



School Board Meeting  
Greene County Schools  
WMHS Performing Arts Center  
December 8, 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. Collier made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Sansom seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:09 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 amend the agenda.

Mr. Sansom made a motion to amend the agenda to include an information/action item to honor Board of Supervisor Member William Martin with a Resolution. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

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

Mr. Collier requested a moment of silence honoring the family of Dr. Dave Jeck in the loss of their oldest son.

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

Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2021  
Expenditures: November 5, 12, 16, 2021  
Monthly Finance Report  
Field Trip Requests  
Enrollment  
Staff to be Approved List

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

Ms. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to students and staff for outstanding achievements. The Board recognized Mukund Marri, Alistair Hogge and Caden Rougeau (known as MAC ATTACK) for winning Best Robot Design for the division and earned a spot in the championship competition that took place December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Board also recognized Steven Bowman – School Board liaison for the Greene County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Bowman has served as the School Board liaison since January 2020.

Ms. Mack represented the School Board in recognizing fellow board member Leah Paladino for her time on the School Board. Ms. Mack spoke of Ms. Paladino's many accomplishments while on the School Board and presented her with a gift.

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.

Morgan Kortepeter spoke regarding the federal fund update and had some additional questions regarding AC on buses, projected use of funds for OC3000, and school psychologist positions.

Steven Kortepeter shared concerns regarding grading system, student discipline, involving parents and the senior field trip request to New York.

Leah Paladino read the resolution for William (Bill) Martin Greene County Board of Supervisor. Ms. Mack made a motion to adopt the resolution for William (Bill) Martin. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Kristie Spencer presented action item #11-1159, Commonwealth of Virginia 457 Plan. Ms. Spencer gave an overview of the Commonwealth of Virginia 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan provides an additional option for retirement savings to employees. This is a voluntary plan and employees would elect to participate. All contributions are made by the employee. VRS requires a Plan Resolution to be passed by the Greene County School Board in order for the school division employees to participate in the plan. Ms. Mack made a motion to adopt the resolution for Greene County Public

Resolution to be passed by the Greene County School Board in order for the school division employees to participate in the plan. Ms. Mack made a motion to adopt the resolution for Greene County Public Schools' participation in the Commonwealth of Virginia 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Sansom seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Adam Midock, Ms. Danielle Alicea, Stephanie Hutchinson and Regina Hissong presented information item #11-1160, NGES/PS Spotlight. The presentation was an overview of addressing learning loss, Dragon Adventures – Summer 2021, curriculum highlights, student engagement, SEL Staff Resources, social emotion learning, and schoolwide project.

Ms. Kristie Spencer presented information item #11-1161, School Funds Audit. Ms. Spencer shared the results of the school fund audits conducted by Robinson Farmer Cox this summer. There were no material weaknesses or noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Ms. Spencer did share some recommendations from the auditors.

Dr. Bryan Huber presented information item #11-1162, Federal Funds Update. Dr. Bryan Huber provided an overview of federal funds management, federal funds process, examples and share current projected utilization of funds.

Ms. Kristi Spencer presented information item #11-1163, Capital Improvements Projects Update. Ms. Kristie Spencer gave an overview of the updated Capital Improvement Plan for Schools that is provided for Board review and approval in final form for the County Planning Commission. This plan will be for action at the January meeting.

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.

No additional public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1164, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated MAC ATTACK Students, she thanked Mr. Bowman for his service, she gave appreciation to the NGES Team for sharing their school highlights, and she thanked Leah Paladino for her service on the Greene County School Board. Dr. Whitmarsh shared she was invited to participate at the Virginia Education Summit as a resource expert along with Ms. Payne. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the details of their session on how the COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted students. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that Delegate Bell was at the schools to visit on Monday with a tour of WMHS and NGPS. Dr. Whitmarsh gave a budget update including the following: the local composite index has increased by 1.7%, VRS rates are decreasing, medical claims are leaning towards a favorable renewal, and social security payments are increasing by 5.9%. Budget surveys will be sent out and the January meeting is an organizational meeting. Teen Maker Market day is December 11 from 9 am – 1 pm. December 17<sup>th</sup> will be a 1 pm dismissal. School and offices will be closed December 20 – 31. Dr. Whitmarsh wished

everyone a wonderful holiday season, a restful winter break and please keep the Jeck Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Tooley thanked the GCTEC for their working skills and putting them to use, he shared Dragon's Closet and how nice it is to give back to the community, and he thanked Nathanael Greene Elementary and Primary Staff or their presentation, Ms. Spencer for her presentation and Dr. Huber for his. He thanked Mr. Bowman for his service. Mr. Tooley thanked the parents for showing up and he thanked Leah Paladino for her service on the School Board, and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Mack thanked everyone for coming out tonight and she thanked Nathanael Greene for their presentation and treats. She thanked Leah Paladino again for her service on the School Board and wished everyone in the community a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Sansom thanked Leah Paladino for recommending the resolution for Bill Martin. He thanked Leah Paladino for her service. Mr. Sansom thanked Kathleen Borrelli from the Greene County Record for showing up for every meeting. Mr. Sansom spoke regarding the VSBA Conference in Williamsburg. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Collier thanked all the staff for their hard work. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. He thanked Leah Paladino for her service on the School Board. Mr. Collier thanked the entire School Board for allowing him to put his hat in the ring for State Regional Chair which is a seat on the State School Board Association Board of Directions. He shared he was elected to this position. Mr. Collier shared details of the Virginia School Board Association removing from the National School Board Association.

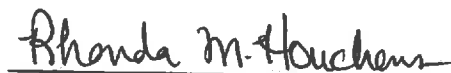
Ms. Paladino commended Mr. Collier for taking the roll of State Regional Chair. She thanked everyone for such nice comments.

Ms. Paladino requested motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sansom seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



Chair



Clerk