

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

November 18, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 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

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.

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; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, 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 Mrs. Ramsey.

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

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: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, 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

Ken Chatham expressed his opinion regarding the name of the new high school.

Chip Minor expressed his opinion regarding the name of the new high school.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Wallace 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 Personnel Appointments & Resignations (Appendix I)
- B. Minutes – September 23, 2019 special board meeting, October 8, 2019 work session, and October 14, 2019 regular meeting
- C. Finance Report (Appendix II)

Delegations/Presentations

Nominations for Character Trait

Ms. Rice informed the board that “Responsibility” was the character trait for the month of October. Ms. Rice stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students who received certificates for “Responsibility” were: Evelyn Ramos - Cople Elementary School, Mason Ocegüera - Washington District Elementary School, Riley Scates - Montross Middle School, and Emily Louk - Washington and Lee High School.

Attendance Recognition

Dr. Perry presented the Student Attendance Report for the month of October to the Board. Cople Elementary School had the best student attendance for the month of October. (Appendix III)

Dr. Perry presented the Teacher Attendance Report for the month of October to the Board. Montross Middle School had the highest teacher attendance for the month of October. (Appendix IV)

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign Art Contest

Mrs. Ransone recognized Magali Rodriguez, Washington & Lee High School student, for winning 1st place in Virginia for the 2019 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign Student Visual Arts Contest.

Christmas Card Contest

Dr. Perry shared with the Board the Christmas card that was selected to represent Westmoreland County Public Schools.

PBL Project

Mrs. Beamer presented a Project Based Learning (PBL) project that was developed by students at Montross Middle School. The students created a design for an outdoor courtyard/classroom learning space for Montross Middle School. Mrs. Beamer shared that all subjects are integrated into the project and added that the students were amazing at collaborating and developing the concept for the project.

DECA

Mr. Eaton introduced the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) President, Abigail Bennett. Miss Bennett introduced the DECA team members and stated that Treasure Tate placed 2nd in Business Service Marketing - role play and overall competition area and placed 3rd on the Business Management exam. She also shared that Keyniya Washington placed 3rd in Hotel and Lodging Management - role play competition. Mr. Eaton stated that all students on the Washington & Lee DECA team will attend states in February.

VSBA Video Competition

Mr. Coleman shared that students at Washington and Lee had participated in a high school student video contest sponsored by the Virginia School Board Association with the theme of "Virginia is For Learners". Mr. Coleman introduced Mrs. Leslie Nash who presented a video created by the students.

School Bus Driver Recognition

Dr. Perry informed the Board that the school bus driver recognition award for the month of October is "Self-Motivated". Dr. Perry shared certificates of recognition for Caroline Weaver, Katrina Sanders, and James Paige.

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$612,061.08 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$66,475.48 as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix V)

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

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

Holiday Break Waiver

Dr. Perry recommended to the Board to close all schools and offices for the duration of the holiday break.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the holiday break waiver for twelve month employees as recommended by Dr. Perry. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

Informational Items

Discipline Report

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

Community Use of School Facilities (Policy KG)

Dr. Perry presented the Board with a list of agencies that have requested the use of school facilities.

New Curriculum/EMT Course

Ms. Rice provided a powerpoint on the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes that will be offered at Washington & Lee High School. Ms. Rice highlighted the curriculum specific aspects of the course. She also stated that at completion of both classes the students can complete the Virginia EMT psychomotor and National Registry assessment/cognitive certification exams. (Appendix VII)

VSBA Legislative Positions

Ms. Rice shared a powerpoint on the VSBA Legislative Positions Proposals with the Board. Ms. Rice highlighted proposed changes to existing legislative positions and new legislative positions. (Appendix VIII)

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry discussed the new high school project with the Board. Dr. Perry shared that Cople Elementary School is Virginia's first certified pollinator smart solar site. He also shared that the solar panel installation is going well at Washington District and stated Montross Middle School will soon have new signage. (Appendix IX)

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reminded the Board of upcoming events.

School Board Member Comments

Ms. Lane stated that she has accepted to be on the VSBA Board of Directors for another year.

Mrs. Ramsey thanked everybody for coming to the meeting and expressed her excitement to serve another term.

Mrs. Lewis stated she is excited with everything that is going on in the county and with the school system.

Mr. Fallin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and expressed that he is happy to serve another term.

Dr. Perry stated that the people who made public comments will receive a written response.

Adjournment

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

Clerk

Chairman