

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

May17, 2021

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence Building, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair

Ms. Iris Lane, Vice Chair

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member

Absent:

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Member

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Tom Kaski, Technology Assistant

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

Mrs. Ramsey 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 and student matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia. Board member Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member, Mrs. Ramsey and seconded by Board member, Ms. Lane.

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

The motion for the approval of the following certification was made by Board member Mrs. Ramsey and seconded by Board member Ms. 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: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

The Board was led in prayer by Dr. Perry 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: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

Delegations/Presentations

Attendance Recognition

Dr. Perry presented the student attendance report for the month of April to the Board. Montross Middle School had the best student attendance for the month of April. Dr. Perry presented the staff attendance report for the month of April to the Board. Montross Middle School had the highest staff attendance for the month of April. (Appendix I)

Recognition of Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Certified Trainer-Consultants

Ms. Rice recognized Jacquelynne England, Matt Freno, Patricia Eddings, and Erika Cornwell for receiving certification in the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Transportation Recognition

Dr. Perry shared a letter of appreciation from Cople Elementary School Principal, Leslie Steele recognizing the transportation department.

Open Public Comment

Coach, Arthur Jones Jr., former employee of Westmoreland County Public Schools was recognized.

Consent Agenda

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

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

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments & Resignations
- B. Board Minutes - April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$21,749.90 and \$85,265.97 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$56,232.76 as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix II)

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

Approval of 2021-2022 School Division Budget as Revised

Ms. Rice presented the revised 2021-2022 school division budget in the amount of \$23,010,462.00.

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the revised 2021-2022 School Division Budget. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix III)

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

Budget Resolution

Ms. Rice recommended for the Board to approve the attached budget resolution as presented.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to approve the budget resolution as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

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

Approval of Special Education Annual Plan

Mrs. Washington presented the 2021-2022 Special Education Annual Plan to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Special Education Annual Plan as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix V)

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

Approval of Summer Hours for 12-Month Employees

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the summer hours for 12-month employees. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

VASS & VSBA Recognition of Virginia Public School Division Superintendents as Superintendents of the Year for 2020-2021

Mr. Fallin presented a resolution recognizing Dr. Perry as one of the Superintendents of the Year for 2020-2021 school year. A copy of the resolution is attached to the original minutes. (Appendix VI)

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Information Items

Return To Learn

Dr. Williams joined the meeting and shared updated information on the COVID-19 virus. Dr. Perry and the Board discussed Student Vaccinations, Governor Northam's Executive Order 79, Graduation plans, Senate Bill 1303, Summer School, Juneteenth, and the ARP Act - Esser III Plan. (Appendix VII)

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to allow whomever wants to receive a vaccination, under Dr. Perry's supervision/scheduling, in Montross Middle School and Washington & Lee High School. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/1 Nay; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Nay; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry discussed the athletic fields, a new design entrance/entryway for Cople Elementary School and Montross Middle School.

(Appendix VIII)

Ms. Lane left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

School Board Member Comments

Board members comments reflected thanks to all for joining the meeting. Dr. Perry stated that Melanie of Grimm & Parker donated \$5,000.00 toward scholarships

A brief recess was taken and the Board reconvened into closed session.

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Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

The meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member, Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Board member, Mrs. Ramsey.

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

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business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

Adjournment

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

Clerk

Chairman