



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Meeting Room
March 8, 2023

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.

Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Steve Bowman & Mr. Dale Herring

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

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

Mr. Taylor requested to amend the previous motion to include Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) to discuss legal matters. Ms. Roach seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor 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 7:01 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.

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

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Mr. Sansom stated there were no closed meeting actions.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion for the consent agenda:

- 11-1375 February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1376 February 22, 2023 Budget Adoption Meeting Minutes
- 11-1377 February 6, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1378 February 13, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1379 February 24, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1380 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1381 Field Trip Requests
- 11-1382 Enrollment
- 11-1383 Staff to be Approved List

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Roach 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.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1384, Calendar Change FY2023(A). Dr. Whitmarsh stated there were two different calendar changes on the agenda. The first is information/action tonight and the second is for information. Dr. Whitmarsh stated we have not had any inclement weather closures and the only alterations have been two, 2-hour delays. Dr. Whitmarsh request that the board alter the 2022-2023 school calendar to make April 10, 2023 a holiday for students and staff. She requested this as an action item as this date occurs prior to the next scheduled school board meeting.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1384, Calendar Change FY2023(A) as presented. Mr. Tooley seconded.

Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment on information/action item #11-384.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

No further board discussion.

Mr. Sansom requested roll call vote:

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

All Ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-1385, Calendar Change FY2023(B). Dr. Whitmarsh stated that the last calendar change was suggested by one of our teachers. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the next calendar change would be to make Wednesday, May 24th the last day of school and a 1:00 PM dismissal. May 25th and May 26th would then be professional development days for staff. This will be an action item at the next school board meeting in April. This shortens the school year by one day. The last testing day is May 19th.

Ms. Jess Peregoy presented information item #11-1386, Perkins Grant Application. Ms. Peregoy stated the Perkins Grant Application is for information this month and for action next month. Ms. Peregoy stated that we will continue with the implementation of new pathways: welding, manufacturing engineering, and creative media and graphic design. Continue to provide high quality work-based learning and meet state requirements for industry certification exams. Ms. Peregoy shared the details in developing the Perkins plan. She shared CTE Enrollment by programs, areas of focus for continued improvement and CLNA findings. The Perkins Plan estimated allotment is \$58,363.88.

Ms. Jess Peregoy presented information item #11-387, CTE Spotlight. The presentation was an overview of implementation of new CTE Programs, field trips, guest speakers, CTSO's, career day, CTE tours, HVAC Excellence, impacting our community, CTE signing day, career expo and a student video was shared at the end of the presentation.

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for public comment on information items. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report #11-1388, FY2024 Budget Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that at the February 22, 2023 meeting the School Board adopted a budget in the amount of \$50,606,896 that includes state revenue amount and sales tax correction. We do not have an agreed upon state budget at this point and may not have a state budget until this summer. Dr. Whitmarsh said the Board of Supervisors held a budget workshop on March 7th and additional workshop tomorrow night. April 25th will be the public hearing on the budget and tax rates and the county will

vote on their budget May 9th. It is a possibility that we adopt budget without having a final state number.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1389, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared we had a great visit with Abigail Spanberger. She was visiting the county to familiarize herself with our locality and we got to visit the Tech Center so we got to highlight all the programs there. Jess gave a fantastic tour. Three students from the middle school and one from the high school performed February 13 at the District 13 Chorus Concert. We celebrated CTE Month in February with a video series highlighting our CTE Programs on CBS19 News Story with current and former students. We recognized our SRO's on February 15th for School Resource Officer Appreciation Day. RES students and staff took their LOVE Bus to our neighborhoods in honor of VA Kindness Week and Boys and Girls Basketball Team advanced to the region 3 semifinals. Several players from both teams were selected to the all-region team: Brady Lam, Tucker Shifflett, Ella Weaver, McKinley Carpenter. Planning is under way for the Spring Teen Maker Market April 29th. The last maker market was a great success and raised \$450 for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Nathanael Greene Primary and Elementary Schools were featured on CBS19 News for Read Across America Day. We had lots of guest readers and many high school students were reading in classrooms. Ms. Kate Gozzard was selected FCLLA Master Advisor and will be recognized on April 15th ceremony in VA Beach and she is our culinary teacher. The middle school held an American Math competition. There were eight school level winners including Ella Updike first place, Matthew Mellott second place, Abigail Shears third place. We hosted a Chamber of Commerce breakfast this morning and the highlight was CTE. It was great to host our business community in our high school this morning. Monday, March 14th is a professional day for staff and no school for students. The high school spring musical will take place March 23-25. This year's musical is 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee. PREP meeting will take place March 24th. The BRVGS Audit will take place beginning with a reception Sunday, March 26th and will be in all Blue Ridge Schools the remainder of that week. Friday, March 31st is a 1:00 PM dismissal and spring break will be April 3 – April 10. Our next regular board meeting will be April 12th. Dr. Whitmarsh stated she sent out some dates for a retreat this spring. Please reply with your availability.

Mr. Sansom welcomed board member comments.

Mr. Tooley stated great things going on at the Tech Center. March 24th Career Expo from 8:15 to 4:00 pm contact Ms. Peregoy. Mr. Tooley thanked Mr. Bowman for being at the meeting. He also thanked the administration for being there. Lots of good things going on. He thanked everyone.

Ms. Mack thanked everyone for being here tonight. Lots of great things from the Tech Center. She thanked them for sharing the videos. Good to see some female students in the more male center careers. Some diversity there. Good news all around. Great performances from the basketball teams and all different events. She thanked everyone.

Mr. Taylor stated the future looks bright. CTE is doing more and better. He thanked all the teachers for what they are doing. Thanked everyone for coming out and be safe going home.

Ms. Roach stated she was super excited for CTE. Having a CTE signing day is amazing. It highlights their career path and supports our kids. Career Expo is exciting too. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Sansom gave a PREP update from the last meeting he attended in place of Mr. Tooley. He thanked Dr. Mitchem for the crash course. The next few short years they will be looking for a new facility. Now the location is fairly convenient and it looks like it will be a group decision where it will be located. We need to make sure Greene is well represented. Mr. Sansom said this was a very positive meeting. He also stated last night Dr. Whitmarsh and himself presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting. He thanked Mr. Bowman and Mr. Herring for being in attendance and thanked them for their continued work. Good meeting tonight and thanked everyone for attending.

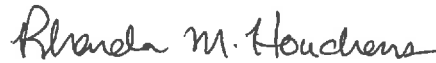
Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.



Chair



Clerk