

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

January 21, 2020

The Westmoreland County School Board held a work session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence Building, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member  
Ms. Iris Lane, Member

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fallin, Chair.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as amended by moving item B. VSBA Conference Take-Aways under New Business to the February work session meeting.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to amend the agenda. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye.

**Open Public Comments**

None

## **New Business**

### **Board Development**

Mr. Fallin shared information regarding Master Board training. This training would entail three sessions, each four hours in length. This training requires the commitment of the entire Board. The Board members agreed unanimously to participate in the training. Dr. Perry will coordinate possible dates with Gina Patterson from VSBA.

### **Update on Current 2019-2020 Budget**

Dr. Perry provided an update on the current 2019-2020 budget. Dr. Perry shared that based on the latest information from the Virginia Department of Education Finance Office, there is a \$434,519 decrease in projected state revenue for the current fiscal year. This is due primarily to a decline in ADM (Average Daily Membership). The division will reduce spending accordingly until March 31 ADM has been determined, and state revenue projections are once again calculated. Dr. Perry shared that, due to delays with starting construction of the new high school, a portion of the funds originally allocated for architectural fees and compensation for the Clerk of the Works will be re-allocated for other purposes. A portion of these funds will be used for design and construction of new entryways at Montross Middle School and Cople Elementary School. A portion of these funds will also be used to install the EverAlert clock and announcement system at Montross Middle School and Cople Elementary School.

### **Overview of 2020-2021 Budget Considerations**

Ms. Rice provided an overview of early information pertaining to the development of the 2020-21 school division and food service budgets. Ms. Rice sought input from the School Board pertaining to budget goals. In addition to providing competitive compensation and allocating funds for the construction of the new high school, individual Board members suggested consideration be given to paying 100% of the employee only share of health insurance, establishing a salary differential for paraprofessionals with associate's or bachelor's degrees, expanding academic offerings, and setting aside funds for the completion of the new high school's performing arts center.

### **School Board Member Comments**

During Board Member Comments, members of the School Board officially welcomed new Board Member, Katherine Lewis.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made by Dr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk

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Chairman