

## MINUTES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies  
Regional School Board Regular Meeting & FY20 Budget Work Session  
1000 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond, VA

### Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019

9:00 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 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 Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools  
Mrs. Michelle 'Micky' Ogburn, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools  
Mrs. Harwood Hall, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools  
Mrs. Sarah Grier Barber, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools  
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg Public Schools  
Mr. J. Scott Barlow, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools  
Dr. Merv Daughtery, **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  
Mrs. Jan Butterworth for Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools  
Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen 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  
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. John Wright, *School Board*, Goochland 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  
Dr. David Gaston, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools  
Dr. David Myers, **Superintendent**, New Kent 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

**V. Approval of Agenda**

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

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Scott Barlow, seconded by Martha Harris, the minutes of the reorganizational meeting of January 17, 2019, were unanimously approved.

**VII. Recognitions**

- **Katy Werwath** (19'-Goochland), was recognized as the Week #10 winner of the Lexus of Richmond Leadership award. Katy is in the running for a \$10,000 scholarship from Lexus that will be determined at the end of this academic year from among all weekly winners. Katy's coach Mr. Michael Anderson (tennis) was on-hand to support his athlete.
- **Mary Caroline Heinen** ('20-Richmond), was recognized as the 2018-19 Gatorade Cross Country Runner of the Year for Virginia. In receiving this award, she joins a 34-year legacy that includes past winners such as Peyton Manning, Abby Wambach, Karl-Anthony Towns, Derek Jeter, and many other sports icons. As the most prestigious award in high school sports, the Gatorade Player of the Year award honors the most elite high school student-athletes in 12 varsity sports for their athletic excellence, academic achievement, and exemplary character. Coach Jim Holdren was on-hand to support Mary Caroline for this unique honor.
- **Anna Jepson** ('20-Chesterfield), was recognized as the VHSL 2A 1-Meter State Diving Champion, a title she is repeating from 2018. Anna's coach Mrs. Heather Kemmerly was on-hand to support her athlete.
- **Angela Stefanovska** ('19-Henrico) was recognized as a 2018 Russian Scholar Laureate. Nominated by her teacher, Mr. Michael White (also in attendance), who confirmed she was recently named a Russian Scholar Laureate for 2018 in her junior year. Only 36 high-school students across the country received this honor. Mr. White stated, 'in two years of Russian

study, Angela was a consistently high performer, blending hard work with a flair for languages and enthusiasm for the target culture.”

- The **Regional School Board** was recognized for their service to the MLWGS community. A ‘thank you’ banner signed by our students was on-hand for board viewing. Dr. Lowerre stated we [*the MLWGS community*] appreciate all this board is able to do for us and for the privilege of allowing us to have some of your students here.

## 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

- **(3) Presidential Scholar Candidates from the Class of 2019:**

Nicholas Ferree (Chesterfield)  
Clint Gravier (Chesterfield)  
Alexander Nikolov (Henrico)

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

- **MW Drama presented Sweet Charity, February 28 - March 2, 2019, 7:00 pm.**

Inspired by Federico Fellini’s ‘Nights of Cabiria,’ **SWEET CHARITY** explores the turbulent love life of Charity Hope Valentine, a hopelessly romantic but comically unfortunate dance hall hostess in New York City. With a tuneful, groovy, mid-1960s score by Cy Coleman, sparkling lyrics by Dorothy Fields, and a hilarious book by Neil Simon, **SWEET CHARITY** captures all the energy, humor, and heartbreak of Life in the Big City for an unfortunate but irrepressible optimist.

Drama is sponsored by Ms. Devon Mattys. Sweet Charity was directed by Foster Solomon.

- **MLWGS International Language Fair for Middle Schoolers, March 9, 2019.**

Similar to our previous International Language Fairs, the eleventh fair will have a welcome ceremony, a variety of workshops led and designed by Maggie Walker students before and after a lunch break, a closing ceremony, and an international dessert sampling. Students will choose one language of interest, which will be taken into consideration when assigning workshops and to expose students to all languages, other workshops will be assigned via lottery. Pizza will be provided for students during lunch. Workshops will incorporate the following languages: Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese, French, Italian, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, American Sign Language, and Arabic.

- **Night of the Dragon Auction, Saturday, February 23rd, Short Pump Hilton.**

This special event is a whole lot of fun and provides invaluable support to our amazing Dragons. The auction raises quite a bit of money for the various support groups at MLWGS; i.e. booster groups and the PTSA.

- **Maggie Walker Mural Project.**

A mural is being designed to honor Maggie L. Walker on the wall outside of the Blue Stone Lobby. A commissioned artist and students are working on this project based on community ideas.

- **College Kick-Off for Juniors on February 5.**

On Tuesday, February 5th, from 12:45 – 2:45 pm, all juniors attended “College Kick-Off 2019” in the auditorium at Maggie Walker. Parents of juniors were also invited to attend this event. The audience heard presentations from college admissions officers representing the University of Mary Washington, Davidson College, University of Richmond, Radford University, University of South Carolina, and the College of William and Mary, followed by a time for general questions and answers about college admissions.

- **New Student Assessments Completed – Director’s Final Report.**

The Regional Evaluation day was February 13. Invited students will be provided an opportunity to shadow at MLWGS March 18-21, 2019.

- **Director’s verbal follow-up on the DOE evaluation conducted at MLWGS February 4-6.**

The evaluation was completed about two weeks ago but the DOE team has not submitted the final report. Once received, Dr. Lowerre will provide the report to the RSB. He stated there was a lot of positive feedback received during the evaluation.

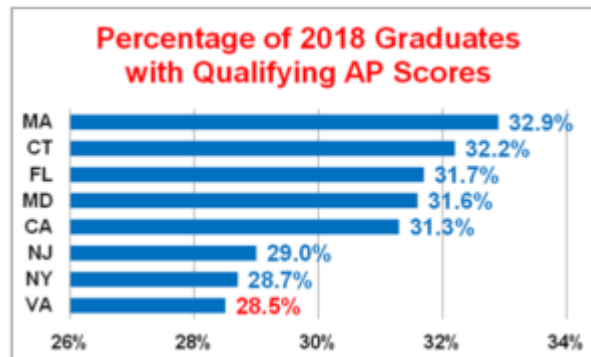
### ***B. Coming Events***

February 21, 2019 through March 21, 2019 (see page IX.b for details).

### ***C. Maggie Walker AP Qualifying Scores Report - MLWGS students far outpace national results with their qualifying scores***

According to the Virginia Department of Education in their press release dated February 6th, nearly three out of every 10 of Virginia's 2018 public high school graduates demonstrated college-level achievement on at least one Advanced Placement examination, according to data released by the College Board, the nonprofit organization that manages the AP program.

The College Board reported that 28.5 percent of the Commonwealth's 2018 graduating seniors earned a score of three or higher on at least one AP test. Nationwide, 23.5 percent of graduating seniors achieved scores of three or higher. The commonwealth ranked eighth in the nation in AP performance.



The MLWGS Class of 2018 had 180 graduates, scored **97.2%** on qualifying scores according to the AP Equity and Excellence Report for seniors who scored 3 or higher on at least one AP exam at any point during high school divided by the total number of school seniors.

Congratulations to the MLWGS Dragons for their extraordinary achievement! Congratulations are also in order to our outstanding faculty and counselor leaders who make results like this possible for their students.

Although colleges and universities set their own policies for awarding credit, a score of three or higher on an AP test is generally accepted as indicative of college-level work. The College Board estimates that in the aggregate, **Virginia** students in the class of 2018 earned more than 313,000 college credits by passing AP exams and potentially saved more than \$140 million in tuition.

The 10 most popular AP courses among Virginia's 2018 graduating seniors were — in descending order — English Language and Composition, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, Psychology, World History, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Biology, Statistics, and Environmental Science.

***D. Walker Model UN Conference XXII, March 22-23, presented by Mr. Max Smith, Sponsor and Narmeen Rashid ('19-Chesterfield), Director of Charitable Giving and Som Mohapatra ('19-Henrico), Secretary-General***

This year marks the 22nd iteration of GSMUN, a conference built and run on the mentality of creating change in the community. Being the premier Model United Nations conference in the Richmond Area and a top high school organized conference in Virginia, GSMUN prides itself on having an amazing and dedicated staff who work year-round to make this conference possible. GSMUN has meticulously crafted 19 fun

and innovative committees this year for delegates to partake in, ranging from general assemblies to our brand new tri-crisis.

This year, GSMUN XXII has teamed up with the World Pediatric Project, an international charitable organization dedicated to the treatment of children in need of lifesaving care, the creation of reliable healthcare networks in developing countries, and training of local health professionals to become more capable at diagnosing and treating complex illnesses. With delegate help, GSMUN hopes to be able to donate more than \$10,000 to the World Pediatric Project by the end of the conference and show support for children in need of medical attention around the world.

The keynote speaker for this conference is Ian Bremmer, President & Founder of Eurasia Group, the leading global political risk research and consulting firm.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **XI. Consent Items**

On motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Harwood Hall, the following consent items were unanimously approved: personnel actions, fiscal status reports of December 31, 2018, and the donations report of December 31, 2018.

## **XII. Action Items**

### **a. Interdisciplinary Trip – Canada 2019**

The following trip proposal was submitted for approval on the first read as it was repeated four times to date.

Sponsor: Matthew McGuire  
Ottawa and Toronto, June 1-7, 2019

This trip was successfully experienced in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

AP Comparative Government student field trip to visit key Canadian governing institutions and to meet with major Canadian political leaders. Students will learn about significant differences between American and Canadian political systems.

This trip will be comprised of twelve (12) to sixteen (16) students and three (3) chaperones.

Estimated Total Trip Cost: \$27,300

Estimate per Student Cost: Not provided at this time

On a motion from Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Martha Harris, the interdisciplinary trip to Canada in 2019 was unanimously approved.

### **XIII. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion**

#### **a. Policy Proposals**

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

Pol 1022 – Regular School Board Meetings *Amended*

Pol 2045 – Service Animals in School *Amended*

Pol 3032 – Study Abroad

Pol 5000.2 – Employment of Family Members *Amended*

Pol 5074 – Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse *Amended*

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

Policy 3032 is an exception to this statement and developed in response to a parent concern expressed at the January RSB meeting. Policy 3032 outlines school support for valuable study abroad but also lists requirements so the school can effectively support that student's study abroad in a way that gives proper credit for that program, work is done in advance, deadlines are in place regarding when the student would apply and when they would meet with counselors and administrators, communication between MLWGS and the school to be attended, and most importantly, our student would have to obtain permission from their home division prior as there is an expectation that students will be at MLWGS four years. However, there is a way a student could study abroad in their **junior year** if all requirements are met. This policy sets forth the parameters for the student to be able to participate in study abroad. Historically, this request does not happen often, but we think this is a good policy to have in place to protect everybody and ensure fairness to the student and their opportunity.

Approval will be requested at the March 21, 2019, meeting of the Regional School Board.

#### **b. Housekeeping Services RFP MLWGS-RFP-2019-1**

The purpose of this RFP is to attract written proposals from responsive and responsible vendors to establish a one (1) year term contract with three (3) optional one-year renewals to provide housekeeping services at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School. It is anticipated the contract will be effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

The RFP was released on the school website on February 1, 2019, and advertised in the Richmond Times-Dispatch February 3-8, 2019.

Vendor proposals are due to MLWGS on March 7, 2019.

Dr. Lowerre stated the superintendents suggested other options regarding the RFP at their morning meeting which he will explore.

It is anticipated at this time that approval will be requested at the March 21, 2019, meeting of the Regional School Board.

**c. Interdisciplinary Trip Proposal – Greece and Italy, June/July 2020.**

Sponsor: Jeff Hall  
Greece and Italy, June 23 – July 2, 2020

This is a new trip proposal.

As the ancient wonders of Athens and Delphi give way to the Renaissance treasures of Florence, it becomes clear how one era leads to another, how one ancient civilization sows the seeds for future awakenings. The Parthenon in Athens and the Colosseum in Rome provide a fascinating framework for the artistic and architectural breakthroughs throughout Florence.

Colleen Hall will accompany as a chaperone. A minimum number of students is 12, maximum is 20.

Estimate per Student Cost: \$3,810 (approximately).

Approval will be requested at the March 21, 2019, meeting of the Regional School Board.

**XIV. Information Items**

- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes January 19, 2019
  
- MW Claims 21<sup>st</sup> State Title... We the People
- MW team wins 2019 2A Regional Scholastic Bowl Championship
- Aquatic Dragons are Regional Champions
- Record Number of MW Wrestlers Going to State Tournament
- MW students perform at VCU Jazz Day
- MW students qualify for All-Virginia Band Auditions
- MW takes 59 awards at the 2019 Regional Scholastic Art Competition
- MW takes 11 awards at the 2019 Regional Scholastic Writing Competition
  
- Ed Coleman, MW English Department, earns National Board Certification (12.4% of faculty now carries NBC)

**XV. Superintendent's Steering Committee Report**

Dr. Eric Jones shared the committee met this morning at 8:15 am with nine superintendents or designees' present. The committee spent time a) looking at the budget and reviewing line items and talking about general increases, b) the custodial service issue at MW, c) possible calendar adjustments for make-up time if we get more weather closings, and d) discussed impending legislation and the pre-labor day start and how it could impact on a regional perspective.

**XVI. Closed Meeting**

None.



**XVII. Certification of Closed Meeting**

None.

**XVIII. Announcements/Additional Discussion**

Congratulations Dr. Michael Gill, Hanover, named the region’s best superintendent. Dr. Gill remarked he was very proud that this was a peer chosen recognition.

**XIX. Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

On motion by Martha Harris, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, this meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:40 am. Board photographs were taken at the conclusion of this meeting prior to moving into the FY20 Budget Work Session.

**Next Meeting and Budget Public Hearing**

March 21, 2019, at 9:00 am. MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190.

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Sarah Grier Barber, Chairman

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Robert Lowerre, Ph.D., Director

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Minutes Recorded by:  
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk

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Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

#### Call to Order

Sarah Barber, Chair, gaveled the work session to order and turned the floor over to Dr. Bob Lowerre, Director.

**Dr. Lowerre presented a PowerPoint Executive Summary on the FY20 Proposal Highlights** (*a copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be retained for the permanent record*)

FY20 will be the second year of the State biennium budget. Revenue totals presented today are based on those provided to MW from the VDOE on the assumption that a 5% raise (3% for MW) makes its way through the General Assembly and is signed by the Governor. However, if when the GA dismisses and numbers are different, the budget will be reworked/amended before final approval in April.

The Director is proposing a modest budget increase to address the needs of the school and to continue to fund capital projects.

### **Revenue**

\$8,772,479 Total increase = \$212,033 (+2.4%)

#### **Revenue Detail:**

- Tuition = \$8,234 (2%/student increase), 756 Students
- Total Local Contribution = \$6,224,904
- Building Rental = \$7,000
- Free Lunch Receipts = \$8,000
- Dual Enrollment = \$50,000
- Technology Initiative = \$26,000
- Building Reserve Carryover = \$150,000
- State Contribution = \$2,306,575 (down from FY19)

### **Total Expense**

\$8,772,479

#### **Expense Detail:**

***Increases \$373,794 (includes incremental increases for inflation in certain areas)***

- Service Contracts (Instructional) + \$34,047
- Building Service Contracts + \$33,000
- Salary /Benefits Increase + \$193,073 (Provides 3% raise)
- Repair/Maintenance Equipment + \$26,562
- Textbook + \$29,189
- Technology + \$17,888

***Reductions \$87,408***

- Long Term Disability - \$9,140
- Non-Professional Consultants - \$9,910
- Insurance - \$18,876
- Custodial Supplies - \$17,200
- Building Reserve - \$1,532
- Classroom Furniture - \$3,112

#### **Conclusions**

- Funding Outlook for FY21
- Capital Improvement Continues to be a Challenge

**Next Steps**

- March 21, 2019, Budget Public Hearing
- April 18, 2019, Request for Budget Approval

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Sarah Grier Barber, Chairman

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Robert Lowerre, Ph.D., Director

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