

**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harry Daniel, Chairperson; Leah Paladino, Vice-Chairperson; Rodney Kibler, Member; Sharon Mack, Member; Jason Collier, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Rhonda Houchens, Deputy Clerk

**MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** N/A

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Bill Martin, Vice Chair & Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the school board conference room.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Collier seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.; Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. Mrs. Paladino, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier and Mr. Daniel all certified.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Daniel stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Mr. Daniel closed public comments.

Ms. Spencer presented action item #11-779, Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Resolution. Ms. Spencer presented the Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan Resolution as an information and action item. IRS regulations require the restatement of the division's voluntary 403(b) retirement plan that is managed by MassMutual. Ms. Spencer requested that the board adopt the resolution as presented in the packet. Mrs. Paladino made a motion to adopt the 403(b) Retirement Resolution as stated. Mr. Collier seconded. Board certified by roll call; Mrs. Paladino, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier and Mr. Daniel all certified.

Dr. Ormsmith presented information item #11-780, CTE Update/Overview. Dr. Ormsmith gave an update on the CTE Program and how the program prepares students for jobs. The elementary schools have career advisory sessions which include: Explore Your Future Days, Market Days, World of Work Wednesdays & academic and career plan portfolio. The middle school has elected CTE courses, 8<sup>th</sup> grade career investigations course, and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders visit GCTEC. Ninth graders also visit GCTEC. There are many CTE courses for high school students to choose from. Dr. Ormsmith stated that GCTEC is pursuing the possibility of a Partnership Program with PVCC for CNA & LPN's. Another new and developing program for GCTEC students is to participate in internship programs here at GCPS with Maintenance and Nutrition. Dr. Ormsmith ended his presentation with "Invest in Me" video that was produced entirely by students from Middlesex County Public Schools.

Mrs. Williams and Dr. Pursel presented information item #11-781 School Nutrition Update. Dr. Pursel introduced Jennifer Williams, Director of School Nutrition. Mrs. Williams shared the federal meal pattern requirements. She also gave a district wide update on meals served daily, menu changes, grant funding received for primary school and social media presence. The new construction update for the high

and middle school now have increased menu options, higher breakfast participation and higher revenue at lunch. Mrs. Williams shared the goals for 2019-2020 which include waste reduction and increased meal options. Mr. Pursel shared the details of the pulper machine, blast chillers and new TV screens being used for menu options.

Dr. Pursel and Ms. Spencer presented information item #11-782 Implementation of Public Surplus. Dr. Pursel and Ms. Spencer shared details of surplus materials that have been generated over time and from renovation projects that exceed storage capabilities. Public surplus provides no cost online auction service that is compliant with federal, state and local regulations and provides accurate record keeping.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-783 Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared our Local Composite Index is increasing from .3321 to .3446 which means we will receive less state money. VRS rates are increasing and the average health insurance increase is between eight to ten percent. Currently our claims are up. A public hearing on the school budget will be held next board meeting.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared VASS and VASBO legislative priorities: removing support staff cap, funding unfunded mandates, positions being identified in the standards of quality by function instead of position title, increasing teacher salaries, adding social supports to reduce discipline issues and school violence, and greater flexibility for teachers teaching dual enrollment courses.

Dr. Whitmarsh mentioned the passing of Ethel Giuseppe. She had a tremendous impact on the schools and we are very thankful for all her gifts.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared there was a Piedmont Regional programs meeting this morning. There will be a loss of funding, still messy and still work in process.

Dr. Whitmarsh reminded everyone of the 2020 census.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared the many Veteran's Day celebrations that took place in the schools. Next week is VSBA Convention. Offices will be closed November 27, 28 & 29. Toy lift takes place December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Walmart in Ruckersville.

Mr. Collier mentioned the budgeting concerns with PREP program. CTE and Nutrition update was awesome. Mr. Collier thanked everyone for what they do. He also thanked students for attending.

Mrs. Mack shared information about Toy Lift. She thanked everyone for their support at the election.

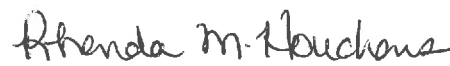
Mrs. Paladino stated the importance of Market Days. Mrs. Paladino thanked Bill Martin for attending and congratulated Dale Herring for winning the election. She also thanked everyone for attending.

Dr. Kibler wished everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Mr. Daniel thanked everyone for their presentations. Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Daniel adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk