

School Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Kibler

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Bill Martin, Vice Chair & Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Central Office conference room.

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

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

Mrs. Paladino announced that we would reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room at the County Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. All certified.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the Superintendents recommendation regarding the non-renewal as discussed in closed session. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to amend the agenda adding action item #11-524, authorization signature in absence of the Division Superintendent. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to NGES 24 Challenge Team. At the Orange Regional Tournament our 12 “ambassadors” all contributed in setting a team record (528 points) and placed more players in the finals than any other county. Two players were individual Champions for their grade level, and our 5th Graders swept 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places. All 12 players represented our county well, playing with terrific respect and sportsmanship.

Mrs. Paladino stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Mrs. Paladino closed public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-517, Stanardsville Town Market which will be located outside the School Board office. The recommendation is to approve the plans for the initial phase of the town Market while reserving the right to review and take action on the alternative plan showing the bridge construction on school property. Dr. Whitmarsh stated this project does not appear to interfere with the project at the schools. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the plans for the initial phase of the Town Market. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Pursel presented action item #11-518, School Nutrition Meal Prices both as an informational and action item. The calculations were not made available until after the May board meeting. Based on the lunch equity calculations as required by federal guidelines the need to increase school lunch prices by \$0.10 for students K-12. Elementary lunch will cost \$2.70 and middle/high school lunches will be \$3.00. Adult lunches will remain the same at \$3.75. Breakfast cost for students and adults will increase by \$0.10. Students \$1.50 and adults \$1.80. Dr. Pursel requested the board approve the \$0.10 increase for all student lunches and \$0.10 increase for breakfast for students and staff. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the school nutrition meal price increase for 2018-2019 to reflect prices of \$2.70 for student elementary lunches, \$3.00 for student middle and high school lunches, \$1.50 breakfast for all students and \$1.80 breakfast for adults. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Herring presented action item #11-519, VSPA Technology Grant Resolution. Mr. Herring shared this grant has been part of the School Board budget for several years. The current grant amount is \$180,000 per year and this is a significant funding source to support our schools' technology infrastructure for testing and instruction. Mr. Herring requested that the VSPA Technology Grant Resolution be approved. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the VSPA Technology Grant Resolution. Mrs. Mack seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-520, Federal Consolidated Application 2018-19 both as an informational and action item. The application was not made available until after the May board meeting. This is an annual process the school division goes through to obtain federal funds for Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV. The total budget amount for these categories in our application is \$566,101.72. Mr. Huber explained what each grant amount would be used for in the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Huber requested approval of the application to be sent to the Virginia Department of Education by the July 1st deadline. Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 federal consolidated application as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-521, IKFD. This policy was presented at the May meeting. This policy would allow the school division to create alternative pathways for students to earn standard credits outside of meeting the 140 clock hour rule. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the IKFD. Mrs. Mack seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-524, Authorization of Signature in Absence of Division Superintendent. Dr. Whitmarsh explained obtaining a signature designee for the Superintendent is an annual action. Dr. Whitmarsh requested Bryan Huber to be authorized to sign in her absence during the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve Bryan Huber as the authorized designee to sign in the absence of the division superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Mack seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented information item #11-522, VSBA May 2018 Policy Updates. Mr. Huber stated there were thirty-six policies provided in the packet for the school board to review. The major changes include Policy GC which allows Superintendents to request provisional licenses to be extended given satisfactory teacher performance. Policy IGAE/IGAF updates requirements for health and physical education instruction to include instruction on mental health and the safe use of prescription drugs. Policy IKH defines how students may be eligible for expedited retakes. This practice has already been adopted by the school division. Policy JEA ensures that student attending off campus programs are not penalized for compulsory attendance. JGD/JGE policy helps to eliminate exclusionary discipline practices within the school division especially students in lower grades. Limits the long term suspension time between 11 and 45 days.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-523, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared Class of 2018 graduated with a total of 207 graduates with 107 advance diplomas, 64 honor graduates, 18 students who received an associate degree. Local scholarships totaled \$218,000.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated that construction at the Stanardsville Campus has begun with the demolition of both interior and exterior, asphalt and curbing, moving of utilities, and relocation of fire panels.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared information on the upcoming summer programs.

Dr. Whitmarsh reminded the board no meeting in July and the retreat will take place August 25th.

Mr. Daniel shared the Greene Education Foundation meeting went well. Very enthusiastic.

Mr. Mack thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a nice summer.

Mr. Collier shared PREP has hired an executive director Dr. Michelle Boyd.

Mrs. Paladino thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a great summer.

Mrs. Paladino adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk