

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Montross, Virginia
BOARD MINUTES
February 25, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair
Ms. Iris Lane, Member
Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member
Mrs. Patricia Lewis, Member
Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent
Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of the Board

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

Dr. Wallace made a motion that the Board convene into closed session as provided in Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters dealing with specific personnel of the Westmoreland County School system pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. Board member Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Ms. Lane. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

The motion for the approval of the following certification was made by Board member Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Ms. Lane.

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County School Board convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

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

A moment of silence was observed and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Ramsey read the Westmoreland County Public Schools' mission statement and vision statement to the public.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Public Comments

Butch Gross introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Gross is the new principal at the Northern Neck Technical Center.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

- A. Approval of Appointments and Resignations (Appendix I)
- B. Minutes – January 28, 2019 and February 12, 2019. (Appendix II)
- C. Finance Report (Appendix III)

Delegations

Nominations for Character Trait

Ms. Rice informed the board that "Courage" was the character trait for the month of January. Dr. Perry stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students whom received certificates for "Courage" were: Sydney Bedford - Cople Elementary School, Yakelin Castillo-Ramirez - Washington District Elementary School, Eugenia Diaz-Nieto - Montross Middle School, and Emma Feller - Washington and Lee High School.

School Bus Driver Recognition

Mr. Rich informed the Board that the school bus driver recognition award for the month of January is "Positive Attitude Award". Mr. Rich presented certificates of recognition to Brenda Robinson, James Page and Douglas Perrie.

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Attendance Recognition

Teacher Attendance

Dr. Perry shared the Teacher Attendance Report for the month of January to the Board. Washington & Lee High School had the highest teacher attendance for the month of January. (Appendix IV)

Student Attendance

Dr. Perry shared the Student Attendance Report for the month of January to the Board. Washington District Elementary had the best student attendance for the month of January. (Appendix V)

A Moment in Black History

Azzurai Billinger a student at Washington and Lee High School presented an excellent speech recognizing February as Black History Month.

School Board and Clerk Appreciation Month

Dr. Perry presented certificates to the School Board and Clerk in recognition of School Board and Clerk Appreciation Month. Dr. Perry read a certificate of recognition from Governor Ralph Northam for School Board Appreciation Month. Gifts from each school were presented to the Board members, Dr. Perry, and the Clerk, in recognition of School Board Appreciation month.

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$336,621.08 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$49,454.32 as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Resolution

Resolution for Appropriation of Funds from Additional Revenue Received from Grants

On **MOTION** of Dr. Wallace, seconded by Ms. Lane, motion was carried to approve the following resolution for appropriation of funds from additional revenue received from grants:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westmoreland County School Board requests of the County Board of Supervisors to add to the 2018-2019 school board budget the following amount of funds in the following category:

Grant Category \$7,320.00

WHEREAS, the money requested to be added to the school board budget will come from a grant which will be used to support the Virginia Preschool Initiative provisionally

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licensed teachers who are actively engaged in coursework to earn a renewable teaching license.

Chairman

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

Informational Items

Discipline Report

Dr. Perry provided the discipline report to the Board. (Appendix VIII)

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility report to the Board. Dr. Perry and the Board discussed the financing timeline for the new high school project. The Board expressed their concerns for the delay of the new high school and expressed that the School Board and Grimm and Parker had done everything necessary for the project to have stayed on the initial timeframe. Dr. Perry stated that the Mecho shades have been installed at Montross Middle School and the HVAC work has been completed at Cople Elementary School. Other items discussed were the energy conversion projects at Cople Elementary School and Washington District Elementary School and recommendations for security updates at Montross Middle, Washington District Elementary, and Cople Elementary. (Appendix IX)

School Improvement Plan

Ms. Herdle provided information on the 2018-2019 Washington District Elementary School Improvement Plan.

NSBA Equity Symposium Report

Ms. Lane provided an informative powerpoint on the National School Boards Association Equity Symposium she attended in January. Ms. Lane highlighted equity strategies that can be utilized for all students. Ms. Lane also informed the Board of the Donors.Choose.Org website. (Appendix X)

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reminded the Board of upcoming events.

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School Board Member Comments

Board members' comments reflected appreciation to the schools for their School Board Appreciation Month gifts. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Clerk

Chairman