



**Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Office Meeting Room
8/12/2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Mack, Chairperson; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Leah Paladino, Member; Mr. Jason Collier, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR(S) PRESENT: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

The board's closed session meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the William Monroe Media Center Lab.

Ms. Sharon Mack called the Greene County School Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Mack called for a roll call vote to certify the closed meeting. All ayes from the board members.

Ms. Mack asked for a motion to approve closed meeting action, religion exemption 20-01. Mr. Jason Collier made a motion to approve the closed meeting action, Mr. Todd Sansom seconded the motion, all ayes from other members.

Ms. Leah Paladino made a motion to approve the presented consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Collier. The board approved the consent agenda 5:0 by a roll call vote.

Ms. Mack stated agenda item #11-917, Greene County Sheriff's Office MOU, is being removed from this month's meeting agenda.

Ms. PJ Gilbert presented agenda item #11-914, Piper Ivy Operations. She explained that she serves essential families in her daycare facility and remained open throughout the entire time of the pandemic. She outlined the strategies and plans she has implemented in her center in order to continue serving the families. She outlined her cleaning procedures. Hand washing, sanitizing, and

personal space reminders are the biggest changes that have been established. She says she has not required masks in her facility. She explained that the health department has not mandated that people inside the facility have to wear masks, but rather recommends it.

Dr. Whitmarsh introduced information item #11-915, Return to Learn update. She yielded the floor to Mr. Bryan Huber, Assistant Superintendent, who provided details on the progress on the Return to Learn plan, including more details on what the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year will look like.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-916, Face Mask Protocol. She outlined the recommendation from division leaders based on advice and guidance from the CDC, local health department, pediatricians, and others. Mr. Jason Tooley suggested communication surrounding masks. Leah Paladino moved to accept the protocol, the motion was seconded by Jason Collier. Ms. Mack prompted a roll call vote. Jason Collier, Leah Paladino, Jason Tooley replied aye. Mr. Todd Sansom replied No. Ms. Mack replied aye and with a 4:1 vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-918, the May 2020 VSBA policy updates. Ms. Mack called for a vote on accepting the updates. All ayes from members, motion carries.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented information/action item #11-919, the July 2020 VSBA policy updates. Ms. Leah Paladino moved to accept the July 2020 VSBA updates. Mr. Todd Sansom seconded the motion. All ayes from members, the motion carries.

Mr. Dale Herring presented information/action item #11-920, the VPSA Technology Grant. Mr. Herring explained that money from this grant helps with technology-related upgrades and expenses. One board member asked if there was an increase in the grant allocation this year. Mr. Herring said there was no increase. Leah Paladino moved to approve the grant application as presented. Jason Tooley seconded the motion. All ayes from members, motion carries.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented information/action item #11-921, the Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report. Mr. Huber explained that the report acts as an accountability measure within the division to ensure administrators are compliant with VDOE regulations and standards. Mr. Jason Collier moved to certify the report. Ms. Leah Paladino seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Mr. Jason Collier thanked community members for continuing to send their comments and concerns to him and encouraged them to keep in touch with all the board members. He also provided a brief update on PREP, including news about the current director accepting a new position in Fairfax County.

Ms. Leah Paladino thanked division leaders for all their time and energy while planning for the new school year. Additionally, she asked for the community's patience as leaders continue planning and announcing logistics.

Mr. Todd Sansom thanked members of the audience for attending the meeting. He also thanked Central Office leaders specifically for all their time and effort. He emphasized the importance of unifying to ensure the best outcomes are achieved during the 2020-2021 school year. He also noted that the school board solicited CARES Act funding from the Greene County Board of Supervisors' allocation.

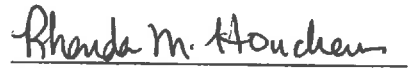
Mr. Jason Tooley echoed other board members' gratitude for division leaders' work. He said all their dedication to planning the school year should be recognized during board meetings. He also thanked his fellow board members for their time and commitment to making sure all students and staff return to school safely.

Ms. Sharon Mack explained that the boards' decisions, in conjunction with division leaderships, are made to ensure the 2020-2021 school year is successful. She said she hopes Greene County Schools can set an example for other divisions in the state.

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



Chairman



Clerk