



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
WMHS Performing Arts Center
September 14, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Todd Sansom, Chair; Ms. Sharon Mack, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Mr. Brooks Taylor, Member; Ms. Rebecca Roach, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk; Ms. Jennifer Walker, Deputy Clerk.

Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(2) to discuss personnel matters and student matters. Ms. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack made a motion to reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room. Ms. Roach seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.

Mr. Sansom stated: The Board will certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion to convene in the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Roach and Mr. Sansom, all certified.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion for closed meeting action.

Ms. Mack made a motion to approve religious exemption #23-03, #23-04 & #23-05. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- 11-1283 August 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1284 August 5, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1285 August 12, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1286 August 17, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1287 August 24, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1288 August 31, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1289 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1290 Field Trip Requests
- 11-1291 Enrollment
- 11-1292 Staff to be Approved List
- 11-1293 Supplemental Appropriation Resolution for School Nutrition
- 11-1294 Stipend/Supplement Schedule

Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for first public comment on matters not listed below on agenda. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments at this time so Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Huber presented action item #11-1295, Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report. Dr. Huber shared that the Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report was presented at last months meeting.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve action item #11-1295, Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1296, PREP Alternate. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that GCPS is one of nine school divisions that participate in the Piedmont Regional Educational Program to support students with disabilities. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that we have a school board representative and according to PREP's by-laws in order for someone to attend a meeting on our behalf they have to be voted on by our school board. Dr. Whitmarsh requested the board to appoint some additional alternates so that the board always has representation at the PREP meetings. Jason Tooley made a motion to add Ms. Mack and Mr. Sansom to our list of PREP Alternates. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion.

Mr. Sansom requested a roll call vote:

Mr. Tooley – Aye
Ms. Mack – Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Ms. Roach - Aye
Mr. Sansom – Aye

Dr. Bryan Huber presented information item 11-1297, Culture of Excellence Update. Dr. Huber presented one of the Impact 2027 strategic plan's core values, Culture of Excellence. He stated his main goal was to convey current accreditation status and SOL scores at the end of the school year last year and plans moving forward. He shared the vision and mission statements along with the five core values. Dr. Huber gave an accreditation overview for NGES/NGPS, RES, WMMS and WMHS. Dr. Huber shared the next steps and plans moving forward.

Ms. Peregoy presented information item 11-1298, CTE Update – New Programs. Ms. Peregoy presented Career and Technical Educational Update on new programs available: manufacturing engineering, career connections, welding, and creative medias. Ms. Peregoy shared the staff for the new programs, the number students showing interest in each of the new programs and the number of students currently enrolled in each new program. She also shared the student experiences, workplace readiness, hands on experiences and immediate impacts.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item 11-1299, FY2024 Budget Development Calendar. Dr. Whitmarsh shared a draft of the current timeline for creating the FY2024 budget. Dr. Whitmarsh stated this will be an action item next month.

Mr. Sansom offered public comment. There were no public comments at this time so Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1300, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared we have had a great beginning to the school year. Dr. Whitmarsh also shared since the last meeting we have had open houses with record attendance, many professional development sessions, all staff had ALICE training on August 15th (active shooter training), all schools had their first critical incident drills and students 3rd through 8th grade have completed fall student growth assessments for the state. Dr. Whitmarsh shared we have worked with the Greene County Sherriff's Office and the County Grant Writer, Terri Beige, who has applied for a Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant to place SRO's in the buildings that currently do not have them. There is a funding requirement on the part of the county for future years but we anticipate hearing about this grant soon. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the County and the Sherriff's Office supports it. Dr. Whitmarsh shared she was able to participate in a JLARK study on dual enrollment. The General assembly is looking into what dual enrollment looks like across the state because it looks one way in Greene County and it looks a different way in Culpeper and other places. They are trying to examine that in this years General Assembly Session and the State will share details with the JLARK Committee in December and hopefully some actions will be taken while they are in session beginning in January. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that in athletics we will be moving from the VHSL North Western District to the Valley District next year.

Progress reports come out this Friday. Monday, September 26th is an asynchronous day for students and a professional day for staff. Dragon Fest is on Friday, October 21st. Greene Education Foundation will hold a "Get Fit for Greene" 5K on Saturday, October 29th. The next PREP meeting is on September 21st. Next board meeting Wednesday, October 12th.

Mr. Sansom welcomed board member comments.

Mr. Tooley thanked everyone for what they do. Mr. Tooley shared a concern about the condition of athletic facilities. He also stated he would like to see Fellowship of Christian Athletes, middle school football, and advanced PE brought back to our schools. He thanked everyone for showing up tonight.

Ms. Mack gave an update on the recent Blue Ridge Governor's School Board meeting in September. She shared they voted on limiting the number of independent courses that students can take to one over their BRGS career and Greene had very good AP Bio scores, almost tied for first.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for their hard work. He thanked Jason for the matters he brought up and stated he looked forward to talking to him. Mr. Taylor shared he really liked to the new logo. He thanked everyone for watching.

Ms. Roach thanked everyone for what they do for the kids and it doesn't go unnoticed. She stated with the growth assessments she would like to see how standard based learning is actually working for 3rd grade students and with SOL scores in the spring we will be able to access that more and see how students are progressing. She stated she was super excited to see the new CTE Programs and she thanked everyone.

Mr. Sansom stated December 14 and February 8 are scheduled public hearings for the School Board Budget. He shared The Greene Education Foundation is having our 5K on October 29th and a meeting on September 27th for anyone interested. He also wanted to highlight the progress being made on getting additional SRO's. Mr. Sansom noted the great performance with the BRGS. He shared some comments regarding the test scores that were presented. Mr. Sansom urged anyone that had questions to reach out to the board or Dr. Whitmarsh.

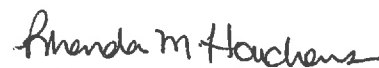
Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:13 pm.



Chair



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