

MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Moment of Silence

The Chair called for a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Executive School Board members and visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introductions

Each member is listed in alphabetical order by locality.

Present:

Ms. Meredith Moses, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools

Ms. Heather Donbrosky, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools

Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg Public Schools

Dr. James Taylor, *School Board*, Powhatan County Public Schools

Ms. Kathryn Ricard, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools

Dr. Brian Nichols, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools

Dr. Kristin Janssen, **Executive Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Ms. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Mr. Lucas Veale, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Also present:

Dr. Max Smith and Dr. Lisa Williams – MLWGS Administration

Wendy DeGroat, Kristen Macklin, and David Bortz – MLWGS Staff

Not in Attendance:

None

Not Required to be in Attendance:

Ms. Marchelle Hampton, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools
Ms. Lisa Hudgins, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Ms. Debbie Walwer, *School Board*, Colonial Heights Public Schools
Ms. Mary Benjamin, *School Board*, Dinwiddie Public Schools
Mr. Bob May, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Ms. Alicia Atkins, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools
Unassigned, *School Board*, Hopewell Public Schools
Ms. Harwood Hall, *School Board*, King & Queen Public
Ms. Jill Andrews, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools

Dr. Katina Otey, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. John Murray, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Mr. Travis Ridley, **Superintendent**, Colonial Heights Public Schools
Dr. Kari Weston, **Superintendent**, Dinwiddie Public Schools
Dr. Andrew Armstrong, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, **Interim Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools
Dr. Amy Cashwell, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Melody Hackney, **Superintendent**, Hopewell Public Schools
Dr. Carol Carter, **Superintendent**, King & Queen Public Schools
Ms. Yolanda Brown, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Dr. Beth Teigen, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Mr. Jason Kamras, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools

V.a Approval for Board Member(s) to Participate in this Meeting Remotely

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.**

No action was needed, and there were no requests for remote participation.

V.b Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Meredith Moses, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VI. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by James Taylor, seconded by Kathryn Ricard, the minutes of the regular meeting including the FY2027 budget adoption and the 2026-31 Strategic Plan adoption on March 19, 2026, were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VII. Recognitions

- **Walker Sophomore is a National Winner of Summer Travel to Germany**

Kristen Macklin – German Language Teacher and student Skanda Azhagappan were in attendance for this recognition.

Skanda Azhagappan ('28-Chesterfield) has been awarded an all-expense-paid summer study trip to Germany. He was selected as a national winner after scoring in the 90th percentile on the 2026 National German Exam for High School Students. After qualifying with a high score on the National German Exam, Skanda responded to several short essay questions in German and in English and was then interviewed by a committee comprised of high school teachers and college professors of German.

Skanda is one of 36 outstanding German students selected from across the US to receive the award. The study trip includes round-trip airfare to Germany, a two-week homestay with a host family south of Munich, one week in Berlin, and excursions to places of cultural and historical significance. The study trip, now in its 66th year, is made possible through a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany.

- **National Medal Winners in the 2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards**

Four MLWGS students received awards in the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious awards for creative teens. Select award-winners are invited to celebrate in NYC for the National Ceremony and more, June 9-11, 2026.

MW student winners include:

- Sophia Runberg ('26-Richmond) – Silver Medal for her cyanotype made in the Fashion Senior Seminar.
- Shanshan Liu ('28-Henrico) – Gold Medal and American Visions award for her print “Anchored in Stories,” made as an independent project.
- Priya Kumar ('27-Henrico) – Silver Medal for her personal essay, “On the Silence of Cultural Cissonace,” and
- Emeline Zhou ('29-Chesterfield) – Silver Medal for her poem, “Palindromic Rain.”

Teachers Kerry Sheppard and Georgianne Stinnett, along with Priya and Emeline were in attendance 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.

No comments were received via the online form or presented in person at this meeting.

IX. Consent Items

There was a brief update regarding finances and year-end balances, including replacement of another HVAC unit this fiscal year.

Ms. Moses asked about the ASL interpreting line item on the transaction register and if it was for a deaf student. Dr. Janssen stated it was for a teacher who needs this service to hear us.

On a motion by Meredith Moses to approve the consent items as a slate, seconded by Kathryn Ricard, the following items were unanimously approved on a voice vote: personnel actions, fiscal status reports of March 30, 2026, and the donations report of March 31, 2026.

X. Action Items

a. Annual Authorization for the Executive Director to Issue Personnel Contracts for AY2027 (*Second Read*)

The Regional School Board grants the executive 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 FY2027 Operating Budget approved on March 19, 2026.

On a motion from Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by James Taylor, the Executive School Board authorized the executive director to issue personnel contracts for AY2027 on a unanimous voice vote.

b. Textbook Adoption-Science AY2027 (*Second Read*)

With developments in technology and new discoveries, the field of genetics and biotechnology has changed dramatically. The current genetics book has been used for over 10 years. In addition to the content and vocabulary being out of date, the text is in hard copy only. Genetics needs an up-to-date book and Pearson Publishing offers a vast suite of online resources for both teachers and students.

BOOK(S) SELECTED FOR PUBLIC VIEW:

Concepts of Genetics, 13th edition

Authors: Klug

Copyright: 2025

ISBN-13: 9780135323465 (2025 update)

Price: \$174.00

Essentials of Genetics, 10th edition

Authors: Klug
Copyright: 2019
ISBN-13: 9780135588789 (2019 update)
Price: \$174.00

Genetics Analysis: An Integrated Approach, 3rd edition

Authors: Sanders, Bowman
Copyright: 2024
ISBN: 9780135588789 (2021 update)
Price: \$174.00

With developments in technology and new discoveries, the field of biology has changed dramatically, particularly with respect to genetics. The current biology book has been used for over 7 years. In addition to the content being out of date, the online resources are also antiquated. Biology needs an up-to-date book and Pearson Publishing offers a vast suite of online resources for both teachers and students.

BOOK(S) SELECTED FOR PUBLIC VIEW:

Biological Science, 8th edition

Authors: Freeman
Copyright: 2025
ISBN-13: 9780138276263 (2024 update)
Price: \$235.00 per student for 6 years

Campbell Biology: Concepts & Connections, 10th edition

Authors: Taylor
Copyright: 2021
ISBN-13: 9780136538783 (2020 update)
Price: \$235.00 per student for 6 years

Campbell Biology in Focus, 4th edition

Authors: Urry
Copyright: 2024
ISBN: 9780138272579 (2024 update)
Price: \$235.00 per student for 6 years

On a motion from James Taylor, seconded by Meredith Moses, Science textbooks listed for AY2027 were adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

c. RFP for Photography Services FY2027 (*Second Read*)

An [RFP for Photography Services](#) for the 2026-2027 school year was advertised on mlwgs.com for sealed bids due February 27,2026.

The purpose of this RFP is to attract written proposals from responsive and responsible vendors to establish a one (1) year term contract with optional one-year renewals to provide Photography Services at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School. It is anticipated the contract will be effective July 1, 2026.

A summary of services is listed below:

Summary of Services

School and Student Photography Summary of Services

Senior Portraits

Freshman, Sophomores, Junior Portraits

Faculty/Staff Portraits

Electronic Reproduction of all pictures

All Dances (3) – Candid Shots

Senior Class Photo with caps and gowns

School Board and Superintendent Photo

Evening events: e.g., concerts, drama, etc

Sports Photography Summary of Services

Team Pictures

Team Action Shots: at least two athletic events per varsity team

On a motion from Kathryn Ricard, seconded by James Taylor, Cady, located at 121 Landmark Square, Virginia Beach, VA, 23452, was awarded the winning bidder on Photography services RFP FY2027 on a unanimous voice vote.

XI. Director's Report

A. Verbal Updates

On the evening of Friday, April 10, 2026, the Governor's School community is invited to the Shamin Hotels Speaker Series Legislators Forum on Education and Civic Participation hosted by the Governor's School Foundation. This forum featuring Virginia State Delegates and Senators from across the districts served by Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is being organized by our amazing [Foundation Fellows](#). Reserve your seat and submit questions for the legislators [online](#) or using the QR code below.

Join the Governor's School Foundation on April 10 for:
Legislators Forum on Education and Civic Engagement

Presented by the Maggie Walker Foundation Fellows as part of the Shamin Hotels Speaker Series

Hear from delegates from our surrounding counties in a discussion on education and civic engagement.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
 7PM - 8PM
 MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Confirmed speakers so far include:

				
Betsy B. Carr 78th District D - City of Richmond	Lindsay Dougherty 78th District D - Counties of Chesterfield and Prince George; City of Hopewell	May Niver 57th District D - Counties of Goochland and Henrico	Schuyler VanValkenburg District 16 D - Henrico	R. Lee Ware 72nd District R - Counties of Amelio, Chesterfield, Nottoway, and Powhatan

To secure your seat and submit questions for legislators, RSVP using the QR Code



Maggie Walker students are permitted to log NHS or TJHS hours for attending.

MLWGS Foundation Fellows:
 Anushri Ramesh '26, Daniel Zhang '26, Frankie Monroe '26,
 Emma Lindsay '26, Alina Laraway '26, Lily Voorless '26, Reagan Carroll '26

- **Community Connections Day, April 14, 2026 (Inaugural Event)**

Community Connections Day, an event designed to strengthen partnerships and tell our unique story, took place at MLWGS on April 14th from 9 AM-2 PM. This outreach event served as an opportunity for Board members, superintendents, administrators, instructional specialists, and counselors to visit our school to learn more about our program, our admissions process, and the student experience. Guests will be welcomed with a brief introduction, a student-led tour, a presentation on academic expectations, resources, and opportunities, classroom visits, and a Q&A session. Visitors will also have lunch with two students from their school division.



- **Italian Students Compete at National Italian Contest**

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is the only high school in the Commonwealth of Virginia that offers Italian as a course of study. We compete with all high schools in the states across the USA when taking the National Italian Contest. It is with great pride that I [teacher Susan Hefty] salute the following students in Italian II Honors and Italian I Honors for having scored in the 96% or better in either the reading or listening (or both) sections of this test.

The '*' students scored a perfect on both sections. Medals and monetary awards will be given later in April.

Italian II Honors	Italian I Honors
David Lins *	Ethan Parry * Perfect Score
Eli Konikoff *	Evlylana Gonzalez-Hernandez * Perfect Score
Ethan Roerink *	Kyle Lane * Perfect Score
Jake Bryner *	
	Several students had a perfect listening score
	and/or 96^ reading score

- **The We the People: The Citizen and Constitution National Competition and Finals, April 17-19, 2026**

WTP is an academic competition that allows students to display their civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to effectively participate in our constitutional democratic republic through simulated congressional hearings. Approximately one thousand students from forty-eight classes will participate in 648 half-hour hearings during the National Finals, **April 17-19, 2026**. This year marks MW's 28th appearance at nationals.

- **Special Election on Tuesday, April 21st - MLWGS remains open**

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will remain open for a full day of instruction on Tuesday, April 21, despite the scheduled special election.

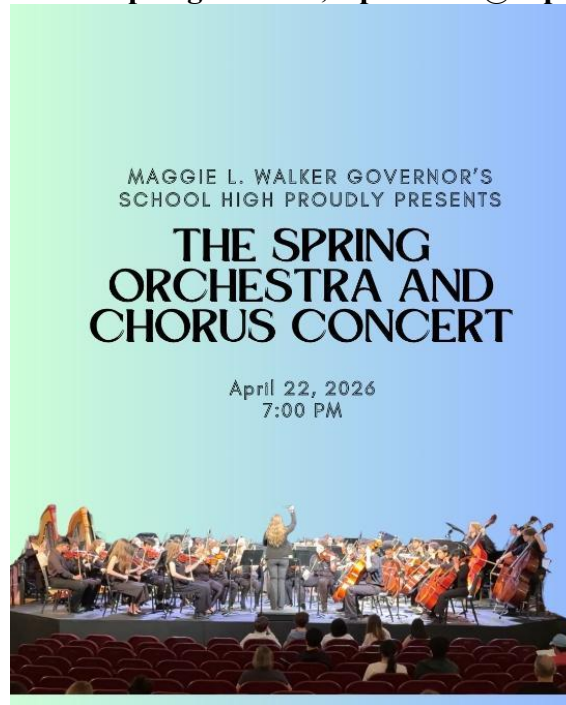
We understand that Election Day operations can raise questions, and we want to share the factors that guided this decision. Historically, voter turnout in the two precincts that use our building has been relatively low. Additionally, we can accommodate both polling stations in our two health classrooms, which are adjacent and have an exterior entrance nearby. This allows us to effectively isolate that portion of the building from the rest of the school and maintain a secure learning environment for students and staff.

Equally important, this winter's inclement weather has already brought us to the minimum number of instructional hours required by the Virginia Department of Education. Because we rely on transportation from multiple participating divisions, extending the school day is not feasible. Closing on April 21 would require us to increase instructional time in other ways, including potentially cutting into student lunch periods, which we are working to avoid.

As a regional high school program, maintaining consistent instructional time is critical to supporting our students' academic progress. For that reason, we will proceed with a normal school day.

If your home division is unable to provide transportation on April 21 and your family cannot arrange transportation, your student will receive an excused absence. However, classes will be held as scheduled, and we encourage all students who can attend to do so.

- **MLWGS Orchestra and Chorus Spring Concert, April 22nd @ 7 pm, Auditorium**



- **Guest Speaker for Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society and the MLWGS Math Department, April 24th @ 3:30 pm**

Dr. Finale Doshi-Velez (MLWGS Class of 2001).

Finale Doshi-Velez is a Herchel Smith Professor in Computer Science at the Harvard Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. She completed her MSc from the University of Cambridge as a Marshall Scholar, her PhD from MIT, and her postdoc at Harvard Medical School. Her interests lie at the intersection of reinforcement learning, interpretability, and probabilistic methods to improve human+AI discovery and decision-making.



- **Spring Band Concert on April 27th @ 7 pm, Auditorium**



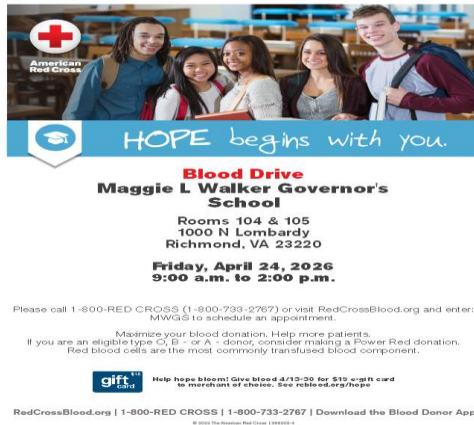
- **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 23rd**

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will host its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, April 23rd at 5:30 pm in the 'Commons', celebrating the efforts of our volunteers this past year at countless events and activities benefiting the students and school. The selfless efforts of our volunteers breathe life into many of the programs offered at MLWGS.



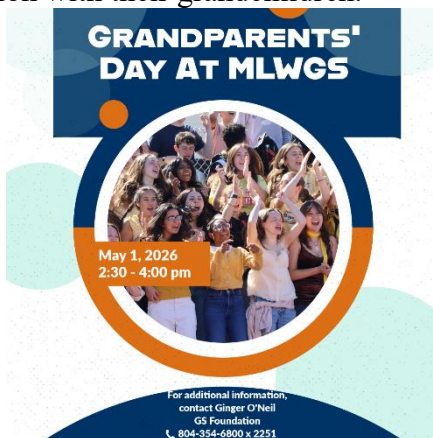
Our volunteers make us proud and remind us that community spirit, optimism, and a can-do attitude is a model for all.

- **MLWGS Spring Blood Drive, April 24th**



- **Grandparents Day, Friday, May 1st**

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.



- **AP Testing May 4 – 15, 2026**

Students will take all exams in a paper-and-pencil, in-person format.

Day – Date	Tests Administered
Monday, May 4	European History, and Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5	US Government & Politics
Wednesday, May 6	Comparative Government & Politics, and Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7	African American Studies and Statistics
Friday, May 8	Chinese Language and Culture, and Macroeconomics
Monday, May 11	Music Theory and Seminar
Tuesday, May 12	Japanese Language & Culture and Psychology
Wednesday, May 13	Physics C – Mechanics and Spanish Literature & Culture

Thursday, May 14	Computer Science Principles, and Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15	Computer Science A

- **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4 -8, 2026**

Teacher Appreciation Week is from May 5th through May 9th, 2025, when teachers get the extra credit they deserve. Teaching is known to be a time-consuming and challenging profession, so this week is our chance to say thank you to those who play or have played such a huge role in our lives.

- **MLWG Prom, May 16, 2026, @ 7 pm at The Hippodrome Theater.**

The Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 7:00- 10:00 p.m. at the Hippodrome Theater, located at 528 N 2nd St., Richmond, VA 23219.

- **Senior Art Exhibition at Artworks Gallery, opens May 8th, running through May 16th**

The gala opening of the 2026 MLWGS Senior Art Exhibition will take place at Artworks Gallery on Friday, May 8, from 6 to 8 PM. This exhibition serves as the capstone event for our visual arts program and will showcase the collected works of seniors from Maggie Walker.

Meet these amazing young artists and mingle with other Maggie Walker art lovers. Artworks Gallery is located at 320 Hull Street, RVA 23224 in the Manchester area of downtown Richmond. The show will continue through May 16th.

- **Mark your Calendar for the Senior Showcase, May 20th. Sponsor Les Cook will be in attendance for this meeting to provide details.**

Senior Showcase is the highlight of the seniors’ mentorship *or* seminar experiences. The students have worked diligently over several months, and this is an opportunity for the entire school community to enjoy the creativity and energy of their efforts.



- **NCAA Athletic Signing Day for Seniors, May 20th**

Maggie Walker will recognize all students participating in varsity athletics at their selected college on Monday, May 20th. Recognition includes all students who have committed to play on a college team (whether Division I, II, or III).

- **Converge Regional Summer Governor’s School**

Converge will be held at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School July 20-23, 2026. Converge is a Regional Summer Governor’s School for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th-grade students identified as gifted in their home school divisions. The vision of Converge is to bring students from diverse backgrounds, interests, and talents together in a shared educational setting. Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education and Region I participating districts.



B. Coming Events

April 16, 2026, through May 21, 2026

Thursday, April 16 th	Executive School Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Room 153
	No Smoking Assembly, sponsored by the SCA, 11:35 am. Auditorium
	Spirit Week (M-F) at MLWGS, sponsored by the SCA
Friday, April 17 th	Spring Pep Rally sponsored by the SCA, 2 pm, Gymnasium
Friday, April 17 th – Sunday, April 19 th	We the People Nationals held around Washington, DC
Friday, April 17 th – Saturday April 18 th	All-Virginia Band, Chorus and Orchestra at the Richmond Convention Center
Friday, April 17 th – Sunday, April 19 th	Japan Bowl Competition in Washington, DC
Tuesday, April 21 st	Special Election Day
	VCU Aleks Placement Test Registration. 11:35 pm, Auditorium
Wednesday, April 22 nd	Newtowne Tutoring, 3:30 pm. Room 104

	Spring Orchestra and Chorus Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
Thursday, April 23 rd	International Languages Honor Societies (Multiple) Induction Ceremony, 11:35 am. Auditorium
	Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30 pm, Cafeteria/Commons
Friday, April 24 th – Saturday, April 25 th	One-Acts Performance Festival, 7:00 pm, Black Box
Saturday, April 25 th	Bet on Jazz Community Event sponsored by MLWGS, 9 am – 2 pm, Auditorium
Monday, April 27 th	Spring Band Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
Wednesday, April 29 th	Senior Recognition Night at MLWGS, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
Wednesday, April 29 th – Thursday, April 30 th	Math SOLs
Friday, May 1 st	National School Principal’s Day
	Grandparents Day at MLWGS, 2:30 pm, Auditorium
Saturday, May 2 nd	VBODA Solo and Ensemble Assessments, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Multiple locations within MLWGS
Monday, May 4 th – Friday, May 8 th	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 4 th	AP Testing - European History, and Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5 th	AP Testing - US Government & Politics
	Planning Committee Meeting, 10:00 am – noon, Room 153
	Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm, Forum
Wednesday, May 6 ^h	AP Testing - Comparative Government & Politics, and Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7 th	AP Testing - African American Studies and Statistics
Friday, May 8 th	AP Testing - Chinese Language and Culture, and Macroeconomics
	Senior Art Exhibition at Artworks Gallery, 6 pm-8 pm
Saturday, May 9 th	Central VA Jazz Assessment, 8:00 am, Off Campus
Monday, May 11 th	AP Testing - Music Theory and Seminar

C. Senior Showcase with Les Cook, Coordinator

The culminating activity for the Senior Seminar/Mentorship Program is the Senior Showcase. This event is devoted to the seniors who have spent the last year either in a seminar or mentorship studying and researching a field of particular interest. Seminar students work collaboratively in each of their respective seminars to create a presentation about their year of study. Mentorship students present their specific type of mentorship experience, as well as the research they undertook during that process.

This year’s Senior Showcase event is an in-person event on May 20th.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Strategic Plan Implementation Report

No report was presented.

XIII. Materials for Board Review and/or Discussion

a. Textbook Adoption-Social Studies AY2027 (*First Read*)

The MLWGS textbook adoption process for implementation in 2026-2027 is following proper protocol. Recommendations are pending public comment.

- The following for **Social Studies** was posted to mlwgs.com on March 24, 2026, in News:

The Social Studies Department has selected textbooks available for public viewing, review, and comment in our school's library from Monday, April 6th, through Thursday, April 16th. Evaluation forms and a labeled envelope for completed forms are located next to the books for all interested constituents to review. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dan Brown, Department Chair, at dbrown@gsgis.k12.va.us.

Social Studies Department Members:

The social studies faculty include Dan Brown (Chair), Christine Anderson, Allison Anthony, John Clark, Robinette Cross, Tyler Goldberger, NaKita Lee, Alex Purifoy, Matthew Ruskan, Jaelyn Szerokman, Sam Ulmschneider, and Hana Voight.

Textbooks:

- The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People by Alan Brinkley; 10th edition, McGraw Hill Publishers, 2023.
- The American Pageant by David M. Kennedy, 18th edition, Cengage Publishing, 2025.

The executive director recommends the Regional School Board consider Social Studies textbook adoptions for 2026-2027. Approval will be requested at the board's May meeting.

b. FY2026 Budget Amendment for SoQ's Add-on Funding (*First Read*)

This amendment is necessary to comply with the General Assembly's FY2026 SoQ Position Bonus appropriation from the general fund is provided for the state share of a one-time bonus payment of \$1,500 per employee on June 1, 2026, for funded SoQ instructional and support positions, pursuant to Item 125, Paragraph C.44.b of Chapter 7, 2026 Acts of Assembly. School divisions shall have discretion to determine the amount of bonuses per employee to maximize the use of these funds to promote retention among instructional and support positions in this act.

School divisions must certify by May 1, 2026, to receive state payment for the bonus.

The original adopted FY2026 budget can be viewed [here](#).

REVENUE INCREASE:

Updated FY2026 Budget Here

420	DOE Bonus Payment	Adopted:	\$3,582,157.00
		Amended:	<u>\$3,730,714.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ 148,557.00
4199	Miscellaneous Revenue	Adopted:	\$ 50,000.00
	VCU Dual Enrollment Fees	Amended:	<u>\$ 61,940.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ 11,940.00
4227	Salary Supplements	Adopted:	\$ 12,500.00
	National Board Cert.	Amended:	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ -2,500.00
	Total Revenue	Adopted:	\$12,576,115.00
		Amended:	<u>\$12,740,280.00</u>
		Difference:	\$ 157,997.00

EXPENDITURE INCREASES:

Total All Expenses	Adopted:	\$12,616,679.00
	Amended:	<u>\$12,740,280.00</u>
	Difference:	\$ 123,601.00

The State has allocated approximately \$150,000 in additional funds to MLWGS for bonus payments. We have some flexibility in how these funds can be distributed, but we must sign off on our participation by May 1st. Unlike other divisions, MLWGS is a regional center, and the State understands that we do not have access to matching funds, so they have exempted us from those expectations.

Ms. Moses raised a question regarding the May 1st deadline, which falls before the board's next meeting in May. Dr. Janssen clarified that the State form we need to complete is merely an acknowledgment that we will accept the funds; it does not involve the receipt or distribution of the funds. Dr. Taylor suggested that we consider waiving the first reading of this item and proceed to a vote. Mrs. Marshall noted that the board's May meeting will include a vote before payroll plans to distribute funds to staff on May 31st.

The executive director recommends that the Regional School Board review the amended budget proposal for FY2026.

XIV. Information Items

- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2026
- MW Students Recognized for the 2026 Richmond Visionaries Awards
- New Student Registration at MLWGS, April 8, 2026
- MLWGS at We the People Nationals, April 17-19
- Success on the National Latin Exam 2026
- Mech Tech Dragons earn double honors at competition

- Japanese Program Participates in Richmond's Cherry Blossom Festival
- MW Visual Arts Chair, Jeff Hall, is a Finalist in the 2026 Bethesda Painting Awards

XV. New Business

- a. None.

XVI. Closed Meeting

The Chair read the following statement:

“Do I have a motion to enter closed session in accordance with Section (§) 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and specifically under Subsection No. 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.”

Kathryn Ricard made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 9:31 am, seconded by James Taylor, and was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The chair stated the motion had carried and the board is now in closed session. The recorder was turned off, and anyone who was not a board member left the meeting.

Return to Open Session

The chair called for a motion to return to an open meeting.

Meredith Moses made a motion to enter into an open meeting at 9:38 am that was seconded by Kathryn Ricard and unanimously approved with a voice vote. The chair stated, “The board is now back in open session.”

XVII. Certification of Closed Meeting

The Chair read the following statement:

“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 any board members believed there was a departure from these requirements. No board members indicated they believed there was a departure from the stated requirements.

Kathryn Ricard made a motion to certify the closed session, seconded by Meredith Moses, and was unanimously approved on a voice and roll-call vote.

The clerk recorded the roll-call vote:

Ms. Meredith Moses	Aye
Ms. Heather Donbrosky	Aye
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett	Aye
Dr. James Taylor	Aye
Ms. Kathryn Ricard	Aye

Closed Session Action

No action requiring certification were conducted during closed session.

XVIII. Announcements/Additional Discussion

- None.

XIX. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

On a motion to adjourn by Meredith Moses, seconded by Kathryn Ricard, this meeting was adjourned at 9:43 am.

Next Meeting

May 21, 2026, at 9:00 am for the Executive School Board at MLWGS, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 153, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190.

Ms. Heather Donbrosky, Chair

Kristen K. Janssen, Ed. D., Ex. Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk