

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MONTROSS, VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**March 21, 2022**

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2022 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. 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.

Board Member 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 division pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

Board Member Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

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

The motion for the approval of the following certification was made by Board Member Mrs. Ramsey and seconded by Board Member Dr. Wallace.

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 to 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/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

The Board was led in prayer by Dr. Perry and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Wallace read the Westmoreland County Public Schools' mission and vision statements to the public.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

### **Delegations/Presentations**

#### **Attendance Recognition**

Dr. Perry shared the attendance recognition for February. The school with the highest student attendance was Washington District Elementary with an average percentage present of 95.12%.

#### **Character Honorees**

Ms. Rice presented the Character Trait honorees for the month of February and the trait of Respect. Students recognized this month included Sophia Romeo in grade one at Cople Elementary; Brittany West in grade one at Washington District Elementary; Robert Peters in grade seven at Montross Middle School; and Dillon Miner in grade twelve at Washington & Lee High School.

#### **Bus Driver Recognition**

Ms. Rice presented a statement on behalf of Terry Rich, Transportation Supervisor, in recognition of Bus Driver Appreciation Week. All were thanked for their dedication to ensuring the safety of their students each day.

#### **VSBA Eastern Region Art Contest Winner**

Ms. Rice shared the name of the winning student artist who participated in the 2022 Eastern Spring Regional Forum Art Contest. Arianna Barajas, student at Washington & Lee High School, won second place. Other participants included Kevin Diaz, from Montross Middle School and Madelynn Hays from Washington District Elementary School.

#### **Washington & Lee HS Boys Varsity Basketball Team & Coach, Nicolas Hall**

Dr. Perry introduced Nick Hall, Coach of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Coach Hall shared that it has been 24 years since our basketball team has made it to the state tournament. Coach Hall introduced members of the team and shared that seven to eight players were all academic.

#### **Open Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

- A. Approval of Appointments & Resignations
- B. Approval of Religious Exemptions
- C. Approval of Board Minutes
- D. Approval of Bills

## **Action Items**

### **Donations/School Gifts**

Dr. Perry shared information regarding a donation that was made to Montross Middle School. Mrs. Ramsey made the motion to accept the donations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wallace.

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

## **Information Items**

### **At-Risk Plans**

All principals presented their At-Risk Plans for 2021-2022. The focus of the at-risk plans is to help students who have fallen behind.

## **Public Hearing on the Budget**

Ms. Rice presented the 2022-2023 Budget for both the School Board and Food Service. Ms. Rice noted that there would probably be a need for a second budget hearing pending decisions by the State. The tentative date for the approval of the revised budget is set for May 16, 2022.

Mr. Fallin asked for a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget. Dr. Wallace made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lane.

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

## **Open Public Comment**

Larry Hynson asked for an explanation of ESL. He also asked if School Resource funds include one School Resource Officer for each school.

## **VSBA Policy Updates**

Ms. Rice presented policy updates received from VSBA in February 2022. Ms. Rice indicated that the updates were only for information purposes this month and would be presented for action at the next school board meeting.

## **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry presented a Facility Update which included new pictures of how the new high school will look. The substantial completion date is set for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. A request for an additional 33 days has been submitted due to a delay in receiving supplies. The completion date is expected to change to the end of April.

## **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry shared upcoming events for Board members.

- March 23, 2022 – Board Development - Charlottesville
- April 20, 2022 – VSBA April Hot Topic Conference – Hybrid/Charlottesville
- May 3, 2022 – VSBA Title IX Workshop – Charlottesville
- May 10, 2022 – VSBA Hybrid Budget Training – Hybrid/Charlottesville
- June 3, 2022 – VSBA School Law Conference – Richmond
- July 19, 2022 – VSBA Conference on Education - Richmond
- July 30, 2022 – Westmoreland High School Convocation - Montross

## **School Board Member Comments**

Chair Fallin thanked all those who attended the meeting or joined online. There were no School Board Member comments.

## **Date & Time of Next Board Meeting**

Chair Fallin shared the dates/times of the next Board Meetings:

- Work Session - Tuesday, April 19, 2022 - 5 p.m.
- Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, April 25, 2022 - 6 pm

## **Adjournment**

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