

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MONTROSS, VIRGINIA
BOARD MINUTES
March 15, 2022**

The Westmoreland County School Board met for a work session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence Building, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

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

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent
Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

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

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

New Business

Capital Improvement Plan

Dr. Perry presented an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan. Dr. Perry shared that this is an incomplete plan. The plan will need a letter from the school board and an executive summary. Dr. Perry added a section for beliefs and values. These were included in the last Capital Improvement Plan.

Dr. Perry discussed the overview of facilities which includes a picture and facts about each facility. Each facility was surveyed to determine a list of needs. Dr. Perry divided the list into a chart based on short term and long term needs. The chart also broke down the needs into three categories: Immediate Needs 0-2 Years; Short Term 2-5 Years; and Long Term 5-10 Years.

Future Use of Washington & Lee High School

Dr. Perry presented several options for the future use of Washington and Lee High School. Options discussed included turning the original building into a museum for Washington and Lee High School Alumni. It was suggested that the Board of Supervisors may pay for the upkeep.

Kathy Lewis shared that she liked option 5 to convert the current school into a middle school. However, funds would be needed to refurbish as a middle school.

Sandra Ramsey stated that option 2 is a definite need. A Community Center/Boys and Girls Club/YMCA/Westmoreland Rec Center would be beneficial to students and parents. It could include space for community projects, tutoring, mental health services, etc. Mrs. Ramsey also mentioned a possibility of grants that could help fund this option.

Iris Lane suggested a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to go over possible options.

Review of Board Goals and Objectives

Mr. Fallin gave an overview of the School Board goals.

1. The board will support the ongoing communications and community outreach efforts. (*We want to do an even better job of communicating our school activities, events, and accomplishments and we want to expand our community outreach.*)

- We can probably offer town hall meetings, establish an Alumni Group, and improve the website.

2. *The board will leverage community volunteers and partnerships effectively to address academic gaps.*

- The board will support the administration's efforts to implement an Extended Day Program, expand the Heroes Program and Tutoring, and increase students' internship opportunities.

3. Revitalize the education foundation.

- The School Board acknowledges the independence of the Education Foundation. The School Board recognizes that the Foundation Board is reorganizing and is working to advance the goals of the Foundation.

4. The board will monitor Student Achievement.

- Board monitoring will include Principals' Board presentations.

5. The board will monitor Social Emotional Wellness of Students and Staff. (As we all know, the pandemic has taken a toll on social and emotional wellness.)

- A discussion was held on bullying, the hotline, and other ways the schools are addressing Social Emotional Wellness of students and staff.

6. The board will support the expansion of Curriculum Offerings.
- The Board retains the goal to expand more AP, dual enrollment, and other class offerings.
Brochures from the Technical Center on each course offered will be shared with the Board.

Open Public Comments

NONE

Board Comments

Dr. Wallace – Boys Basketball State Finals; remarkable team; team played well; Westmoreland was very well represented. Kuddos to the team and Coach Hall.

Mrs. Ramsey – Kuddos to the elementary teacher who delivered homework to a parent work.

Adjournment

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