



Minutes  
School Board Meeting  
Greene County Schools  
WMHS Performing Arts Center  
November 10, 2021

Members Present: Ms. Leah Paladino, Chair; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice Chair; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Sharon Mack, Member, Mr. Jason Collier, 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

Ms. Leah Paladino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the William Monroe High School Digital Media Classroom.

Mr. Sansom made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(7) to discuss legal and personnel matters. Ms. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:05 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center.

Ms. Leah Paladino 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 the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. Mr. Tooley, Ms. Mack, Mr. Sansom, Mr. Collier and Ms. Paladino all certified.

Ms. Paladino requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Sansom seconded the motion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Leah Paladino shared the consent agenda items and requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2021

Expenditures: October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021

Monthly Finance Report

Field Trip Requests  
Enrollment  
Staff to be Approved List

Mr. Collier made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented in the packet. Ms. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to students and staff for outstanding achievements. The board recognized Grant and Levi McDaniel, FFA Students at WMHS, for their accomplishments at the Virginia State Fair in September. The board also recognized their advisor, Mr. Chris Jones.

The board also recognized Samantha Nitsche, who won the Virginia Middle School State Championship Cross Country meet and broke the course record and the meet record.

Ms. Paladino stated it was time for public comment on items not listed below on the agenda. She also shared that there would be a time for public comment at the end of information items. Ms. Leah Paladino opened the floor for public comment.

Steven Kortepeter shared concerns with letting the whole community know that they are involved with all the children regardless of homeschool or in school. He shared comments regarding the election, mask and vaccinations.

Greg Pumphrey spoke regarding transparency, mask and medical mandates.

Buddy Barre spoke regarding the election and thanked school board members for their time.

Dr. Huber presented action item #11-1146, FY2023 & FY2024 School Calendars. Dr. Huber stated the survey data and comments reflect the same preferences as described earlier which is in favor of option 2 for both years. He stated it is our recommendation to approve option 2 for both years as presented. Mr. Sansom made a motion to approve option 2 for action item 11-1146, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars. Ms. Mack seconded. Mr. Sansom shared comments regarding asynchronous days before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Ms. Paladino shared comments regarding asynchronous days. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1147, Vehicle Financing. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the vehicles in our fleet are purchased by the county and school board must pass a resolution to ensure titling for new purchases. Dr. Whitmarsh stated resolution is included in the packet and the Board of Supervisors passed their resolution last evening. Mr. Sansom made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1147 Vehicle Financing as presented. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tooley, Aye  
Ms. Mack, Aye  
Mr. Sansom, Aye  
Mr. Collier, Aye  
Ms. Paladino, Aye

Ms. Peregoy presented information item #11-1148, GCTEC Showcase. The presentation gave an overview of curriculum highlights, promoting GCTEC, social and emotional learning, addressing learning loss and plans moving forward.

Dr. Huber presented Information item #11-1149, Strategic Plan. Dr. Huber shared information regarding Innovate 2021, strategic planning process, survey results and core values, next steps and timeline.

Ms. Paladino stated it was time for public comment on information items listed on the agenda. Ms. Leah Paladino opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Taft thanked Ms. Peregoy for her presentation. She shared concerns regarding social and emotional issues.

Mr. Pumphrey spoke regarding the GCTEC presentation, trades, and offered suggestions for students working in schools.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1150, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated students that were recognized this evening and she thanked Ms. Peregoy for her presentation. She shared she is excited to see those engaged in the strategic plan, congratulations to Mr. Collier for his reelection and Mr. Taylor for his election to the board in January, the deadline for virtual enrollment is December 10<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day reminder lots of activities taking place at the schools, November 22 & 23 are Asynchronous/Professional Development days, and Teen Maker Market day is December 11 from 9 am – 11 am and she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Paladino welcomed board member comments.

Mr. Collier congratulated Mr. Taylor, shared details regarding last PREP meeting and congratulated those that were recognized this evening. He thanked all staff.

Mr. Sansom congratulated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Collier. He shared importance and values of GCTEC, appreciates parental involvement, and he thanked Dr. Whitmarsh for sharing Veterans Day highlights.

Ms. Mack congratulated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Collier on the election. She also reminded the board regarding their upcoming roles in January, she stated she's looking forward to the board development

coming up in February, she congratulated those that were recognized this evening, she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Tooley congratulated Mr. Collier and Mr. Taylor. He stated he hopes the new year brings back some normalcy, he thanked Ms. Peregoy for her presentation, he thanked all the Vets, he thanked all staff for what they do and he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

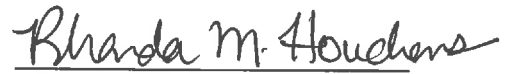
Ms. Paladino thanked Mr. Taylor for stepping up to serve the community. She thanked Mr. Collier for serving again on the board, she thanked all the Veterans and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for coming.

Ms. Paladino requested motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Sansom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Collier seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.



Chair



Clerk