

**THE ACADEMIC-YEAR GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Business Meeting**  
**November 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**George Mason University, Prince William Campus, Colgan Hall, Room 110H**  
**Manassas, Virginia 20110**

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The Joint Board of the Academic-Year 2016-2017 Governor's School met on November 10, 2016, at George Mason University, Manassas, Virginia for a Business Meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joint Board

Mrs. Loree Williams	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
Mrs. Alyson Satterwhite (Absent)	Prince William County Public School

In attendance:

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

Executive Committee Members:

Mr. Ron Carmichael, GMU  
Dr. Jim Mudd, Prince William County Public Schools  
Ms. Carol Hartt, Manassas City Public Schools  
Mrs. Jennifer Braswell-Geller, Manassas Park City Schools

**OPENING EXERCISES:** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairperson Williams.  
The roll call of Board Members confirmed a quorum.  
A Moment of Silence was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

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

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

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Williams asked if there were any citizens to speak and Ms. Thorpe stated that there were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

## **BOARD MATTERS:**

**Update on Application Process-**Dr. Jason Calhoun discussed the consensus between the three divisions concerning the application process. The discussion revolved around what drives students to attend the Governor's School. It was determined that it is the school that draws the students, not the science strands. Dr. Calhoun explained that choice of strands posed a slight problem in that the science strands need to be equalized across the strands based on space and agreements with GMU and the need to address that. The divisions will now interview the students to determine interest and best fit based on space limitations. Further discussion addressed concerns of the Board in terms of wait list procedures, sensitivity to students, and transparency.

**FY 18 Budget Proposal-**Dr. Calhoun explained that it would be an action item at next meeting. He further discussed the PowerPoint of the budget he plans to submit for FY 18. A brief discussion took place about collecting scholarship monies for the Senior class as well as the Lockheed Martin grant that was received. Dr. Calhoun explained changes in salary and benefits as advised by PWCS Finance Department. Further discussions clarified other changes in this year's budget such as upgrading to a color copier, updating textbooks, VPSA funds, and competition costs. A suggestion was made to ask if \$26,000 of Fund Balance could be used for textbooks to alleviate some cost to localities. Dr. Calhoun highlighted that an updated school profile based on 2015-16 students was included.

## **Upcoming Calendar Event Highlights-(Informational)**

- 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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.