

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

December 14, 2020

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 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 - Participated via Electronic Communication

Ms. Iris Lane, Member - Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member - Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member - Joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board members participated electronically as established by the Governor's Executive Orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Chris Evans, Director of Technology

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. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Iris Lane.

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 Iris 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.

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

The Board was led in prayer by Dr. Perry 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: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

## **Open Public Comments**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

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

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

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments & Resignations
- B. Board Minutes - November 16, 2020
- C. Finance Report (Appendix I)

## **Delegations/Presentations**

### **Update from VDH - Dr. Richard Williams, District Director**

Dr. Williams provided updated information on the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a pandemic surge in Virginia at this point. The CDC school indicators are currently at high at-risk level. Dr. Williams stated the vast majority of outbreaks are due to community transmissions. Westmoreland County is in the highest risk category at this time. Dr. Williams stated he feels it is safe to keep kids in the hybrid learning role with all PPE requirements in place. He stated that with the holidays approaching more travel will occur and they anticipate higher numbers in January. Vaccination efforts in the three rivers district will begin next week.

## **Attendance Recognition**

Dr. Perry presented the student attendance report for the month of November to the Board. Washington & Lee High School had the best student attendance for the month of November.

Dr. Perry presented the staff attendance report for the month of November to the Board. Cople Elementary School had the highest staff attendance for the month of November. (Appendix II)

## **Action Items**

### **Approval of Bills**

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$645,821.46 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$50,410.37 as presented. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. (Appendix III)

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

### **School Board Meeting Calendar**

Ms. Rice reviewed the proposed January 2021-December 2021 School Board Meeting Calendar with the Board.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the School Board Meeting Calendar for 2021 as presented. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

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

## **Information Items**

### **Return To Learn Update**

Dr. Perry reviewed the return to learn plan with the Board. Dr. Perry stated the division has returned to all virtual instruction. Dr. Perry shared a list of school divisions and their plans for participation in winter sports. Dr. Perry reviewed the COVID-19 health plan outline for Westmoreland County Public Schools and highlighted eight guiding principles. (Appendix V)

### **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry shared the field report created by Patrick Byrne of Grimm & Parker. (Appendix VI)

## **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

### **School Board Member Comments**

School Board members comments reflected thanks to the school division staff and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and safe holiday.

### **Adjournment**

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

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**Clerk**

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**Chairman**