



**Minutes School Board Meeting  
Greene County Public Schools  
October 14, 2020  
William Monroe High School Performing Arts Center**

**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 PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** N/A

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

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

Ms. Sharon Mack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Jason Collier moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, Mr. Todd Sansom seconded. All ayes from members, motion carried.

Ms. Sharon Mack announced that there were no sign ups for public comment and asked those in attendance if they were interested in addressing the Board. There was no public comment.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented action item #11-946, the FY2022 Budget Calendar. During the board's meeting in September, she explained that the budget calendar presented is a proposed timeline for how the fiscal year 2022 budget will be planned and created. Ms. Leah Paladino made a motion to accept the budget timeline as presented, Mr. Jason Collier seconded the motion. All ayes from the remaining members, the motion carried.

Action item #11-947, the Greene County Sheriff's Office Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), was next on the Board's agenda. During Septemeber's meeting, Dr. Kyle Pursel

outlined some changes to the agreement between the school division and the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Todd Sansom moved to accept the new MOU, Mr. Jason Collier seconded the motion. All ayes from the other Board members, the motion carried.

Ms. Sharon Mack called for a motion for action item #11-948, the 2020-2021 School Board Priorities. Ms. Leah Paladino made a motion to accept the School Board Priorities, Mr. Jason Tooley seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented information/action item #11-949, the School Year Calendar Update. He outlined the reasons division leaders and members of the calendar committee wanted to change the calendar, including the desire to have the 2021-2022 school year follow a similar timeline than past school years. He says a school year with a start date before Labor Day ensures the first semester ends prior to Winter Break and allows more time for summer school and remediation. The option he and the committee decided to recommend to the Board includes ending the 2020-2021 school year on June 4th, rather than June 17th. Mr. Todd Sansom moved to approve the new 2020-2021 school year calendar, Mr. Jason Tooley seconded the motion. All ayes from the other members, motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber, Ms. Joanne Fox, and Dr. Wendy Mitchem presented information item #11-950, the Return to Learn Update. Mr. Huber gave an enrollment update, including the number of students that are virtual and in-person. Ms. Fox then gave an update on instruction. She outlined how the division is helping students and teachers adjust to new learning models that are in place due to the various learning delivery methods. She also detailed the challenges and solutions leaders have had to navigate. Additionally, she shared feedback from students, teachers, and families regarding their concerns with the school year so far, as well as what they think is working well. Dr. Mitchem outlined additional supports that leaders are implementing to assist families, students, and teachers. Most of what she covered involved social emotional needs. Mr. Huber then covered the next steps that are being considered by leaders. This included enrollment change requests within the division, meaning whether a student is fully virtual or in person. He explained that frequent changes present many challenges for school leaders. He solicited feedback from the board about how the division should proceed in regards to enrollment change requests. Ms. Paladino said her main priority is to maintain the fully in-person option for Elementary students, Mr. Sansom said he agrees with that. Mr. Tooley asked if there were additional spaces available that would help accommodate the number of requests. Board members declined to give specific feedback due to the uncertainty surrounding the number of students, enrollment change requests, available staff, and other factors that would influence the process.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-951, the Superintendent's Update. She gave more details on VHSL's decisions regarding sports in the fall and winter. She also presented a brief budget update. She also provided more details on two positive cases of

**COVID-19. She said due to the division's mitigation strategies, there were no close contacts identified within the school buildings.**

**Mr. Tooley thanked everyone in the division for their hard work. He said he was impressed with the level of excitement he has seen while he's been in the school buildings. He specifically applauded the custodians in the buildings and said their hard work should not go unnoticed.**

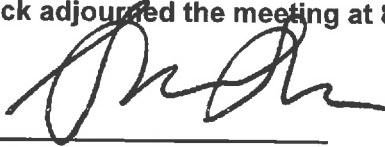
**Ms. Paladino said she is in awe of all the accomplishments of the school year. She also thanked school staff and leaders for all their work and reminded them to be gentle with themselves as they continue to navigate the uncertain time.**

**Mr. Sansom echoed the comments of Mr. Tooley and Ms. Paladino. He added that he believes the division is acting as a leader in the region.**

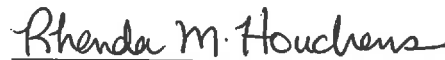
**Mr. Collier thanked school staff, parents, and students for their cooperation with COVID-19 mitigation efforts. He said they are the reason the number of cases in the school community are so low.**

**Ms. Mack says she could not be more proud of the school division and all the effort towards making the school year as successful as possible. She noted collaboration among so many people is inspiring and she is happy to see that it is helping students.**

**Ms. Mack adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.**



**Chairman**



**Clerk**