

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

JULY 9, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board held a work session on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 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

Ms. Iris Lane, Member

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member

Mrs. Patricia Lewis, Member (Arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

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.

Ms. Lane 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 Dr. Wallace seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye.

At 5:24 p.m. the meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Ms. Lane

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

### **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; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

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

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments and Resignations (Appendix I)

## **New Business**

### **Climate Survey**

Dr. Perry presented the Board with a summary of the school climate survey. Dr. Perry and the Board discussed the school climate survey results. Teacher/staff working conditions were reviewed and the following domains were highlighted: Professionalism; Teaching, Instruction, and Student Support; School and Community Supports; and Safety.

School climate surveys were also given to students in grades 4-5th and grades 6-12th. The following domains were highlighted: Engagement; Relationships; Expectations; and Safety.

Safety was a big concern among Board members.

### **Discussion on Early Graduation**

Dr. Perry and the Board discussed early graduation. Dr. Perry requested that the Board share their thoughts and concerns on early graduation. Mr. Fallin questioned if a policy exists to address competency, hardship, or enrollment in the military. Items discussed were hardships, increase of course offerings such as CTE and dual enrollment and consistency. The School Board unanimously agreed that unless there was an extreme hardship, superintendent's discretion, early graduation will not be offered in Westmoreland County.

### **Open Public Comments**

None

### **School Board Member Comments**

School Board members' comments reflected the status of the new school. Dr. Perry stated that re-bids need to be lower and will be received this Thursday. A value engineering meeting will be held next week with Grimm & Parker.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Clerk

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Chairman