

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair

Ms. Iris Lane, Member

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member

Mrs. Patricia Lewis, Member

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.

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. Board member Dr. Wallace seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, 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; 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.

A moment of silence was observed and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Dr. Wallace read the Westmoreland County Public Schools' recommended 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; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Wallace 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)
- B. Minutes – May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting, and May 9, 2019 Work Session.
- C. Finance Report (Appendix II)

Delegations/Presentations

Nominations for Character Trait

Ms. Rice informed the board that “Dependability” was the character trait for the month of May. Ms. Rice stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students who received certificates for “Dependability” were: Serenity Coleman - Cople Elementary School, Andrew "Chase" Bowman - Washington District Elementary School, Rebekah Hessom - Montross Middle School, and Lydia Wallace - Washington and Lee High School.

School Bus Driver Recognition

Dr. Perry informed the Board that the school bus driver recognition award for the month of May is “Collaboration”. Dr. Perry shared certificates of recognition for Lisa McCoy, Denise Weaver, and Gregory Carey.

Attendance Recognition

Dr. Perry shared the Student Attendance Report for the month of May to the Board. Washington District Elementary School had the best student attendance for the month of May. (Appendix III)

CTE Roller Coaster Challenge

Mr. Savoy recognized Maribel Garnica, Jason Hensarling, and Trey Oliver, CTE students from Montross Middle School who participated in the roller coaster challenge at King's Dominion. Mr. Savoy stated that Trey Oliver earned 2nd place in the Most Creative category and Maribel Garnica and Jason Hensarling earned 1st place for Best Name.

Washington & Lee High School Delegations

Mr. Lewis recognized Anne Carter Harding, Megan Smith and Treyon Jones for their athletic achievements. Mrs. Wright recognized Aniyah Scott, Gabrielle Brown, Kassidy Garner for their choir achievements and Mr. Engel recognized Kassidy Garner, Gabrielle Brown and Lydia Wallace for their band achievements.

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$599,554.37 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$72,036.80 as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

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

Approval of Fuel Bids

Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept the fuel bid from Noblett Ware Peoples for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Informational Items

Discipline Report

Dr. Perry provided the discipline report to the Board. (Appendix V)

School Lunches

Dr. Perry provided information on the price of school lunches for 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Perry stated that the school lunch price will increase by .05 cents to \$2.90. The state has increased school lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Perry stated that prices will be shared with administrators to share with parents.

Virginia Defense Force Cadet Program Update

Dr. Perry provided an update on the Cadet Program. Dr. Perry stated that all necessary signatures have been obtained to proceed with the cadet program. Dr. Wallace noted that Westmoreland County Public Schools is the flagship program for the cadet program.

Strategic Plan Development

Dr. Perry provided an update on the strategic plan development meetings. Dr. Perry stated that parameters and goals have been set for the next five years. Several focus meetings have been scheduled to get input on the strategic plan. Dr. Perry stated approximately seven local businesses attended the first meeting which was held June 10, 2019.

Northern Neck Technical Center Attendance

Dr. Perry stated that Ms. Lane had requested data on the student attendance at the technical center. Dr. Perry provided data on students attending the technical center. Dr. Perry stated awards were received by several students at the completion ceremony. Ms. Lane stated that a Westmoreland student was selected as student of the year and selected to represent his peers.

W & L Class of 2019 Scholarships

Dr. Perry stated that a total of \$2,492,743.00 in scholarships was offered to the class of 2019. Mr. Fallin commented that this is a major accomplishment and a huge increase from last year. Mr. Fallin commended everyone involved in helping the students with the scholarships. Dr. Perry recognized Patty Long for her dedication to the students with the scholarships and the Gear Up program.

VSBA Policy Updates

Ms. Rice presented policy updates to the Board to review.

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility update report to the Board. Dr. Perry discussed the new high school project with the Board. Dr. Perry stated that value engineering has begun. He also stated that some items have been re-bid and the county will have to reassess the loan amount. Mr. Fallin noted that since May 15, 2019 prices have increased. Mr. Fallin stated that Branch Builders and Grimm and Parker have been very cooperative in the value engineering process and it will still be a challenge. Dr. Perry stated that the Sun Tribe

proposal is still under negotiations. Dr. Perry shared that paving should begin soon at Cople Elementary School. (Appendix VI)

Summer Events

Ms. Rice provided a list of important dates for the summer pertaining to the staff and students. (Appendix VII)

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reminded the Board of upcoming events.

School Board Member Comments

School Board members' comments reflected their appreciation for all of the hard work and success of the students and staff. The Board thanked everyone for a great school year and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Fallin stated that the Board will recess and resume closed session at 7:34 p.m.

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

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

Adjournment

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

Clerk

Chairman