

**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rodney Kibler, Chairman; Jason Collier, Vice-Chairman; Leah Paladino, Member; Sharon Mack, Member; Harry Daniel, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Shanna Deane, Clerk

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Jim Frydl

The closed session was called to order at 6:30 pm in the school board office conference room.

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

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 7:02 pm; Mrs. Mack seconded, motion carried.

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

There were no closed meeting actions.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to M & M Service & Salvage regarding their tremendous support to the Greene County Technical Center Auto Technology Program. Matt Richardson accepted the recognition certificate on behalf of M & M Service & Salvage.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented recognition certificates to three HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) students for their outstanding achievements at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual International Leadership Conference held in Nashville, TN during the summer of 2016.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to Travis Bunch for being accepted into the UVA Apprenticeship Program.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to Katie Marshall for being named the VAPHERD (Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Kibler stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Dr. Kibler closed public comments.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-190, Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report. Mr. Huber explained this is an annual report completed by the division for the school year 2015-2016. Mr.

Huber stated standard number three of accreditation was not met for school year 2015-2016. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-191, 2016-2017 School Board Priorities. Dr. Whitmarsh stated at the annual school board retreat, which was held on August 14, 2016, the school board discussed and created the school board priorities for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the priorities as follows:

- Support the implementation of Innovate 2021 including our core values of innovation and academic excellence; providing a safe and supportive learning environment; efficient utilization of resources; and collaboration and communication with all stakeholders.
- Provide competitive compensation and benefits for all staff.
- Focus on the support, recruitment, and retention of the most highly qualified educators, leaders, and support staff.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated the priorities are action to guide the school board's work throughout the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Paladino made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 school board priorities as presented. Mrs. Mack seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh introduced Bryce Powell of VMDO Architects to present information item #11-192, Facilities Study Update. Mr. Powell presented a process update on the facilities study. After the process update, Mr. Powell reviewed what VMDO proposed for the school sites and the school buildings. Mr. Powell reviewed the costs of each area that had been discussed at the August 10<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

During the presentation of the various costs of the facilities, the school board discussed the centralized kitchen facility proposal. Mr. Daniel questioned if breakfast would be prepared at the central kitchen facility. Mr. Powell stated the number of meals fixed for each day would remain the same. Mr. Daniel requested clarification on the definition of part-time in terms of the cafeteria staff. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the current part-time staff hours are 20 hours per week. Dr. Whitmarsh stated there would not be a difference in the staff work hours.

Mrs. Paladino commented that a benefit of having the centralized kitchen would be the quality of food being better, while keeping the cost of the food down.

Dr. Kibler questioned whether other smaller divisions have centralized kitchens. Mr. Powell stated no other smaller divisions have a centralized kitchen. Mr. Powell stated larger school divisions have centralized kitchens. Mr. Powell explained that the reason this option has come up for Greene is due to the spacing issues at the schools. Mr. Powell stated this project could fix multiple facility issues.

After presenting all of the costs to update the school sites and the school buildings, Mr. Powell reiterated that VMDO will work with Greene County Public Schools to focus the best use of funds on students and building occupants, educational opportunities, and long-term benefits.

Mr. Powell presented the next steps in the facilities process which were:

- September 14<sup>th</sup> school board meeting where costs and project timelines were presented and the school board would make final comments.
- Board of Supervisors Work session on September 27<sup>th</sup> where project options, costs and timelines will be presented. The school board will present their recommendations of priority and needs and VMDO will work to match project recommendations and priorities with information regarding available funding that may come out of the work session.

- October 12<sup>th</sup> school board meeting where the finalization of the project plan occurs.

Mr. Gary Lowe of the Stanardsville Independence Day Committee (SIDC) presented information item #11-193, Stanardsville Independence Day Committee Report. Mr. Lowe introduced Mike Payne, who serves on the committee, to assist in presenting information on the 2016 Fourth of July celebration. Both Mr. Lowe and Mr. Payne shared in presenting a power point presentation showing the benefits of the July fourth festivities, the list of sponsors of the events, the feedback, and showed highlights from the event.

Mr. Huber presented information item #11-194, State Accreditation and Accountability. Mr. Huber gave a brief review of the state accreditation requirements. Mr. Huber presented a summary of the school divisions where all of the schools met the accreditation requirements. Mr. Huber stated Greene County was one of fifty-three school divisions where all schools met the accreditation requirements. Mr. Huber reviewed the important highlights from the schools and the summary of subject scores. Mr. Huber announced that Ruckersville Elementary School has been accredited for three years in a row. Mr. Huber stated Ruckersville Elementary is one of thirty-nine schools in the state that have made this achievement. Mr. Huber stated Nathanael Greene Elementary School is fully accredited; however, the school is still considered a Focus School due to the two year process.

Mr. Huber reviewed the areas of growth for each school. Mr. Huber reviewed the division priorities for 2016-2017 and the priorities of each school.

Mrs. Paladino questioned the mentorship program at William Monroe Middle School. Mr. Huber stated Mrs. Brunelle is working with her staff to continue the staff/student relationship from elementary to middle school.

Mr. Daniel questioned when the Work Key assessment will be going away. Mr. Huber responded as of June 1, 2016.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented superintendent's report #11-195, FY2018 Budget Calendar. Dr. Whitmarsh presented the draft version of the FY2018 budget calendar for the school board to review. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the public hearing is scheduled for the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the FY2018 budget calendar will be action at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented superintendent's report #11-196, Superintendent's Comments. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the Greene County Technical Center held the Law Enforcement Appreciation day.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated overall enrollment is up 1%; however Nathanael Greene Primary School's enrollment is down. Dr. Whitmarsh stated William Monroe High School has increased by seventy students.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated Dragonfest was held on September 9, 2016. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the event was well attended, it was hot and a great win for the football team.

Dr. Kibler commented that a lot of information had been presented at the meeting. Dr. Kibler encouraged community members and staff to turn in their comments to Dr. Whitmarsh. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the VMDO presentation will be posted online.

Mr. Collier thanked everyone and thanked them for their hard work. Mr. Collier stated there are decisions to be made. Mr. Collier thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mrs. Mack congratulated the division because of meeting accreditation. Mrs. Mack encouraged community members and staff to provide feedback on the facilities study.

Mr. Daniel thanked VMDO for presenting. Mr. Daniel complimented the schools for making accreditation. Mr. Daniel complimented the recognitions that were given out at the school board meeting.

Mrs. Paladino had no comments.

Dr. Kibler adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Clerk