MINUTES

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

Thursday, August 19, 2021

9:05 a.m.

I. Call to Order

John Wright, Chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board, gaveled 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 the locality:

Ms. Martha Harris, School Board, Charles City Public Schools Ms. Debbie Bailey, School Board, Chesterfield County Public Schools Dr. Krishan Agrawal, School Board, Colonial Heights Public Schools Mr. John Wright, School Board, Goochland County Public Schools M. John Axselle, School Board, Hanover County Public Schools Mrs. Michelle 'Micky' Ogburn, School Board, Henrico County Public Schools Ms. Linda Hyslop, School Board, Hopewell Public Schools Mrs. Harwood Hall, School Board, King & Oueen Public Schools Mrs. Sarah G. Barber, School Board, New Kent Public Schools Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, School Board, Petersburg Public Schools Mrs. Valarie Ayers, School Board, Powhatan County Public Schools Dr. Royal Gurley for Dr. Kari Weston, Superintendent, Dinwiddie Public Schools Dr. Jeremy Raley, Superintendent, Goochland County Public Schools Ms. Mandy Baker for Dr. Michael Gill, Superintendent, Hanover County Public Schools Dr. Jay McClain for Dr. Melody Hackney, Superintendent, Hopewell Public Schools Dr. Brian Nichols, Superintendent, New Kent Public Schools Ms. Lynn Plevich for Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools Mr. Michael 'Max' Smith, Assistant Director, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Mrs. Barbara Marshall, Clerk, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

The following new members were welcomed: Dr. Krishan Agrawal-Colonial Heights, Ms. Betty Haney – Dinwiddie, and Ms. Martha Harris was welcomed back to the board representing Charles City.

Not in Attendance:

Ms. Betty Haney, **School Board**, Dinwiddie Public Schools (attempted to participate remotely) Ms. Jill Andrews, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools (attempted to participate remotely)

- Ms. Mariah White, School Board, Richmond Public Schools
- Dr. Dalphine Joppy, Superintendent, Charles City Public Schools
- Dr. Merv Daugherty, Superintendent, Chesterfield County Public Schools
- Dr. William Sroufe, Superintendent, Colonial Heights Public Schools
- Dr. Amy Cashwell, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
- Dr. Carol Carter, Superintendent, King & Queen Public Schools
- Dr. Maria Pitre-Martin, Superintendent, Petersburg Public Schools
- Dr. Eric Jones, Superintendent, Powhatan County Public Schools

Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools (attempted to participate remotely)

Also present:

Dr. Lisa Williams – MLWGS Administration Wendy DeGroat – MLWGS Staff Two others - unidentified

V. Approval for Dinwiddie and Prince George Board Members to Participate Remotely

Policy No. 1020 - Electronic Participation in Meetings from a Remote Location

- I. Quorum Physically Assembled
 - A. The Regional School Board may conduct any meeting wherein the public business is discussed or transacted through electronic communication means if 1) on or before the day of a meeting, a member of the Regional School Board notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance or that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter and identifies with specificity the nature of the personal matter; and 2) the Regional School Board approves the member's participation by a majority vote of the members present at the primary or central meeting location.

On a motion by Sarah Barber, seconded by Valarie Ayers, board members Haney and Andrews' electronic participation for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Linda Hyslop, seconded by Debbie Bailey, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

VII. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Harwood Hall, the minutes of the executive meeting of June 20, 2021, were approved with Martha Harris abstaining.

VIII. Recognitions

• None.

IX. 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 following were submitted via electron form:

Rachel Savoy Caldwell, alum

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Carrie Kahwajy, Chesterfield Branch of the NAACP

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Margaret Benson Nemitz, alum

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considering how to move forward with the Maggie Walker admissions test. I believe doing so will also align well with the strategic plan set forth last year.

I am also glad to see that the strategic plan will be discussed during today's meeting. What progress has been made to determine outcome measures to track progress along the way? I am particularly interested in hearing about sustainable action items to create a welcoming, responsive, safe environment particularly for Black, Indigenous, and Latinx students, as well as other students that the school has historically underrepresented or marginalized. Reconsidering/eliminating the admissions test is one helpful starting piece in addressing current gaps.

Additionally, I hope that the board and other strategic implementation team members keep in mind the many ways that young people, especially Black, Indigenous, and Latinx students, are harmed by interactions with police - especially considering the focus on safety in the third strategic goal. I find this report, capturing student perspectives from Fresno, California, to be a helpful and enlightening report on this topic: <u>https://humanimpact.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/HIP-Health-and-Cultural-Wealth-Student-Perspectives-on-Police-Free-Schools-in-Fresno-California-March-2021.pdf</u>

Emily Tombes Figley, alum

I am an alum of the 2006 class, and also a teacher who's been closely following the national and local conversations around admissions changes for exam schools. Maggie Walker will always be such a special place for me, and I was so glad to see that the board will be considering changes to the policies for student admissions - so that the MW experience can be accessible to more students. As you have probably seen, Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology experienced tremendous success with eliminating their standardized admissions test. Makya Little's article, linked above, states, "Admission reform increased diversity on almost every metric without compromising the quality of the incoming class." We hope that the MLWGS board will study this tremendously hopeful outcome when considering how to move forward with the Maggie Walker admissions test.

Tanim Islam, current student

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Allison Dunawayunaway. Powhatan Parent

I fully support the proposed 2022-23 School Year Calendar as presented to the Board for the August 19th meeting. Our home county, Powhatan, implemented an early start in 2020-2021, and it immensely benefited students.

In addition, I fully support the proposed changes to the VHSL Policy.

Thank you for your service,

The chair affirmed that board members received and reviewed these comments before this meeting.

X. Director's Report

A. Verbal Updates

• Activities for Opening

- Enrollment: 758
- New Teacher Orientation 8-25
- All Teachers Return 8-26
- Freshmen Orientation 8-31
- Professional Development 8-27 and 9-1
- Instruction begins 9-7 in-person
- Back to School Night 9-23

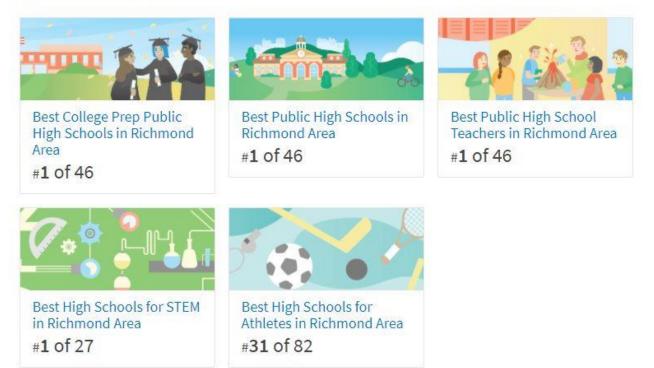
• MLWGS Ranked #5 Best Public High Schools in the US by Niche 2021 (up from #8 in 2020)



Virginia



Richmond Area



• Mr. Smith discussed the school's COVID Health Plan is in its final stages of development. The opening health plan will be completed and publicly shared before the return of teachers to campus.

B. Coming Events

Thursday, August 19 th	Regional School Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Location TBD
	Last Day of Summer Operating Schedule
Monday, August 23 rd – Wednesday, August 25 th	College Boot Camp for Rising Seniors, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm,
Tuesday, August 24 th	Class of 2024 Parent Welcome Reception Sponsored by the MLWGS
	Foundation (off-campus) 7-9 pm
Wednesday, August 25 th	New Teacher Academy, 9:00 am, Room 153
	Class of 2025 Parent Welcome Reception sponsored by the MLWGS Foundation (off-campus) 7-9 pm
Thursday, August 26 th	First Day for Teachers
Sunday, August 29 th	Moore Street Missionary Baptist Church Activity in MLWGS Parking Lot, $8 \text{ am} - 2 \text{ pm}$
Tuesday, August 31 st	Freshmen Orientation at MLWGS
	Crisis Team Meeting, 1:30 pm, Room Location TBD
Friday, August 27 th	Professional Development for Faculty
Wednesday, September 1 st	Professional Development for Faculty
Friday, September 3 th	CLOSED
Monday, September 6 th	CLOSED - HOLIDAY
Tuesday, September 7 th	First Day of School Classes on Campus
Thursday, September 16 th or other date TBD due to Holiday on Calendar	Executive School Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Location TBD
Thursday, September 16 th	CLOSED - HOLIDAY

August 19, 2021, through September 16, 2021, Coming Events

XI. Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan update – the matrix provided to the RSB is located at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Smith stated a more comprehensive report will be presented to the school board and the public by November 1, 2021, per Policy No. 0013.

XII. Consent Items

On a motion by John Axselle, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the following consent items were unanimously approved as a slate: August 2021 personnel actions, fiscal status reports of June 30, 2021, and July 31, 2021, the donations report of June and July 2021 (July includes a \$100,000 donation approved at the June ESB meeting), and the disposal of obsolete equipment request.

XIII. Action Items

On a motion by Micky Ogburn, seconded by Sarah Barber, the following *Second Read* items were unanimously approved as a block. (Agenda items a, b, c, d, f, g, and h.)

<u>Annual Authorization of DOE Signatures 2021-2022</u> – (Second Read)

The Director recommended authorization for Mr. Michael Smith to be the necessary designee signature utilized in the absence of the Director for the Virginia Department of Education through August 31, 2021.

<u>Certification of the 2021-2022 Crisis Manual</u> – (Second Read)

The MLWGS Crisis Plan was approved for certification to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) by August 31, 2021.

2021-2022 Student Handbook – (Second Read)

Updates to the following sections are listed below and highlighted in the manual:

- Updates on School Board membership, transportation contacts, and planning committee membership
- Change of location of our security office
- Allowing outdoor on-campus lunch during good weather to promote social distancing while unmasked
- Inclusion of Student Behavior and Administrative Response (SBAR) categories, systems of disciplinary responses, and behavior descriptors

Academic Year 2022-2023 Early Start Operating Calendar - (Second Read)

For the 2022-2023 academic year, MLWGS is proposing a two-week early start calendar. Our start date would be August 22, 2022, and the end date would be June 1, 2023.

Early start calendars have increasingly been adopted in Virginia since 2019 with the passage of House Bill 1652, which did away with the 'Kings Dominion law.' This new calendar will better conform to the calendars of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hopewell, King & Queen, Powhatan, and Prince George. This will also allow for better alignment to state and national testing, as well as the VHSL schedule. In focus groups and surveys, there was widespread support of an early start calendar if proposed more than a year in advance. Stakeholder representatives on the School Advisory Committee were used in the drafting of the calendar.

Changed from the June first read, adds the required extra holiday around the Labor Day weekend.

Health and Dental Contracts 2021-2022 – (Second Read)

Technical assistance was provided by Scott Eastman, Faison Group, a benefits consulting firm.

Maggie Walker currently offers the following fully-insured healthcare options from Anthem Insurance: one PPO (Keycare 30 1000/20%/4500) and two HMO's (HK POS OA 25/20%/4500, and HK POS OA 25 500/20%/4000) for employees and retirees*. Anthem **Vision** and Dental **are** offered for employees and retirees. * The Health care renewal proposed by Anthem would incur a

3% increase. This is within budget projections. The three products proposed remain the same for health care. Anthem Vision and Dental rates have **remained flat**. Staff are pleased with the health, vision, & dental plan so we plan to renew with Anthem Health, Vision & Dental.

Open enrollment for employees is scheduled for September. Detailed information, as well as group meetings describing the benefit plans, will be available to our employees to assist them in making an informed decision.

The new plan year begins October 1, 2021.

*No school-paid subsidy is provided for retirees who contribute 100% premium.

<u>Policy and Regulation Updates</u> – (Second Read)

The Policy Steering Committee offers the following policies and regulations for Regional School Board consideration and approval. These policies were previously submitted at the board's June meeting. All policies include only minor edits that offer no content changes but comply with the 2-year review requirement.

Final	REVIEWED AND NOT UPDATED	UPDATED FOR 2-YEAR REQUIREMENT-ONLY MINOR CHANGES THAT DO NOT CHANGE CONTENT	
	Foundations		
<u>0000</u>	Legal Status	No change	
<u>0003</u>	Construction Planning	No change	
0004	Educational Facilities	No change	
	Specifications		
	School Board Governance		
<u>1004</u>	Board Member Authority	No change	
<u>1009.1</u>	Items for Adoption, Revision,	Capitalization change and deleted 2 cross-	
	Suspension	references, 1-CCPS, 1-Henrico	
<u>1012.b</u>	Policy Steering Committee	Completed cross reference name	
<u>1012.c</u>	Disciplinary Committee	Capitalization changes	
<u>1014</u>	Closed Meetings	No change	
<u>1015</u>	Calling and Certification of	No change	
	Closed Meetings		
<u>1017</u>	Board-Staff Communications	No change	
<u>1019</u>	Minutes	Capitalization changes	
<u>1022</u>	Regular School Board Meetings	Spacing change	
<u>1024-R</u>	Regulation for Public	No change	
	Participation at School Board		
	Meetings		
<u>1025</u>	Voting Method	No change	
	Administration		
<u>2006</u>	Appointment and Term of the	No change	
	Director		
<u>2013.1</u>	Educational Facilities	Deleted TBD cross-references. Minor	
	Specifications	capitalization changes	
<u>2021.1</u>	School Closings	Capitalization change	

2021.2	Electronic Room Partitions	No change	
2023	Threat Assessment Team	No change	
2049	Public Information Program	Capitalization changes	
<u>2050-R</u>	Guidelines for Distribution of	No change	
2000 11	Information/Materials to		
	Students and Staff		
2070	Internet Privacy	No change	
2070-R	Internet Privacy Policy	No change	
	Statement		
	Instruction		
3001.1	Notifications of Learning	No change	
	Objectives		
3003.2	Retaking SOL Assessments	No change	
<u>3003.3</u>	Academic Freedom	Capitalization change	
3003.4	Religion in School	No change	
3003.5	Alternatives to Animal	No change	
	Dissection		
<u>3003.8</u>	Online Courses and Virtual	No change	
	School Programs		
<u>3005</u>	Instructional Materials	No change	
<u>3005.1</u>	Regulation for Guest Speakers	Renamed to Regulation and minor	
		capitalization change	
<u>3006</u>	Textbook Selection, Adoption,	Minor capitalization change	
	and Purchase		
<u>3006.1</u>	Supplementary Materials	Minor capitalization change	
	Selection and Adoption		
<u>3007</u>	Administration of Surveys and	No change	
	Questionnaires		
<u>3009</u>	Testing Programs	No change	
<u>3012</u>	Health Education/Physical	No change	
	Education		
<u>3018</u>	Acceleration	Spacing change	
<u>3021.1</u>	Regulation - MLWGS	Deleted TBD cross-references	
	Homework Guidelines		
<u>3032</u>	Study Abroad	No change	
4012	Student Services		
<u>4012</u>	Child Abuse and Neglect	Admin title change, gender-neutral change,	
4015	Report	and capitalization change	
<u>4015</u>	Student Fees, Fines, and	Minor corrections	
4020	Charges Student Organization	No shansas	
<u>4030</u>	Student Organization Procedure for Student	No changes	
<u>4030-P</u>		No changes	
4020.1	Organization Activities Sororities and Fraternities	No shangas	
<u>4030.1</u> 4022		No changes	
<u>4032</u>	Student Publications	Minor spacing changes	
<u>4073</u>	Blood Borne Contagious or	Capitalization changes	
4072 D	Infectious Diseases	bool Domoused numbered hullets	
<u>4073-R</u>	Regulation Pertaining to School	Removed numbered bullets	
	Attendance of Students with		

	Blood Borne Contagious or		
	Infectious Diseases		
4074	Guidelines for School	Capitalization changes, unbolding text, and	
	Attendance for Students with	minor correction	
	Human Immunodeficiency		
	Virus		
	Human Resources		
<u>5000</u>	Personnel Policies Goals	No changes	
<u>5000.2</u>	Employment of Family Members	No changes	
<u>5014</u>	Staff-Board Communications	Spacing change	
<u>5016.2</u>	Staff Gifts and Solicitations	No changes	
<u>5017.1</u>	Staff Compensation Procedures	No changes	
<u>5050.2</u>	Regulation Pertaining to	No changes	
	Retirement		
<u>5050.3</u>	Regulation Pertaining to Post- Retirement Earnings	No changes	
5065-R2	Personal Leave	Delete other division cross-reference and	
		spacing correction	
5065-R10.1	Leave Without Pay	No changes	
5065-R14	Civic Leave	Delete other division cross reference	
5066	Absenteeism and Tardiness	Deleted CCPS cross reference	
<u>5075</u>	Child Abuse and Neglect	Admin title change, gender-neutral change	
	Reporting	and capitalization change	
<u>5075-P</u>	Child Abuse and Neglect	Deleted Associate Admin title and minor	
	Reporting and Follow-up	capitalization changes	
<u>5080</u>	Staff Research and Publishing	No changes	
<u>5091</u>	Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products	No changes	
<u>5091-R</u>	Regulation – Tobacco Products	Minor grammatical change. Max verified	
	and Nicotine Vapor Products	student handbook section is correct	
	Community Relations		
<u>6004</u>	Relations with Parent	No changes	
	Organizations		
<u>6009.1</u>	Tobacco Products and Nicotine	No changes	
	Vapor Products		
<u>6009.1R</u>	Regulation: Tobacco Products	Minor grammatical change. Max verified	
	and Nicotine Vapor Products	student handbook section is correct	
<u>6010.1</u>	Community Use of School	No changes	
	Facilities		
7002	Finance & Operations	NT1	
<u>7002</u>	Insurance Management	No changes	
7002.1	Inventory and Reporting of Loss or Damage	No changes	
<u>7010</u>	Advertising in the School	No changes	
<u>7011</u>	School Activity Funds	Spacing correction and capitalization change	
<u>7013.1</u>	Sales and Solicitation in School	No changes	
<u>7016</u>	Non-Locally Funded Programs	Spacing correction and capitalization change	
<u>7017</u>	Cash in School	No changes	

7019	Petty Cash Funds	No changes
<u>7030</u>	Payroll Procedures	Spacing correction
<u>7031</u>	Salary Deductions	Capitalization change
<u>7050</u>	Public Gifts to MLWGS	No changes
	Student Conduct	
<u>8003</u>	Compulsory Attendance	Administrative title change and spacing
		correction
<u>8029</u>	Search and Seizure	No changes
<u>8032</u>	Vandalism	Minor capitalization change

International Trip Proposal: France, Spring Break 2022 – (Second Read)

AP French students will be immersed in French culture and language. They will stay with host families and part of the time; they will attend Charles de Chauve High School with their host siblings. Students will also have three excursions to Paris, Versailles, and Chantilly Castle.

Students will be able to improve their language skills, make long-lasting connections with the French community, be ambassadors, and they will strengthen their competencies in French history and culture.

A maximum number of students = 22.

The number of chaperones is undecided at this time.

Estimate per Student Cost: \$2,692-\$2,260 depending on the number of students participating

At this point in the meeting, the board returned to addressing the remaining agenda items XII individually, taken out-of-order.

i. Amend FY22 Student Fee Schedule – (Waive First Read Requested)

On a motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Krishan Agrawal, the Regional School Board unanimously approved waiving the first read for amending the FY22 Student Fee Schedule.

The AY22 Student Fee Schedule was adopted by the RSB at their April 2021 meeting, the amended proposal reflects pricing changes we received since approval. The board's action will allow publication notice to constituents before the collection of fees.

On a motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Sarah Barber, the board unanimously approved the amended FY22 Student Fee Schedule.

g. #g2 -Policy 4005 – VHSL Sports and Activity Policy – (*Waive First Read Requested*)

On a motion by Sarah Barber, seconded by Debbie Bailey, the Regional School Board approved waiving first read for amending Policy 4005, with John Axselle voting no and all others voting yes.

The board discussed the request to amend this policy to allow a student with local superintendent approval to participate in **non-VHSL** activities only that are not offered at Maggie Walker Governor's School at their home division school.

On a motion by Sarah Barber, seconded by Valarie Ayers, the board approved amending Policy 4005 as described, with John Axselle voting no and all others voting yes.

g. #g3 Policies No. 1030-Rs and 1030-R2 Relating to Admission of Students (*Waive First Read Requested*)

The Policy Steering Committee offers policy changes for Regional School Board consideration that is recommended by the Planning Committee relating to future student admissions to Maggie Walker Governor's School.

The board discussed the concept of proposed changes, but without an outline of what that would consist of from the Planning Committee for the board to review at this meeting, and the need to take admission changes back to their respective school boards for their input, on a motion from John Axselle, seconded by Debbie Bailey, on a unanimous vote the board tabled action on this item for August and to bring it back for the first read in September with back-up information/documents.

e. Change Date of September Executive School Board Meeting due to Holiday (Second Read)

On a motion from Valarie Ayers, seconded by Micky Ogburn, the board unanimously approved changing the September meeting from an Executive School Board meeting to a full Regional School Board meeting.

With a second motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Martha Harris, the board unanimously approved the meeting date change from September 16 to September 22, 2021, at a location to be determined.

XIV. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. Policy and Regulation Proposals (First Read)

The following is submitted to the Regional School Board for first read and review:

	VSBA POLICY UPDATES SUMMER 2021			
RL	RL Final Foundations			
0001		School Goals and Objectives	Legal references updated	
0011		Nondiscrimination	Policy and legal references updated	
0012		Educational Philosophy	Policy and legal references updated	
		School Board Governance		
1020		Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations	Changes to rules for meetings when a quorum is physically assembled. Expands rules re medical conditions and expands the number of meetings in which a member may participate	

			remotely due to a personal matter. RSB members may participate remotely when a family member's medical condition requires the RSB member to care for the family member. Limited to 2 meetings/year or 25% of meetings. When a quorum is not physically assembled the purpose of the meeting must be to provide for the continuity of RSB operations or the discharge of the lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the RSB. Must arrange for public access to the meeting through electronic means and must provide the public an opportunity to comment
<u>1022.1</u>	Regional School Board Organizational Meeting	New to MW	Moves local elections to November but does not change the statutes controlling when organizational meetings are held
	Administration		
2007	Qualifications and Duties for the		MW does not practice collective
	Director		bargaining.
<u>2009</u>	Evaluation of the Director		Policy and legal references updated
<u>2011</u>	Policy Implementation		Policy and legal references updated
2021	Safety Drills		Each school is required to have at least one lockdown drill during the first 20 days of each school session
<u>2065</u> /3045	Acceptable Computer Use		Policy, legal, and cross-references updated
<u>2065-R</u>	Technology Use Guidelines		NO CHANGE. Can keep as a local regulation if we choose – but VSBA will not provide updates going forward
	Instruction		
<u>3001</u>	Instructional Goals and Objectives		Policy and legal references updated
3004	School Year/School Day		If school closes for in-person instruction because of weather or another emergency, the school may declare an unscheduled remote learning day with services provided per DOE guidelines

<u>3008</u> /5003	Acceptance of Electronic	Policy updated
	Signature and Records	2 1
3011	Guidance and Counseling	Legal references updated
	Program	
<u>3013</u>	Driver Education	Driver education must include
		instruction on the dangers of
		speeding. BOE is developing a
		standard form for all students to
		use and every school will be
		required to use
<u>3015</u>	Character Education	Legal references updated
<u>3020</u>	Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol,	Adds underage marijuana use to
	and Tobacco	the list of things on which schools
		are required to provide instruction
<u>3035</u>	Parent and Family Engagement	Legal references updated
<u>3045</u> /2065	Acceptable Computer Use	Policy, legal and cross-references
		updated
<u>3045-R</u>	Technology Use Guidelines	NO CHANGE. Can keep as a
		local regulation if we choose – but
		VSBA will not provide updates
		going forward
	Student Services	
<u>4009</u>	Drugs in School	Removes possession of marijuana
		at school from the list of causes
		for mandatory expulsion
<u>4046</u>	Student Transcripts	Specifies transcripts contain the
		information specified by VBOE.
		Removing gender
<u>4075</u>	Student Wellness	Adds an annual report to the RSB
<u>4095</u>	Administering Medicines to	Has a delayed effective date of
	Students	January 2022. Schools required to
		stock albuterol inhalers and
		valved holding chambers for
		students believed to require such
		medication
5002/2000	Human Resources	
<u>5003</u> /3008	Acceptance of Electronic	Policy updated
5005	Signatures and Records	
<u>5006</u>	Evaluation of Professional Staff	Requires evaluations include
5011/2000		cultural competency.
<u>5011</u> /8000	Prohibition Against Harassment	Specifies that discrimination
	and Retaliation	based on military status is
5011.2	Duchibition of Abusine Wester	grievable.
<u>5011.2</u>	Prohibition of Abusive Work	Definitions for abusive conduct,
	Environment	abusive work environment,
		physical and psychological harm.
		Abusive conduct by an employee
		is what a reasonable person would

		find hostile and is severe enough
		to cause physical or psychological
		harm to another. Must consider
		the severity, nature, and frequency
		of the conduct and continuation if
		the employee has been asked to
		stop. Abusive conduct includes
		verbal or physical conduct that is
		threatening, intimidating, or
		humiliating; also gratuitous
		sabotage or undermining of
		another employee's work.
		Abusive conduct is not a single
		act unless especially severe.
		Abusive conduct includes
		attempts to exploit another's
		vulnerability and/or repeated
		verbal abuse. Physical and
		psychological harm must be
		documented by a licensed
		professional
5012/	Equal Employment	Replaces "status as a veteran"
8001	Opportunities/Nondiscrimination	with "military status" as a
<u></u>	opportunities, i tonellocitienties	characteristic protected from
		discrimination. Also contains a
		definition of "military status" to
		include members of the uniformed
		services or reserves, veterans,
		dependents, spouse, child, an
		individual for whom the
		servicemember provides more
		than one-half of the support for
		180 days preceding the allegedly
		discriminatory action. RSB may
		want to name an Alternate
		Compliance Office who is not the
		same gender as the Compliance
		Officer
5022	Suspension of Staff Members	Policy updated
<u>5022</u> <u>5030</u>	Professional Staff Development	Requires training in 2022, all
5050	r roressionar Starr Development	licensed staff complete cultural
		competency training. Culture
		competency training. Culture
		evaluations
<u>5064</u>	Staff Time Schedules	Significant Change: VA 40.1-
5004	Starr Thile Schedules	29.2, RSB can no longer give
		comp time instead of paying
		overtime to non-exempt
		-
		employees. Creates severe

		penalties if we do. New for VA to legislate
<u>5074</u>	Effective of Criminal Conviction or Rounded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect	Policy and legal references updated
	Community Relations	
<u>6020</u>	Reproduction and Use of Copyrighted Materials	Policy and cross-references updated
	Finance & Operations	
<u>7006</u>	Food Services	RSB cannot file lawsuits against students or parents because the student cannot afford to pay for a meal or owes a school debt
	Student Conduct	
<u>8000</u> /5011	Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation	Policy and legal references updated
<u>8001</u> /5012	Educational Opportunities/Nondiscrimination - Student	Policy updated. Legal references updated.
<u>8001.1</u>	Section 504 Nondiscrimination Policy and Complaint Procedures	Policy, legal, and cross-references updated
<u>8002</u>	Student Conduct	Legal references updated
8010	Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals	The student can miss (1) day per year for a 'civic' event. We can require advance notice and evidence of participation
<u>8013</u>	Disciplining Students with Disabilities	Policy and legal references updated
8015	Teacher Removal of Student From Class	Policy updated
8090	Student Suspension/Expulsion	Removes possession of marijuana from mandatory expulsion

b. New Course Proposals AY23 (First Read)

The following courses are proposed for AY2022-2023:

1. Department, if applicable: <u>General Elective</u>

COURSE TITLE: AP Seminar: A Life Well Lived

Prerequisite(s): Students must have taken or be enrolled in at least one other AP class

2. Department: Fine Arts

COURSE TITLE: Topics in Art History

Prerequisite(s): None

3. Department: Mathematics and Computer Science

COURSE TITLE: AP Computer Science A

Prerequisite(s): Algebra II (per Collegeboard, AP Computer Science Principles SHOULD NOT be seen as a prerequisite to this course)

4. Department: Fine Arts

COURSE TITLE: Percussion Ensemble

Prerequisite: N/A

XV. Information Items

• Class of 2013 Alum Cheta Emba, 2021 Tokyo, Japan Olympian

XVI. Superintendent's Steering Committee Report

Dr. Raley had no report to present as committee members are attending the VASS Conference so there was no meeting.

XVII. Closed Meeting

The Chair announced the item for the closed session:

Do I hear a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with Sections (§) 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and specifically under the following enumerated subsection, the following items:

Subsection 1: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the School Board. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter which involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the School Board.

On a motion by Martha Harris, seconded by Sarah Barber, the Regional School Board unanimously approved moving into a closed session.

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Clerk was invited back and asked to record a motion to reconvene in an open session.

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

The Chair read the certification of the closed session:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Regional School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i-one) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and (ii-two) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting. Any member of the Regional School Board or committee who believes that there was a departure from these requirements shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.

The Chair asked if there were any statements or concerns from board members. Being none, a motion was requested for closed session certification.

On a motion by Valarie Ayers, seconded by Linda Hyslop, the Regional School Board unanimously approved closed session certification.

XIX. Announcements/Additional Discussion

None.

XX. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

On a motion by Martha Harris, seconded by John Axselle, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 am.

Next Meeting – Regional School Board (date change)

September 22, 2021, at 9:00 am. Location TBD. 804-354-6800 x2190.

John Wright, Chair

Robert Lowerre, Ph.D., Director

Minutes Recorded by: Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk

MLWGS 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS/OBJECTIVES/ACTION STEPS

DATE: August 11, 2021 Blue Text = Updates Green = Completed

GOAL 1		Responsible Party	Measure- ment	Year to begin	Cost to Budget
	MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL WILL CREATE A WELCOMING AND RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT CELEBRATES AND REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WE SERVE AND FOSTERS A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR ALL		ment	Implemen- tation 2020	
OBJ 1.1	BELONGING FOR ALL. MLWGS will engage and educate			2020	
06) 1.1	our school districts about the opportunities available to them in our learning environment.				
1.1.2	Develop and enhance relationships with districts, schools, administrators, counselors, teachers, parents, and potential students.	Administration, Counseling, Faculty			
OBJ 1.2	MLWGS will create an				
UDJ 1.2	environment that provides a sense of belonging and fosters student and family engagement.				
1.2.1	Examine and eliminate structural barriers that prevent students from availing themselves of all the opportunities at MLWGS.	Planning Committee, Administration, Foundation	SAC is working on this.		
1.2.2	Access to wraparound services (Identify and fill gaps in student mental health and wellness programs)	School Counseling			
1.2.3	Review and reform policies and procedures that impede inclusion (e.g. mental health intake, bathroom policies, club and extra- curricular policies)	Counseling, Administration, AD, School Board			
1.2.4	Enhance communications to make sure students have knowledge of and are able to seek resources	Counseling			
1.2.5	Facilitate student input and feedback	Administration, Counseling	Surveys completed by SAC		
1.2.6	Analyze and strengthen the student onboarding process to prepare accepted students for the MLWGS experience	Counseling	Freshmen Orientation is being studied as well as the process for registering for classes.		
1.2.7	Equip faculty with tools to foster an inclusive environment	Administration, External Trainers	We have begun working with VCIC		
OBJ 1.3	MLWGS will codevelop a plan with its districts to increase				

	enrollment of historically				
	underserved populations.				
1.3.1 OBJ. 1.4	In compliance with FY 2021 Budget Item 145, C-27,I, the school will work with the partner districts to collect application and admission data to be used to support a plan to increase the percentage of historically underserved populations at MLWGS. MLWGS will develop a strategy to increase the demographic diversity of our faculty and staff. Examine barriers to hiring and	Dr. Lowerre Dr. Lowerre, Dr.	We have been working with districts to improve access for underserved minorities. Significant improvement has been made this year.		
	retaining diverse faculty.	Williams,			
1.4.2	Strengthen professional development resources for faculty.	Dr. Williams, Dr. Lowerre, Mr. Smith	Currently reviewing PD proposals for 21- 22 including outside support.		
1.4.3	Develop hiring strategy.	Leadership Team			
1.4.4	Develop outreach program for recruiting teachers from multiple districts and education graduate schools.	Dr. Lowerre			
GOAL 2	MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL WILL ENGAGE STUDENTS WITH INNOVATIVE CURRICULA AND RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION THAT FOCUSES ON STUDENT- CENTERED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING. INSTRUCTION WILL BE INTERDISCIPLINARY AND ENRICHED BY LOCAL AND GLOBAL CONNECTEDNESS.	Responsible Party	Measure- ment	Year to begin Implemen- tation 2020-2021	Cost to Budget
OBJ 2.1	Students will engage in exciting			2020-2021	
	distinctive courses that are designed to deepen students interest.				
2.1.1	Encourage a collaborative environment for ongoing innovation of all course offerings.	Admin, Mr. Zweerink			
2.1.2	Expand dual enrollment course offerings and include courses through additional university partners.	Dr. Lowerre	Meetings with VCU are ongoing		
2.1.3	Investigate offering courses with comparatively smaller student enrollment.	Dr. Lowerre, Dr. Ellis	We allowed classes to "make" this year with lower enrollments.		
2.1.4	Expand the menu of teacher- created courses that center on experiential learning, interdisciplinary and global awareness.	Admin and Department Chairs	New Seminar courses are being offered		

	Expand student enrollment in SGC's and teacher-developed courses.	Dr. Lowerre	being taken to the Planning		
	courses.		the Planning		
			U		
			Committee and the RSB.		
2.1.6	Augment opportunities for	Leadership Team	A partnership		
	student travel and beyond-the-		with a French		
	classroom experiences.		school is being		
2.1.7	Develop a reimagined FIRC course	Mr. Smith,	discussed.		
2.1.7	to equip freshmen to succeed at	Leadership Team			
	MLWGS	p			
OBJ 2.2	Teachers will provide engaging,				
	student-centered instruction.				
2.2.1	Encourage teachers to enhance	Leadership Team,			
	student engagement, embed	Tech Integrators			
	community engagement, and integrate instructional technology				
	within their curricula.				
2.2.2	Provide opportunities for teachers	Admin			
	to participate in training and				
	collegial discussions about				
	enhancing student engagement,				
	embedding community				
	engagement, and integrating				
	instructional technology within their curricula.				
2.2.3	Incentivize teachers to enhance	Admin			
2.2.5	student engagement, embed	Admin			
	community engagement, and				
	integrate instructional technology				
	within their curricula.				
GOAL 3	MAGGIE L. WALER GOVERNOR'S	Responsible Party	Measure-	Year to begin	Cost to Budget
			ment	Implemen-	
	WITH EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES.			tation	
OBJ 3.1	Create and fund a ten-year capital improvement plan.			2023	
3.1.1	Conduct a needs assessment of	Facilities and	Project is		
	future needs for the facility and	Technology	underway		
	technology.				
3.1.2	Forecast ten-year costs.	Facilities and			
		Technology			
OBJ 3.2	Create a better experience for			2021	
	students, teachers, and parents				
	through available software				
	solutions.				
3.1.3	Implemental funding mechanism	Mr. Smith			
	separate from the operating				
2.2.4	budget.				
3.2.1	Purchase of on-line teacher receipting program.	Ms. Hoover; Ms. Charity			
3.2.2	Implement field trip request and	Mr. Smith			
3.2.3	tracking software. Integrate field trip software with	Mr. Bortz			
224	student information system.				
3.2.4	Reduce student fees.	Leadership Team	We have reduced		
1			fees where we		
			could but many		
			could, but many of the fees are		

			through accounts.		
3.2.5	Incentivize the use of current on- line payment systems.	Dr. Lowerre	Budgeted and Completed.		
OBJ 3.3	Enhance our safe school environment.			2020	
3.3.1	Implement an annual climate survey.	Dr. Lowerre			
3.3.2	Complete a full revision of the safety/crisis plan.	Mr. Smith			
3.3.3	Further develop relations with local fire, police, and EMS in order to incorporate best practices and facilitate external audits.	Mr. Jordan			
3.3.4	Train faculty on cyber security and teaching digital literacy.	Library and Technology			
OBJ 3.4	Transition the fiscal expectations of MLWGS to a new fiscal agent.			2022	
3.4.1	Research options for future fiscal processing.	Mr. Smith			
3.4.2	Secure board approval for a new fiscal agent.	Dr. Lowerre			
3.4.3	Create a transition plan.	Ms. Hoover			