

School Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: N/A

Mrs. Paladino called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Paladino requested nominations for School Board Chair.

Mr. Collier made a motion to nominate Sharon Mack as School Board Chair. Mr. Sansom seconded.

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve Sharon Mack as School Board Chair. Mr. Sansom seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack requested a motion for School Board Vice Chair, Clerk of the Board, Deputy Clerk, Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School Representative, School Board Policy Representative, PREP Representative, and PREP Alternate Representative.

Mr. Collier made a nomination to appointment the following: Todd Sansom as Vice Chair, Rhonda Houchens as Clerk of the Board, Jennifer Walker as Deputy Clerk of the Board, Jason Tooley as Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School Representative, Leah Paladino as School Board Policy Representative, Jason Collier as PREP Representative, Todd Sansom as 1st PREP Alternate Representative and Leah Paladino 2nd PREP Alternative Representative. Leah Paladino seconded the nominations as stated. Leah Paladino made a motion to approve the nominations as stated. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the schedule of regular meetings for calendar year 2020 as presented in packet. Mrs. Paladino seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack requested by roll call vote approval of the 2020 VSBA Code of Conduct as presented in packet. Board certified by roll call Jason Collier, Sharon Mack, Leah Paladino, Todd Sansom and Jason Tooley all certified.

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Collier seconded. Mrs. Mack, Mrs. Paladino, Mr. Collier moved to approve. Mr. Tooley and Mr. Sansom abstained due to being newly elected board members effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda items 11-798 through 11-804. Mr. Sansom seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to all the William Monroe High School Fall Student Athletes that received District, Region or State Honors. These included Football, Volleyball, Cheer, Golf, and Cross County. The William Monroe Middle Robotics Team was also recognized for their performances at regional and state tournaments.

Ms. Mack stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Ms. Mack closed public comments.

Ms. Spencer presented agenda item #11-805 Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Update. Ms. Spencer stated the Capital Improvement Projects Update was presented as an informational item at the December meeting and an action item for this evening. Ms. Spencer shared no items have changed since the update presented at the December meeting. Ms. Spencer recommended approval of the CIP updated as proposed. Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the Capital Improvements Projects Update. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Ormsmith presented information item #11-806, CTE Pathways & Course Guide. Dr. Ormsmith shared the new CTE Pathways & Course Guide. All CTE courses are listed in the guide with descriptions and job relations. Dr. Ormsmith shared all 8th graders will receive a copy of the guide.

Dr. Mitchem presented information item #11-807, Restraint & Seclusion Update. Dr. Mitchem stated in 2015 the Virginia Code required the VA Board of Education to adopt regulations on the use of seclusion and restraint in public schools. Dr. Mitchem shared the different types of restraints and gave examples of each type. Dr. Mitchem gave an overview of notification and reporting process. Initial training will also be required of all school personnel. Advanced training will be required for at least one administrator in each school building and for personnel assigned to work with any student whose IEP or Section 504 team determines the student is likely to be physically restrained or secluded.

Mr. Huber presented information item #11-808, School Calendar for 2020-21 & 2021-22. Mr. Huber shared the process in creating the school calendars. Mr. Huber reviewed the key considerations: Semester Start & End, Winter Break, Spring Break, Professional Days, Parent Teacher Conferences and Student Success. Mr. Huber gave an overview of the calendar survey results. Mr. Huber reviewed and discussed the draft calendars.

Ms. Spencer presented information item #11-809, Mileage Reimbursement Rate Calendar Year 2020. Ms. Spencer stated the mileage reimbursement rate for approved personal vehicle travel is updated by the IRS on January 1st of each year. For 2020, the rate is 57.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. This is down from 58.0 cents per mile in 2019. Ms. Spencer shared this is for informational purposes only. GCPS Finance is required to provide the School Board with any change in the IRS rate effective January 1st of each calendar year.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-810 FY2021 Budget Information. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the Vision, Mission, and School Board Priorities for Greene County Public Schools. Dr. Whitmarsh gave an overview of the FY2021 Influencing Factors, State, Federal and Local Revenues. Changes to the Regional Special Education Program will increase FY21 budget. The health insurance estimated increase is 8 to 10% = \$280,000 to \$350,000. Dr. Whitmarsh shared salary projections for 2, 3 & 4% salary increases. There will be a budget work session held on January 22 and a joint workshop with the Board of Supervisors held on January 28. The next School Board meeting will be February 12 and will include a public hearing on the FY2021 budget.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-811 Superintendent's Update. Welcomed two new board members Todd Sansom and Jason Tooley. Hidden in Plain Site presentation will take place January 15 at William Monroe High School at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by the Public Safety Foundation. We continue to advocate to VDOE for the Regional Programs.

Mr. Collier thanked everyone for their hard work. Next PREP meeting January 22, 2020. Mr. Collier encourage everyone to reach out to senators to encourage them to hold harmless the Schools for funding of regional programs for FY2021.

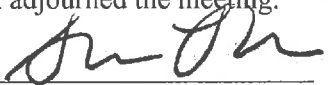
Ms. Paladino thanked Mrs. Brunelle for mug, coaster, and for hosting meeting. She also thanked those attending and presenting.

Mr. Sansom thanked everyone for their talent and energy. He thanked the other board members and Dr. Whitmarsh.

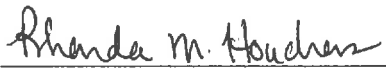
Mr. Tooley stated he was glad to be a part of the meeting. He shared his passion for school safety.

Mrs. Mack stated she will do her best to lead the board as Chair. It is an honor to serve again. Budget may be challenging. Mrs. Mack thanked everyone and wished everyone a nice evening.

Mrs. Mack adjourned the meeting.



Chairman



Clerk