

**School Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: N/A

The closed session was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Greene County School Board Office conference room.

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

Mrs. Mack made a motion to amend the agenda to include Thomas Jefferson Adult Education for a committee appointment representative. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Kibler requested nominations for School Board Chair. Mrs. Mack nominated Mrs. Paladino for the Chairperson of the school board. Mr. Daniel seconded.

There were no more nominations.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Leah Paladino as the nominee for Chairperson. Mr. Daniel seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Collier made a motion to nominate Harry Daniel as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Mack seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested nomination for Clerk of the School Board.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to nominate Shanna Deane as Clerk of the School Board. Mr. Collier seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested nomination for Deputy Clerk of the School Board.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to nominate Rhonda Houchens as Deputy Clerk of the School Board. Dr. Kibler seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the schedule of regular meetings for calendar year 2017 as listed in the board packet. Mr. Kibler seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested a nomination for Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School committee appointment representative.

Mr. Collier made a motion to nominate Sharon Mack for School Board Representative to the Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School. Mr. Daniel seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested a nomination for School Board Policy representative.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to nominate Rodney Kibler for School Board Policy representative. Mr. Collier seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested a nomination for PREP representative.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to nominate Jason Collier for PREP representative. Dr. Kibler seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested a nomination for PREP Alternate representative.

Mr. Collier made a motion to nominate Leah Paladino for PREP Alternate representative. Mr. Daniel seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested a nomination Thomas Jefferson Adult Education representative.

Dr. Kibler made a motion to nominate Harry Daniel for Thomas Jefferson Adult Education representative. Mrs. Mack seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested a motion to approve the VSBA Code of Conduct.

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the VSBA Code of Conduct. Mrs. Mack seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Dr. Whitmarsh and Mrs. Paladino presented a recognition certificate to Kyle Kruszewski for being selected to participate in the Virginia High School Coaches Association All Star Game. Kyle is only the 3rd player in WMHS history to be selected for this game and is one of only 74 high school players selected.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Mrs. Paladino presented a recognition certificate to Michelle Deisbeck for being selected as one of five US Presidential Scholar Finalist in Virginia. She will be completing the application process starting in January and the selection will be made in May. Michelle was chosen to be a candidate because of her performance in CTE, academic excellence, extra activities, and leadership abilities demonstrated by being a HOSA State Officer.

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

Mrs. Paladino closed public comments.

Kristie Spencer presented action item #11-250, Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Spencer stated this was an action item for the Capital Improvement Plan which was presented as an informational item at the

December meeting. Ms. Spencer shared there has been no changes to the information that was provided at the December meeting and the plan would be submitted to the county as part of their overall county capital improvement plan. Mrs. Spencer requested to approve the plan as provided.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan as proposed. Dr. Kibler seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Kristie Spencer presented information item #11-251, Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Calendar Year 2017. Ms. Spencer shared that in 2014 the School Board changed the mileage reimbursement policy to follow the IRS standard business reimbursement rate and part of the policy is to update the board each year. Ms. Spencer shared for 2017, the rate is 53.5 cents per mile for business miles driven, which is down from 54 cents in 2016.

Adam Midock and Sarah Baran presented information item #11-252, NGES & NGPS Backpack Program. Mr. Midock shared that with the addition of the community liaison position which brought Sarah Baran on board made it possible to initiate the backpack program. Mr. Midock stated that the entire community was taking part to help fund the program. Ms. Baran stated that 32 backpacks are being sent home on Fridays and then are returned on Monday. Ms. Baran is hoping to continue the program over breaks and during the summer.

Mrs. Paladino asked how the community could give donations. Ms. Baran shared donations could be dropped off at the Primary School.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-253, FY2018 Budget Information. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the School Board Priorities for 2017-2018 which includes supporting the implementation of Innovate 2021, providing competitive compensation and benefits for all staff and support, recruitment and retention of highly qualified educators, leaders, and staff. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the School Board and Board of Supervisors will be having a joint workshop on January 24, 2017. On January 25, 2017, the School Board will be having a work session and the next School Board meeting is February 10, 2017.

Dr. Whitmarsh discussed the FY2018 influencing factors which included projection of a flat enrollment for FY2018, VRS Contribution rate increase of 10%, and no local impact for operating expenses. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the budget outlook will change depending on the actions taken by the Governor, General Assembly and Federal Government.

Dr. Whitmarsh discussed state and federal revenues. Dr. Whitmarsh stated our projected revenue for FY2018 is \$19,391,085 with an ADM budget of 3,075. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the Governor's budget proposal from December 16, 2016 projects the ADM holding flat. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the local composite index remains the same because we are in the second year biennium. There is no increase projected for federal funds.

Dr. Whitmarsh reviewed the local revenue funding amounts for the last five years. Dr. Whitmarsh provided a chart that showed the budget, fall enrollment total and total enrollment less Pre-K, the year-over-year change, staffing and the year-over-year change in staffing. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the enrollment increase from 2012 to 2017 is 5.4% and a staff increase of 2%.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated that the anticipated VRS increase will be \$326,000 based on no salary increase. The health estimated increase is \$357,000. These are the things that are required.

Dr. Whitmarsh discussed personnel considerations. Dr. Whitmarsh stated many requests were received, which were evaluated and prioritized. Dr. Whitmarsh shared there has been over 1.7 million in requests

from departments and schools. Dr. Whitmarsh provided a list of personnel requests in addition to a chart showing the salary projections based on 1% and 2% salary increases. Dr. Whitmarsh emphasized that personnel needs are there and data supports the requests.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated there were non-personnel considerations: The considerations include:

- Facilities/Supplies (~\$114,000)
- Purchase Services (~\$38,000)
- Technology (~\$144,000)

Dr. Whitmarsh concluded the FY2018 presentation by asking the school board for recommendations or questions.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-254, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh announced Ruckersville Elementary School was the winner of the second annual Holiday Challenge. Dr. Whitmarsh stated there was a lot of team work and creativity throughout the division.

Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated Leah Paladino as the new board Chairperson and Harry Daniel as the new Vice-Chairman. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked Dr. Kibler and Jason Collier for serving as Chairman and Vice-Chairman the previous year.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared that the school start time survey was completed in December and included tremendous feedback. Dr. Whitmarsh stated there would be another survey completed in order to reach out to those individuals that may have missed the first one.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated we have missed one school day and the make-up day is a bank day and will not need to be made up.

Dr. Whitmarsh gave an update on the facilities study. Dr. Whitmarsh stated there have been consultants on-site to do a traffic study and an initial on-site survey will start on Monday, January 17, which will last for four weeks. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that vendors were being reviewed for the Geo Technical support.

Dr. Kibler thanked the board for their support over the past year.

Mr. Collier thanked all the staff and students for the good job they are doing and looks forward to great things in the spring.

Mrs. Mack thanked Rodney Kibler for serving as Chairman and Jason Collier for serving as Vice-Chairman for the previous year. Mrs. Mack congratulated Leah for serving as Chairperson and Harry as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Daniel thanked Dr. Kibler for serving as Chairman the previous year. Mr. Daniel commented on the backpack program and how he appreciated the presentation.

Mrs. Leah Paladino thanked all the board members. Mrs. Paladino commented on the budget season and recognized all the effort and hard work that goes into the presentations. Mrs. Paladino thanked Teresa Beigie for all the positive articles and for sharing the exciting items in the Greene County Record.

Mrs. Paladino adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk