The regular monthly meeting of the Gloucester County School Board was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the Acting Clerk, and the following persons were recorded as present: Troy M. Anderson, Chairperson, George R. (Randy) Burak, Kimberly (Kim) E. Hensley, Carla B. Hook, Anita F. Parker, Charles B. Records, and Kevin M. Smith, Members. Also present for the closed meeting: Walter R. Clemons, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, and John E. Hutchinson, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services and Acting Clerk.

II. CALL FOR CLOSED MEETING

At 5:32 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Mr. Records, and unanimously approved to adjourn for a closed session, pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A), Subsection 1, for the discussion of personnel matters (monthly appointments, resignations, etc.) and Subsection 2, for the discussion of student personnel matters (disciplinary matters). At 6:50 pm, the Chairperson declared a recess, and the meeting was relocated to the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium.

III. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING/CERTIFICATION

Note: Ms. Betty Jane Duncan, Deputy Clerk, recorded the remainder of the meeting. The Deputy Clerk noted that all members were present for the open meeting.

At 7:00 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Records to reconvene the meeting into open session and to certify that the Gloucester County School Board, while in closed session, discussed only public matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements provided in Subsection A of Section 2.2-3711 and that only public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burak and approved as follows:

- Mr. Burak Aye
- Ms. Hensley Aye
- Mrs. Hook Aye
- Ms. Parker Aye
- Mr. Records Aye
- Mr. Smith Aye
- Mr. Andersen Aye

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Campbell Farina, SAC representative, led the Board and citizens in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. Approval of Monthly Personnel Actions — A motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Ms. Parker, and unanimously adopted to approve the monthly listing of personnel appointments, staff leave, and contract changes. (Approved copies attached to minutes)
VI. ADDITIONS/CHANGES/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Clemons recommended the following changes to the agenda as published: Under Staff Presentations – Add presentation regarding GHS participation in VHSL Theater Festival. Under Public Announcements – Add March 7, 2015 GCPS Job Fair. A motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Ms. Hensley, and unanimously adopted to approve the agenda as amended.

VII. APPROVAL OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Hook to approve the Consent Agenda (listed below). Motion was seconded by Mr. Burak and approved with a roll call vote.

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Mr. Burak    Aye
Ms. Hensley Aye
Mrs. Hook    Aye
Ms. Parker   Aye
Mr. Records  Aye
Mr. Smith    Aye
Mr. Andersen Aye
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ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE CONSENT AGENDA:
A. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2015, Monthly/Annual Organizational Meeting
B. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2015, Special (Budget Work Session/Joint w/Board of Supervisors) Meeting
C. Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2015, Special (3-Member Hearing) Meeting
D. Informational Central Food Service Financial Report as of December 31, 2014
E. Informational Membership Report as of January 23, 2015
H. Informational Transportation Report for January, 2015
I. Policy Manual Update (1st/2nd Reading):
  1. File CF – School Building Administration (revision)

VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Announcement of February as VSBA School Board Member Appreciation Month – Dr. Clemons noted that February is recognized by the Virginia School Board Association and the Governor of Virginia as School Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of the administration and staff, he commended the Board members for their service to the community and schools and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

B. Announcement of Feb. 16-20, 2015, as VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week – Mr. Andersen noted that the week of February 16-20, 2015, has been proclaimed School Board Clerk Appreciation Week by the Virginia Schools Boards Association. He read a proclamation from the VSBA and thanked the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Acting Clerks for their services in support of the Board.

C. Proclamation of February as Career and Technical Education Month – Dr. Paul McLean, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, announced that the month of February 2015 had been proclaimed by the Governor of Virginia as Career and Technical Education month.
VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS (continued)

D. Report on Activities to Promote/Celebrate Black History Month – Dr. Wagner provided information on the activities and programs taking place within the schools in celebration of Black History Month.

E. Report on GHS Forensics Team Success – Dr. Wagner introduced members of the GHS Forensics Team who recently had participated successfully in VHSL events. Board members congratulated the students on their achievements.

F. Report on GHS Theater Festival Competition – Mr. Clint Alexander, sponsor of the GHS Theater team, presented the students who recently participated in VHSL competition. Board members offered congratulations to the students who had represented GCPS in this competition.

G. Updates on Boards/Commissions by School Board Members

Ms. Parker reminded everyone of the Education Foundation 8K/3K Run/Walk to be held on February 14 and encouraged their participation in this fundraising event.

Mr. Smith reported on the CTE Advisory Council activities, including CTE Open House for 9th graders to be held on February 12 and the CTE recognition dinner to be held on May 13.

Mr. Burak reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee currently is preparing for the Daffodil Festival in April. He also expressed appreciation to the GCPS Maintenance staff for their assistance to P&R in park work recently.

IX. CITIZENS’ COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Andersen asked if there were any persons present who wished to address the Board. He asked that all persons state their name, the district in which they reside and to limit their remarks to five minutes or less. The following persons came forward to speak:

Howard Mowry (Gloucester Point) spoke on topics including his recent visit to the new Page Middle School site, budget challenges, categorizing budget line items by schools, selling of old Page site, consolidation of services at TC Walker location, and fiscal responsibility.

Rusty West (Petsworth) emphasized the need for a line item in the budget for STEM activities as well as renewed recognition of students for academic achievements and competitions.

X. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) ITEMS – Ms. Farina expressed appreciation to the Board and staff for the bathroom enhancements which had been installed at GHS.

XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ITEMS

A. VSBA Superintendent Evaluation Workshop – Tuesday, March 3, 2015 @ VSBA Office (Charlottesville) @ 150 per person. The Clerk would like to know if anyone would like to attend for registration purposes. Note: Dr. Clemons is unable to attend.

B. VSBA Eastern Regional Forum – Monday, March 9, 2015, 5:00 pm @ Mathews High School @ $45 per person. The Clerk would like to know if anyone would like to attend for registration purposes.
XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ITEMS (continued)

C. Announcement of BOS and SB Chairs/Vice Chairs Town Meeting – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center.

D. VSBA Hot Topic Conference – Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 8:30 am @ Holiday Inn, Charlottesville @ $140 per person. The Clerk would like to know if anyone would like to attend for registration purposes. Note: Dr. Clemons is unable to attend.

E. Discussion of Possible Additional Joint Meeting w/Board of Supervisors – Mr. Andersen noted that after discussion with Board members and staff, an additional work session with the Board of Supervisors would not be scheduled at this time.

F. Other Matters as Brought up by Board Members – Ms. Parker noted the participation and attendance of staff and Board members at a recent celebration of Black History Month at Union Zion Baptist Church.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S ITEMS

A. Presentation of Superintendent’s Recommended FY2016 Budget – Dr. Clemons and Ms. Joanne Wright, Director of Budget and Finance, presented the Superintendent’s Recommended FY2016 Budget. Items presented included: information on history of average daily membership; local composite index; proposed FY2016 budget (revenue); request for additional county funding; items included in proposed budget; projected costs associated with opening middle schools in 2015-16; proposed FY2016 teacher scale; budget for Central Food Services; report of FY2016 capital needs; capital fund deferred projects; and construction fund budget. The total proposed budget presented was: Operating Fund – $54,862,971; Central Food Service – $2,653,726; CIP – $2,184,492; and Debt Service – $3,680,422. Total all funds -- $63,381,611. Board members were given the opportunity to make remarks and ask questions regarding the data presented. Mr. Andersen stated that there would be an opportunity for citizens to comment on the budget at a public hearing scheduled for February 24, and the budget calendar calls for the recommended budget to be adopted by the Board at a special meeting on February 26. (Copy of presentation, recommended budget, projected costs associated with opening middle schools, and proposed FY2016 teacher scale attached to minutes)

B. Discussion of Next Steps for Comprehensive Plan – Dr. Clemons noted that the proposed Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the GCPS website. The Board will hold a public hearing on the plan on February 24 at its work session and will also discuss the plan at that meeting. He anticipates that the plan will be ready for the Board’s approval at the regular meeting in March.

C. Update on Superintendent’s Plan of Entry – Dr. Clemons apprised the Board of activities and accomplishments during the first six months of his tenure as Division Superintendent. He will continue to provide the Board with progress reports at future meetings.

At 9:08 pm, the Chairperson declared a brief recess. Meeting was reconvened at 9:17 pm.
XIII. BUDGET AND FINANCE ITEMS

A. Acceptance of Donations -- Ms. Wright highlighted the donations received by the division totaling $13,492.59. A motion was made by Ms. Parker and seconded by Mr. Burak to accept with grateful appreciation the donations as outlined. The Deputy Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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B. Informational Financial Reports – Ms. Wright presented the following reports which were accepted by the Board as information:


XIV. INSTRUCTIONAL ITEMS

A. Monthly Departmental Report – Dr. Wagner reviewed highlights of the month from Instructional Services. Mrs. Hook requested that an update be provided at a future meeting on the integration of Ipads into the instructional program.

B. Establishment of a Student-Run Credit Union at GHS – Dr. Wagner apprised the Board of plans to establish a student-run credit union at GHS. A request for proposals will be issued through the county purchasing department in order to receive information from various financial institutions which may be willing to sponsor this program.

C. Technology Update – Mr. Jim Brogan, Director of Technology, provided an update on technology for Gloucester County Public Schools. (Copy of presentation attached to minutes)

XV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Monthly Departmental Report – Mr. Hutchinson reviewed departmental activities accomplished during the month.

B. Update on Redistricting Plans – Mr. Hutchinson reported on the meetings and discussions of the Redistricting Committee. He and Ms. Anne Lanan, Director of Transportation, highlighted the changes which would be advertised to parents and submitted for adoption at the March meeting of the Board.

XVI. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Andersen read the following public announcements:

A. GCPS Educational Foundation’s 8K Run/3K Walk – Saturday, February 15, 2015, 9:30 am @ Gloucester High School
B. Professional Day (No Students) or Possible Makeup Day – Monday, February 16, 2015
C. Next Special Meeting (Budget Work Session/Public Hearing) – Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 7:00 pm @ the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Auditorium)
D. Next Special Meeting (Budget Adoption/Work Session) – Thursday, February 26, 2015, 5:30 pm, the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Auditorium)
XVI. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

E. GCPS Job Fair – March 7, 2015, 8:30 am-12:00 noon, TC Walker Education Center
F. Professional Day (No Students) or Possible Makeup Day – Monday, March 9, 2015
G. Next Monthly School Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 7:00 pm @ the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Auditorium)

XVII. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

At 10:39 pm, there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of February 10, 2015, until the next special meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (auditorium).

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Troy M. Andersen, Chairperson

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Betty Jane Duncan, Deputy Clerk

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John E. Hutchinson, Acting Clerk

Attachments (7):

1. Bound Agenda for February 10, 2015, Monthly Meeting
2. Approved Monthly and Supplemental Personnel Listing
3. Presentation on Superintendent’s Recommended FY2016 Budget
4. Superintendent’s Recommended FY2016 Budget
5. Projected Costs Associated with Opening Middle Schools in 2015-16
6. Proposed FY2016 Teacher Scale
7. Technology Update

Note: The attachments will be bound with the official minutes once approved.