

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence Building, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair

Ms. Iris Lane, Member

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member

Absent:

Mrs. Patricia Lewis, Member

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.

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

Ms. Lane 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: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye, Dr. Wallace, Aye.

- A. Minutes – September 10, 2019 Work Session and September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. Finance Report (Appendix I)

### **Delegations/Presentations**

#### **Nominations for Character Trait**

Ms. Rice informed the board that "Fairness" was the character trait for the month of September. Ms. Rice stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students who received certificates for "Fairness" were: Na'liek Clark - Cople Elementary School, Payton Gouvisis - Washington District Elementary School, Joseph Wissinger - Montross Middle School, and Kendall Alexander - Washington and Lee High School.

#### **School Bus Driver Recognition**

Dr. Perry informed the Board that the school bus driver recognition award for the month of September is “Punctuality”. Dr. Perry shared certificates of recognition for Teresa Wilson, Harold Dickerson, and Albert Henry.

### **Attendance Recognition**

Dr. Perry presented the Student Attendance Report for the month of September to the Board. Montross Middle School had the best student attendance for the month of September. (Appendix II)

Dr. Perry presented the Teacher Attendance Report for the month of September to the Board. Cople Elementary School had the highest teacher attendance for the month of September. (Appendix III)

### **Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time**

Ms. Lane shared information on the VPOST conference she attended in Williamsburg. Ms. Lane stated that the program is a statewide partnership dedicated to developing and expanding academic, social, emotional and physical supports and services to school age children by providing access to high quality programs during out-of-school time such as before school, after school, vacation, summer and any other time students are out-of-school. As part of the registration, Ms. Lane received several K-12 books which she gave to Ms. Rice to distribute as needed.

### **VSBA Academy Awards**

Dr. Perry presented the Virginia School Board Association Academy Award certificates and pins to the Board members: Dr. Wallace - Award of Excellence, Mr. Fallin - Award of Distinction, Mrs. Ramsey - Award of Honor, Ms. Lane - Award of Distinction, and Mrs. Lewis - Award of Excellence.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approval of Bills**

Dr. Wallace questioned Mrs. Dillard on how much money has been spent to date.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$321,200.57 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$81,006.26 as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

### **School Gifts**

Dr. Perry acknowledged individuals that gave donations/gifts to the school division.

A motion was made in accordance with school board policy KH, to accept the gifts/donations as presented.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the donations given to the school division. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

### **Board Member Service Recognition**

Dr. Perry recommended when a Board member exits the Westmoreland County School Board, the administration will purchase a plaque to recognize the Board members service.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve Board member service recognition. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

### **Communication Forum Representatives**

Ms. Rice requested Board member volunteers for the upcoming Communication Forum Meetings.

Mr. Fallin stated that he will attend the Communication Forum meeting on October 16, 2019 and Mrs. Ramsey stated she will be the alternate. Mrs. Ramsey stated she will attend the Communication Forum meeting on December 18, 2019 and Ms. Lane stated she will be the alternate. Ms. Lane stated she will attend the Communication Forum meeting on February 26, 2019 and Dr. Wallace stated he will be the alternate.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to select Mr. Fallin as the Board member representative for the October 16, 2019 Communication Forum and Mrs. Ramsey as the alternate; Mrs. Ramsey as the Board member representative for the December 18, 2019 Communication Forum and Ms. Lane will be the alternate; and Ms. Lane as the Board member representative for the February 26, 2019 Communication Forum meeting and Dr. Wallace will be the alternate. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

## **Informational Items**

### **Discipline Report**

Dr. Perry provided the discipline report to the Board.

### **Cadet Program Update**

Dr. Perry provided an update on the Virginia Defense Force Cadet Program.

### **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry discussed the new high school project with the Board highlighting that the contract has been signed. Dr. Perry announced that on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. the groundbreaking ceremony will be held. Dr. Perry presented information on the current athletic fields as well as the new athletic fields. Dr. Perry stated that the solar panels are being installed at Washington District Elementary School. (Appendix V)

### **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry reminded the Board of upcoming events. The Board agreed to cancel the November 12, 2019 work session.

### **School Board Member Comments**

The Board recognized that a lot of the ground work for the new high school project was done by previous School Board members who are no longer on the current School Board. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

A brief recess was taken.

## **Executive Closed Session**

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: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

The meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Ms. Lane.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

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

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.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the personnel appointments and resignations. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix VI)

Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

## **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