allen HS (Henrico) and Thomas Jefferson HS (RPS) may also participate.

Estimate per Student Cost: \$3,675 (approximately). A GoFundMe page has been established within the travel company to partially offset family expenses incurred.

See motion made after Item b. below.

**b. International Trip Proposal to Morocco, March 27-April 3, 2019 (First Read)
Sponsored by Robinette Cross**

This trip was successfully experienced by MLWGS in 2017 and 2018.

The Gender and Culture in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Senior Seminar explores the elements and evolution of cultures in the MENA region in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Morocco provides an excellent cultural pivot point by joining east and west; traditional and non-traditional; and allows students to explore a cultural amalgamation that is unique and shaped by geography, religion, and colonial experience.

This trip will be comprised of twenty-six (26) students and four (5) chaperones.

Estimated Cost: \$2,619/student.

After a brief discussion, Kenneth Pritchett made a motion to amend the agenda to approve both international trip proposals as a slate. Micky Ogburn seconded this motion and the Executive Board unanimously approved amending the agenda accordingly.

On a motion from Micky Ogburn, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the Executive Board unanimously approved both the Peru and Morocco 2019 international trip proposals.

XIII. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. January Reorganization Meeting including the election of School Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk(s)

- As stipulated in the MLWGS Constitution, elections shall occur for the chair, vice-chair, and board clerk(s) at the January 17, 2019, meeting.

b. Election of Executive Committee Members

- As stipulated in the MLWGS Constitution, Article IV, Section 3, the election of the annual Executive Committee membership shall be held during the January 17, 2019 reorganization meeting.

c. Code of Conduct for School Board Members

- Grounded in practice by the VSBA and many participating school divisions, the code will be presented for adoption at the January 17, 2019, meeting.

d. Code of Conduct for Clerks

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e. 2019 Regional School Board Calendar of Meetings

The Director recommended a review of the proposed 2019 calendar of meetings and consultation with the member's local calendar for conflicts and/or modifications. Approval will be requested at the January 17, 2019, meeting of the Regional School Board.

XIV. Information Items

- MW Cross Country Teams Win 6th Consecutive Regional Titles
- 2017-18 MW Yearbook earns VHSL First Place Award
- Japanese Aesthetics Assembly at MW on October 31st
- Wendy DeGroat, MLWG Librarian, Published Author
- Lynn Reed and Hana Voight, MLWGS Faculty, featured in Richmond Family Magazine

XV. Announcements/Additional Discussion

- None

XVI. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

On motion to adjourn by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Micky Ogburn, this meeting ended at 9:24 am.

Next Meeting – Regional School Board

January 17, 2019, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x 2190.

Sarah Grier Barber, Chair

Robert Lowerre, Ph.D., Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk