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

Thursday, April 18, 2019

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 Regional School Board and visitors stood and 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 (late arrival)

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

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

Mr. J. Scott Barlow, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools

Dr. David Gaston, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools

Dr. Thomas Taylor for 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. Jay McClain for Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell 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

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

Absent:

Mr. John Wright, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools
Mr. John Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Mr. Christopher Reber, *School Board*, Hopewell Public Schools
Mr. Rob Eley, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools
Mrs. Megan Perez, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Also present:

Michael 'Max' Smith and Dr. Wendy Ellis– MLWGS Administration
Lynn Reed and David Bortz – MLWGS Staff
Suzannah Stora – GS Foundation
Karen Townsend and Manisha Ashar – MLWGS Parents
Perisa Ashar – MLWGS Student

V. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Martha Harris, seconded by Micky Ogburn, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Martha Harris, the minutes of the regular meeting and FY20 budget public hearing of March 21, 2019, were unanimously approved.

VII. Recognitions

- **David Winters (Hanover) Week #22 Lexus of Richmond Annual Leadership Award Winner.** With a current 4.69 GPA David is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the German Honor Society. He scored 1560 out of a possible 1600 on the SAT exam with a perfect score on the Math portion. Additionally, David scored a perfect 800 on both the Physics SAT II and the Math SAT II. Having earned 6 perfect scores on his AP exams, David is an AP Scholar with Distinction. He is a National Merit Scholarship Commended student, and he has received a Rensselaer Medal for his efforts in math and science. He has coauthored two scientific papers on spintronics. David is a team member for the High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling, and they were finalists in 2018. David is one of four Maggie Walker students to compete at the Society for American Baseball Research Diamond Dollars Case Competition. This involved a research project on the physics and statistics of baseball. In 2018 the team competed and won against college undergrads and graduate teams around the nation.

David has been accepted in the UVA Echols Scholar program.

- **Dragon Chess Wins 1st Place at VA Scholastic K-12 Championship in U1400 Team.** Eight members of the MLWGS Dragon Chess Club participated in the Virginia Scholastic (K12) Chess Championship in Charlottesville, VA. Over 500 students from all around VA participated in the tournament held at Monticello High School on March 8 -10, 2019.

The seven MLWGS students who played in the U1400 section won first place in the team standings. Walker's top three individual players in the U1400 section were Kevin Ren:'20-Chesterfield (2nd), Adriel Barrett:'21-Henrico (3rd), and Kapil Iyer:'21-Henrico (16th). Rohit Bhagavatula:'20-Chesterfield, John Corson:'20-Chesterfield, Cora Lewis:'20-Richmond, and Joshua Whitchurch:'20-Prince George, also played in the U1400 section. Nicholas Xie:'20-Henrico, was our sole player in the K12 Championship section and won 4th place individually.

Nicholas Xie also competed in a separate higher level section where ones' rating had to be over 1400. His rating is currently over 2000 which makes Nicholas the first player since Isaac Steincamp-alum (National Master) to have that high of a rating while at MLWGS.

Dragon Chess is sponsored by Mrs. Heather Kemmerly.

- **Robotics Mech Tech Dragons Host Legislative Open House, March 27.** In attendance today were officers Josie Holland ('19-Henrico), Som Mohapatra ('19-Henrico) and Mason McCray ('19-Goochland).

This team is sponsored by Mr. Mark Sailer who was in attendance for this recognition.

On Wednesday, March 27 from 6 pm - 8 pm, the Maggie Walker robotics team hosted local and state politicians for a rolling open house, to spread STEM awareness and engender political change. Board members Valarie Ayers and Sarah Barber attended this event and congratulated the students for their amazing open house.

The Mech Tech Dragons are celebrating their 20th year of continuous operation. Since 1999, they have expanded from a team that builds a robot to an organization with tangible community impact - reaching 38,000 people over the past 5 years through demos, presentations, or otherwise interacting with people at events in the Richmond community such as a Flying Squirrels game, VA State Fair, etc.; reaching 15,000 people alone since 2018. The team has grown since its inception not only in size (from 14 members to 68) but in diversity as well. Members of the team have participated in Girls in STEM camps, spoken to NPR and the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and hosted an annual community STEM Event for 130 middle schoolers from 3 surrounding counties. They operate on a \$40,000 annual budget, which they raise funds for a year in advance by reaching out to community sponsors. To continue their drive for community sustainability, they have given \$3,000 in grants to other robotics teams in Richmond.

As exemplified by the upcoming Legislative Open House, Maggie Walker's robotics team enjoys a unique syncretism between STEM and government, following the Governor's School's focus on the humanities. Team members have traveled to Capitol Hill for the past 4 years to advocate for STEM-based laws with their national representatives, speaking with Senators Kaine and Warner, as well as multiple House Representatives - they discussed funding re-appropriation for ESSA Title IV Part A, a flexible block grant that authorizes funds for afterschool STEM programs.

- **Departing Superintendent, Dr. David Myers, New Kent,** as he transitions to a position with the Department of Education. Dr. David Myers has been a member of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board since July 1, 2014, and Chair of the Superintendent's

Steering Committee since January 2018. Thank you for your service to the MLWGS community and farewell.

- **Departing Superintendent, Dr. Marcus Newsome**, retiring June 30, 2019. Dr. Newsome has been a member of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School Regional Board for many years, first representing Chesterfield County Public Schools from 2006 to 2016, then representing Petersburg Public Schools since July 2016. Dr. Newsome also served as the Superintendent’s Steering Committee Chair in 2010 through 2013. Thank you for your service to the MLWGS community and enjoy retirement.
- **Clair Dickinson ('22-Henrico)** received a **GOLD KEY** for her Flash Fiction piece entitled “**Aviation,**” and is a National Medalist for Scholastic Writing and on her way to Carnegie Hall for the award ceremony. Clair’s teacher, Ms. Kerry Sheppard, was also on hand for this recognition.

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.

The following remarks are provided by Mrs. Karen Townsend.

Members of the Board,

I am Karen Townsend, mother of two Maggie Walker students, and resident of the City of Richmond. In previous presentations from me, you have heard about my son Ian’s experience with academic year-long international study abroad and the Maggie Walker administration.

Study Abroad Policy 3032 is back on the agenda of this meeting and I thus feel compelled to address the edits that were made within the last month. As you will see in the distributed handout, the changes are all trivial ones. There was no attempt made by this administration to reconcile unrealistic deadlines and other problems brought to the board’s attention last month. Nor do I believe that the author(s) of the policy consulted with the School Advisory Council or sought the advice of faculty members with international studies background.

Policy 3032 is dishonest at its core. It sets forth guidelines that, for all intents and purposes, make it impossible for any student to study abroad. Is it the will of this administration and the School Board that Maggie Walker never graduate students who have taken advantage of outside opportunities during their high school years? If so, then write a policy that states this honestly and openly.

At last month’s meeting, Dr. Lowerre asked the members of the board to forward to him anything that they wanted to have amended or changed in the presented policy. He says he received no requests from any member and is therefore pushing the policy forward as-is.

My hope is that the reason none of you provided input to Dr. Lowerre in the last month is because you already recognized this presented policy as illegitimate and unnecessary; and that you plan to vote against its adoption.

IX. Director's Report

A. Verbal Updates

- **MLWGS with (2) 2019 UVA Jefferson Scholars:** Lawrence Jia (Chesterfield), and Kanya Sanjay (Chesterfield).

Awarded solely on the basis of merit, Jefferson Scholarships are granted to candidates who have undergone a rigorous selection process.

In 2017, 2,000 students from 36 U.S. states and 37 countries were nominated. No one may apply for a Jefferson Scholarship directly. For the regional competitions, a prospective Jefferson Scholar must be nominated by his/her school (eligible schools may nominate one or two students per year from the senior class). Currently, over 4,500 secondary schools are eligible to nominate in the regional competitions.

In 2017-2018, 36 Jefferson Scholars emerged from the pool of 2,000 nominees.

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

- **Grandparents Day, Friday, April 26th.** Sponsored by the GS 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 2019 National Finals.** The 32nd Annual We the People National Finals will take place April 26-April 29, 2019 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://www.civiced.org/national-finals-2019> This year marks MW's 21st appearance at national finals.
- **New Student (Incoming 9th Graders) Registration** April 23, 2019 @ 6:00pm
- **AP Testing May 6 – 17, 2019**

Total Number of Exams to be taken at MLWGS: 1,185

Total Number of MLWGS Students Registered: 465

Average Number of Exams per MLWGS Student: 2.55

Dr. Lowerre advised the College Board will be shifting exam registration for the AP's from spring of each academic year to each fall (starting 2019) and expects to see a decline in the number of students taking these exams.

Dr. Javaid Siddiqi arrived for the meeting.

B. Coming Events

April 18, 2019, through May 16, 2019 (see page IX.b for details).

- C. ***Graduation Invitation from the Class of 2019*** with Sponsor, Kerry Sheppard. Invitations were distributed to board members.

X. Unfinished Business

None.

XI. Consent Items

On a motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Valarie Ayers, the following consent items were unanimously approved as a slate: April personnel actions, fiscal status reports of February 28, 2019, and the donations report of February 28, 2019.

XII. Action Items

a. Policy Proposals (Second Read)

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

- Pol 1022 – Regular School Board Meetings *Amended*
- Pol 3032 – Study Abroad

Proposed policy 1022 is grounded in a model policy of the Virginia School Board Association that speaks to the entirety of a meeting that cannot be held electronically. This policy was sent back to the policy committee after the March RSB meeting, but no changes are recommended from what was originally submitted.

Proposed policy 3032 was presented for the second read at the March RSB meeting and sent back to the policy committee who recommended slight editorial changes.

With open discussion, Mrs. Ogburn stated she recently provided feedback to Dr. Lowerre and the board [*on Policy 3032*], stating she had given this policy a lot of thought and feels a version of it does need to be put in place as it provides a timeline, both for the school and the districts, one that each can work with, recognizing a student can't go too late in the school year to get this process underway because planning for the new year has to happen. She added, after discussion with colleagues, it was proposed that the first step in the process be taken out of the hands of MLWGS and sent to the district superintendent for approval before it comes to MLWGS. Mrs. Ogburn acknowledged that student study abroad would be more financially impactful on the smaller divisions so there should be approval from the home district first. We also need to figure out how the gap situation [*unfilled slot*] would be handled as that could have a funding implication of several years and an issue that cannot be ignored. Mrs. Ogburn suggested tabling this policy today allowing time for a rewrite to add her proposal of district approval first.

Mr. Barlow thanked Mrs. Ogburn for her comments agreeing it is important for the districts to be able to plan accordingly and supports a delay on this policy for re-evaluation. He also

expressed concern for softened language around dates in the proposal that may be difficult to impossible to meet.

Dr. Lowerre requested the board establish an understanding on what date(s) are firm for resolution of the student request at the district level. The districts commit to MLWGS in December the number of slots they will purchase [*for the next academic year*] and the school builds its budget on that commitment so that number has to stay the same or it affects personnel. The other timeline dates can be softened. Lastly, Dr. Lowerre requested this policy include language that all necessary timeline actions be completed by the student prior to withdrawing for a study abroad program as it is very difficult to get this information once the student has departed overseas.

Mrs. Ayers thanked Mrs. Ogburn for her suggestion and stated she thought it was a good one. To that point, Mrs. Ayers asked if she heard Mrs. Ogburn say the local boards would approve this policy? Mrs. Ogburn replied no to policy approval, but yes to the student obtaining permission from their local superintendent or school board prior to withdrawing and before MLWGS staff does a lot of work on the student request. Adding, each district should have that conversation. Mrs. Ayers agreed that we want students to have these opportunities but the expense is something each local board must consider. She added; the most transparent and honest thing we could do is create a policy because then it's out for everyone to read and understand the criteria.

Dr. Gill added his voice representing Hanover that we [*the board*] need to defer to the director on the timeline to be followed, but supports Mrs. Ogburn's suggestion this policy be crafted as a two-tier process, first with the local school district and then if approved there, with MLWGS. He further supports a delay to craft new language.

Dr. Lowerre advised the next policy committee work will occur over the summer so an updated version of this policy can be presented as a second read again to the RSB in August. The critical date for the director at this time is February 15 [*of the sophomore year*] and unless we change how we admit students and set classes within the timeline, this is the date that would need to be in place. Mrs. Ogburn suggested that each board member go back to their respective boards for a conversation on their end as each district may need policy to address this matter. Dr. Lowerre requested local feedback on this proposal by July 1.

Dr. Myers stated the superintendents, after considerable discussion, all agree this is a phenomenal experience for the student, but again the problem is the financial price tag for the district. Adding, it's also a real issue among students who competed to get into MLWGS and did not get in. It's a concern for the district a) to pay tuition on a student that is not attending, b) buy an additional spot for four years, or c) don't pay MWLGS this tuition and the school has less funding and creates a financial burden for the school. From the New Kent perspective, not to say we don't think this experience isn't important, but the financial burden to the taxpayer is significant, so if we could find a way to make this work for both parties would be ideal.

Dr. Gaston asked if it were possible to develop a partnership with an organization that specializes in student study abroad programs for our interested learners, realizing this action may open the floodgates for more students wanting to go, but on the backside the dollar investment would not be paid by the district just to reserve a spot for one year while the student is out of the country but perhaps apply that tuition money toward defraying costs of

that particular students' study abroad program which may be palatable to the taxpayer, to MLWGS, and to the family; maybe a compromise is a win-win for everybody if it is possible noting it may take more time and study. Dr. Lowerre stated it may be possible but would be a heavy lift. He added, from the school side he doesn't have the time to develop partnerships with companies and not sure if that is within his duties on a private level. His concern as a taxpayer is the suggestion that a school board uses tuition money that would reside with the school and use them to finance overseas study which action may result in pushback. Dr. Lowerre remarked that some of our teachers have approached him about developing short-term partnerships, an example being a parent who is going on a Fulbright to another country and wants to take her child with her for one semester. While this sounds challenging, this parent gave the school 10-months' notice and we have worked it out with the parent so her child will spend a semester abroad and the student will get necessary MW credits. We had the right communication and lead time to be able to do this. At the end of the day, the Director stated he is fiscally responsible to this board for every dollar they spend at MW and is acutely aware of the constraints each district has with their budgets. The answer to this question is it may be possible down the road but only after much exploration; however, it is beneficial at this time to get a policy in place to have something to rely on.

This concluded the discussion on policy proposals 1022 and 3032.

On a motion from Micky Ogburn, seconded by Scott Barlow, Policy 1022-Regular School Board Meetings *Amended* was unanimously approved.

Policy 3032-Study Abroad was tabled for updates and will be presented again at the August RSB meeting.

b. Policy Proposals (Waive First Read Request)

These policies are needed for adoption prior to August 2019 for the Student Handbook and personnel forms that will be developed before the next full-board meeting.

The following policies, regulations, and forms have been vetted by the Policy Committee and are submitted for Regional School Board review and consensus to waive first read, then approval.

- 2065 Acceptable Computer System Use *Amended*
- 2065-R Regulation: Acceptable Computer System Use *Amended*
- 2065-F1 Acceptable Computer System Use Agreement *Amended*
- 3045 Acceptable Computer System Use (Students)
- 3045-R Regulation: Acceptable Computer System Use (Students)
- 3045-F1 Acceptable Computer System Use Agreement (Students)
- 3045-E Sample Letter to Parents: Acceptable Computer System Use

Details:

Policy #	Name	New/Amended	Actions
2065	Acceptable Computer System Use	Amended	Flipping with old 2065-R, policy verses regulation. No changes due to law updates but clearly defines what is the computer system.

			Multiple strikes in previously identified staff or students to simply say users.
2065-R	Acceptable Computer System Use	Amended	Flipping with old 2065, policy versus regulation. Item #10 – Enforcement, language edited by David Bortz. Multiple strikes in previously identified staff or students to simply say users.
2065-F1	Acceptable Computer System Use Agreement	Amended	Form updated – applies to employees
3045	Acceptable Computer System Use (Students)	New	Identical to 2065, but applies to students
3045-R	Acceptable Computer System Use (Students)	New	Identical to 2065-R, but applies to students
3045-F1	Acceptable Computer System Use (Student/Parental Approval)	New	Agreement form – applies to students
3045-E	Sample Letter to Parents: Acceptable Computer System Use	New	Sample Letter

On a motion from Valarie Ayers, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, policies, regulations and forms noted were unanimously approved.

c. 2019-2020 School Operating Calendar (Second Read)

Presented with a standard start proposal, the Director recommends approval of the 2019-2020 operating calendar which has a post-labor day start.

On a motion from Harwood Hall, seconded by Micky Ogburn, the 2019-2020 operating calendar was unanimously approved.

d. FY20 School Operating Budget (Second Read)

Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School Administration, in conjunction with the Superintendent’s Steering Committee and the Finance Steering Committee (comprised of the Chief Financial Officers from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Powhatan, and Richmond) have worked to finalize an operating budget proposal for FY2020.

A draft proposal was presented to the Regional School Board for review and discussion at their budget work session on February 21, 2019.

A public hearing on this proposal was scheduled during Section XIX of the RSB March meeting. Public advertising for this hearing occurred via the RTD Meetings and Events category, Sunday, March 17th, and the MLWGS website. The public was also invited to comment via the internet form.

On a motion from Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Martha Harris, the FY20 operating budget was unanimously approved.

e. Annual Authorization for Director to Issue Personnel Contracts for 2019-2020 (Second Read)

The Regional School Board grants the Director of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School the authority to issue faculty/staff contracts based upon salary scales, clubs/activities and athletic stipend scales incorporated within the FY20 Operating Budget scheduled for approval at this meeting.

On a motion from Valarie Ayers, seconded by Javaid Siddiqi, the Annual Authorization for Director to Issue Personnel Contracts for 2019-2020 was unanimously approved.

f. Student Fees FY20 (Second Read)

The proposed student fee schedule has been updated for FY20 with current projected costs for all subject areas.

Changes in FY20 from FY19 are minor. Those fees that were adjusted are largely due to inflationary increases on optional workbooks. New additions to the Senior Seminars reflect new topics being taught but the range of fees is aligned with past practice. The Industry Certification fee attached to Economics and Personal Finance has been deleted as it is no longer needed.

The proposed version of the FY20 fee sheet listed as an action item for today has a single amendment from the version presented in March. AP Music Theory has made as a course for the first time in several years. The associated workbook, The Musician's Guide, is a vital tool for the course and has been added as the first row under the fine arts section.

On a motion from Javaid Siddiqi, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the FY20 Student Fee Schedule 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:

2026	Authorized Use of School-Owned Facilities and Materials <i>Amended</i>
3001.1	Notification of Learning Objectives <i>Amended</i>
3003.1	The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements <i>Amended</i>
3003.2	Retaking SOL Assessments <i>Amended</i>

3005	Instructional Materials <i>Amended</i>
3012	Health Education/Physical Education <i>Amended</i>
3015	Character Education <i>Amended</i>
2013.1	Educational Facilities Specifications
2021.1	School Closings
3003.3	Academic Freedom
3003.4	Religion in School
3003.5	Alternatives to Animal Dissection
3003.6	Teaching About Controversial Issues
3006.1	Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption

Details:

Policy #	Name	New/Amended	Actions
2026	Authorized Use of School-Owned Facilities and Materials	Amended	Updated title, legal reference, and cross-reference. At the board's preference, we will delete cross-references not under development at bottom of the policy
3001.1	Notification of Learning Objectives	Amended	Policy edits and cross-reference update.
3003.1	The Virginia Assessment Program and Graduation Requirements	Amended	Deleted legal reference.
3003.2	Retaking SOL Assessments	Amended	Policy and legal reference update.
3005	Instructional Materials	Amended	Cross-reference and legal updates.
3012	Health Education/Physical Education	Amended	Policy updated to reflect amendments to VA Code. Legal references also updated.
3015	Character Education	Amended	Cross-reference update.
2013.1	Educational Facilities Specifications	New	Needed as this is a cross-reference policy in another under review. At the board's preference, we will delete cross-references not under development at bottom of the policy
2021.1	School Closings	New	Addresses staff work schedules in the event of an inclement weather closing.
3003.3	Academic Freedom	New	Needed as this is a cross-reference policy in another under review.

3003.4	Religion in School	New	Needed as this is a cross-reference policy in another under review.
3003.5	Alternatives to Animal Dissection	New	Updated by VSBA and DOE Guidelines.
3003.6	Teaching About Controversial Issues	New	Needed as this is a cross-reference policy in another under review.
3006.1	Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption	New	Legal references were updated by VSBA.

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

Approval will be sought at the Board’s August 2019 meeting.

b. Approval of the 2019-2020 Governor’s School Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors (First Read)

In nomination for a term of 3-years as new members are:

- Misty Morton Clark ’96 (Henrico, Richmond)
- Stephen Crowe ’04 (Richmond, Chesterfield)
- Cynthia Kostelecky (Richmond)
- Julie Seabury (Richmond)
- Beth Simms (Richmond)
- Kristi Turner (Chesterfield)

Rolling off the board are Faith Alejandro ’01, Kate Cooper, Steve Leibovic, and Julie May.

Officer Nominations: Liz Blue – Chair, Ginger O’Neil – Vice Chair, Brick Brickley – Treasurer, and Jewel Caven – Secretary.

GS Foundation Board member’s approval will be sought at the Board’s Executive Committee May 2019 meeting.

c. Textbook Adoption

The MLWGS textbook adoption process for implementation in 2019-2020 is following proper protocol.

The following was posted to mlwgs.com website on February 27, 2019:

A public comment period will be open until March 28 for the adoption of new textbooks in the following courses: Modern Political Theory, Pre-AP French, and Topics in Digital Arts. Textbooks for review and accompanying comment forms will be available in the MLWGS library through the public comment period.

Descriptive textbook detail was provided to the Board at their table by Dr. Wendy Ellis. (A copy is attached to the permanent record of this meeting).

Textbook approval will be sought at the Board's Executive Committee May 2019 meeting.

XIV. Information Items

- Perisa Ashar ('21-Henrico) takes Grand Prize at Metro Richmond STEM Fair, earns entry into ISEF
- Perisa Ashar takes 2nd Place at the Virginia State Science & Engineering Fair
Perisa was on-hand to explain her projects to the Regional School Board.
- Dragons testing for the Governor's Challenge in Economics
- Baseball Seminar Students Partner with the Richmond Flying Squirrels
- (2) Dragon teams to attend 2019 Modeling the Future Challenge in Chicago
- MW Italian Classes attend U of R Conference, Migration: Contested Spaces of the Mediterranean

XV. Superintendent's Steering Committee Report

For his last report, Dr. Myers stated he had already shared what the superintendents discussed this morning as it was a very brief meeting.

He also took the opportunity to thank the board for allowing him to chair the Superintendents Steering Committee, stating he has enjoyed this experience. He reminded the group that Dr. Jeremy Raley agreed to chair this committee for the remainder of the year.

XVI. Closed Meeting

None.

XVII. Certification of Closed Meeting

None.

XVIII. Announcements/Additional Discussion

None.

XIX. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

On a motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Scott Barlow, this meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:58 am.

Next Meeting – Executive Board

May 17, 2019, 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

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