

THE ACADEMIC-YEAR GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL BOARD
Business Meeting
September 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
George Mason University, Prince William Campus, Colgan Hall, Room 110H
Manassas, Virginia 20110

The Joint Board of the Academic-Year 2016-2017 Governor’s School met on September 15, 2016, at George Mason University, Manassas, Virginia for a Business Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joint Board

Mrs. Loree Williams (Absent)	Prince William County Public Schools
Mrs. Alyson Satterwhite	Prince William County Public Schools
Mrs. Alanna Mensing	Manassas Park City Schools
Mr. Hong Xu	Manassas Park City Schools
Mr. Scott Albrecht	Manassas City Public Schools
Mrs. Kristen Kiefer	Manassas City Public Schools

In attendance:

Mrs. Rita Goss, Prince William County Public Schools
Mrs. Amy Takayama-Perez, GMU
Dr. Jason Calhoun, Director of Governor’s School @ Innovation Park
Ms. Pamela Thorpe, Clerk of the Joint Board

Advisors:

Dr. Janette Muir, Associate Provost, GMU

Executive Committee Members:

Ms. Jackie Overton, Prince William County Public Schools
Dr. Ashley Cramp, Manassas City Public Schools
Mrs. Jennifer Braswell-Geller, Manassas Park City Schools
Ms. Cindy Watson, Manassas Park City Schools

OPENING EXERCISES: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Dr. Calhoun.
The roll call of Board Members confirmed a quorum.
A Moment of Silence was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION:

Dr. Calhoun opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson to serve for the academic year 2016-2017.

Mr. Albrecht made a motion to nominate Mrs. Loree Williams as Chairman for the 2016-17 Academic Year; the motion was seconded by Mr. Xu. The motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Calhoun opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson to serve for the academic year 2016-2017.

Mr. Albrecht made a motion to nominate Mrs. Alanna Mensing as Vice Chairman for the 2016-17 Academic Year; the motion was seconded by Mr. Xu. The motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Mensing asked for a nomination for the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Albrecht made a motion to appoint Ms. Pamela Thorpe as Clerk of the Joint Board for the 2016-17 Academic Year; the motion was seconded by Mr. Xu. The motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Mensing asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda, none being heard, she asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Xu made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Albrecht. The motion carried 5-0.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Vice Chairman Mensing asked if there were any citizens to speak and Ms. Thorpe stated that there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

V. Chairman Mensing asked if there were any discussion of the Consent Agenda, hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Xu made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Albrecht. The motion carried 5-0.

BOARD MATTERS:

1. Update on Student Enrollment-Dr. Jason Calhoun reported that the GS@IP currently has 100 students enrolled for the 2016-2017 Academic year of 118 available slots. There are 53 Juniors and 47 Seniors. Currently PWC holds 82 seats, Manassas City holds 14 seats, and Manassas Park holds 4 seats. Dr. Calhoun explained that there were 107 students in 2015-16 school year and that 5 students remained at their base school and 2 left for military relocations.

2. Update on Technology Agreement-Dr. Calhoun advised the Board that 55 tablets had been purchased with VPSA funds and that a determination was being made on how to spend the remaining \$26,000 in a way that would best benefit the students.

3. Update on Application Process-Dr. Calhoun explained that there would be a meeting with the Executive Committee and Superintendent's the following week to discuss and update the application process and that it would be an on-going process. Mr. Albrecht asked about outreach to increase numbers. Dr. Calhoun explained that he attended 4 PWCS Back to School Nights-where there is lowest number of students enrolled at GS@IP and has planned visits for Manassas Park and Manassas City Advanced Math courses in the next month to speak with 10th graders. ASTEM will still be a method for outreach with middle school students. Dr, Calhoun advised that he attended Administrative Meetings for Manassas City and Manassas Park Before the academic school year began and will visit 10th graders in their advanced math

courses. Dr. Calhoun has also spoken to administrators at the elementary and middle school levels. Dr. Muir indicated that a few Sophomores could be accepted if they demonstrated that they were mature and capable of handling the rigorous work load.

4. Scheduled Review and Internal Audit-Dr. Calhoun advised that PWCS has an Internal Auditor, Gary Maness who audits all the schools and wanted to request permission to allow that to happen. The Board agreed that the request of the Fiscal Agent should be honored and appreciated that they were given notice. No action was taken as the Board felt this should be informational only.

5. AYGS Mid-term Evaluation-Dr. Calhoun referred the Board to the DOE report on the full site evaluation of GS@IP which took place in late 2013 and occurs every six years. He explained that every third year, they do a mid-term review and that GS@IP would be evaluated later this year. He explained that the State is looking to see what has been done to address the recommendations. He happily reported that at this time, all recommendations have been addressed. He pointed out that GMU played a large part in this specifically by upgrading the physics facilities. An invitation was extended for them to visit. Mr. Albrecht asked for clarification on the recommendations where the standard was not met. Dr. Calhoun reported that a Guidance counselor has been added to support the GS@IP students. Also, that Bookkeeper contract increased. Data collection and outreach need to be continued. Dr. Calhoun would be continuing in those efforts to increase the applicant pool and really publicize the program as a whole. He addressed that he would be focusing on and encouraging more Professional Development. There was a discussion of the faculty/student ratio and its limitations based on space and constraints within GMU. Writing has been implemented into classes. Dr. Calhoun stated that the one recommendation that was not addressed was that GS@IP start a foundation. That recommendation was based on something that Thomas Jefferson has but they are a very different model. His understanding is that it was not a feasible option for GS@IP based on background from previous Boards and the Superintendents input. That decision is acceptable to the State. Chairperson thanked Dr. Calhoun for the information.

Upcoming Calendar Event Highlights- (Informational)

- November 10, 2016 Jt. Board Mtg. @ GMU, Colgan Hall 110H-7:30 PM
- December 8, 2016 Jt. Board Mtg. @ GMU, Colgan Hall 110H-7:30 PM
- January 28, 2017 ASTEM Event
- February 2, 2017 Jt. Board Mtg. @ GMU, Colgan Hall 110H-7:30 PM
- June 2, 2017 Research Symposium
- June 3, 2017 Senior Ceremony, Verizon Auditorium
- June 8, 2017 Jt. Board Mtg. @ GMU, Colgan Hall 110H-7:30 PM

Mr. Albrecht thanked everyone for a great 2015-16 year. He is pleased with the partnership and what the collaboration has become. Alyson Satterwhite apologized for her tardiness. Chairperson established that there was no further business, thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Thorpe, Clerk of the Joint Board

Approved:

Mrs. Loree Williams, Chairperson of the Joint Board