

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

February 24, 2020

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2020 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. Katherine Lewis, Member

Others Present:

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. 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.

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.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

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

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/1 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Nay.

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments & Resignations (Appendix I)
- B. Minutes – January 13, 2020 special board meeting, January 21, 2020 work session, and January 27, 2020 regular meeting
- C. Finance Report (Appendix II)

Delegations/Presentations

Nominations for Character Trait

Ms. Rice informed the board that “Courage” was the character trait for the month of January. Ms. Rice stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students who received certificates for “Courage” were: Bentley Wheeler - Cople Elementary School, Jose Lopez - Washington District Elementary School, Jordin Wright - Montross Middle School, and Cheyenne Jones - 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 "Westmoreland Driver Appreciation Month". Mr. Rich stated that certificates will be provided to the drivers.

Attendance Recognition

Ms. Rice presented the Student Attendance Report for the month of January to the Board. Washington District Elementary School had the best student attendance for the month of January. (Appendix III)

A Moment in Black History

Mr. Bailey introduced Alisha Burrell and Alia Lambert. Miss Burrell and Miss Lambert presented a speech recognizing February as Black History Month.

School Board Appreciation

Ms. Rice stated that February is School Board Appreciation Month. Ms. Rice presented certificates to each Board member. Mr. Fallin presented a certificate of appreciation to Tina Withers. Gifts from each school were presented to the Board members 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 \$623,108.46 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$58,319.76 as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

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

Resolutions

Ms. Rice presented the following resolutions to the Board for approval.

Resolution for Appropriation of Funds from Additional Revenue Received from a State Grant for the Career Switcher New Teacher Mentor Program.

On **MOTION** of Dr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, motion was carried to approve the following resolution for appropriation of funds from additional revenue received from a State Grant for the Career Switcher New Teacher Mentor Program:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westmoreland County School Board requests of the County Board of Supervisors to add to the 2019-2020 School Board Budget the following amount of funds in the following category:

Instruction \$1,000.00

WHEREAS, the money requested to be added to the Westmoreland County School Board Budget will come from a State Grant for the Career Switcher New Teacher Mentor Program.

Chairman

Clerk

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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 V)

Resolution for Appropriation of Funds from Additional Revenue Received for retirees health insurance which they give us the money for and then we cut a check to Anthem for their insurance.

On **MOTION** of Dr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey , motion was carried to approve the following resolution for appropriation of funds from additional revenue received for retirees health insurance:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westmoreland County School Board requests of the County Board of Supervisors to add to the 2019-2020 School Board Budget the following amount of funds in the following category:

Instruction \$48,090.00

WHEREAS, the money requested to be added to the Westmoreland County School Board Budget will come from additional funds being received for retirees health insurance which they give us the money for and a check is issued to Anthem for their insurance.

Chairman

Clerk

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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 VI)

Informational Items

Discipline Report

Ms. Rice provided the discipline report to the Board. (Appendix VII)

Project Based Learning Updates

Ms. Rice provided an informative update on Project Based Learning. (Appendix VIII)

School Improvement Plan

Mr. Bowen provided information on the Montross Middle School Improvement Plan. (Appendix IX)

Calendar Update

Ms. Rice provided an update on the 2020-2021 school calendar. (Appendix X)

Facility Update

Ms. Rice presented the facility update to the Board. (Appendix XI)

Upcoming Events

Ms. Rice reminded the Board of upcoming events.

School Board Member Comments

Board member 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 Dr. Wallace, seconded by Ms. Lane and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk

Chairman