

## **School Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016**

**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 6:00 pm in the William Monroe High School conference room.

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to reconvene into open session in the William Monroe High School Performing Arts Center at 7:00 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.

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

Dr. Whitmarsh welcomed the William Monroe High School Marching Band and invited them to perform.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to the William Monroe High School Marching Band for receiving more than 10 awards and accolades from marching competitions throughout Virginia this year.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to Michael Deisbeck, for winning Best Drum Major in Class A at both the Blast in the Draft and the Charlottesville Cavalcade.

Dr. Kibler stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Mr. Monty Shifflett, a parent of a William Monroe High School student shared a concern. Dr. Whitmarsh stated she would be glad to meet with him after the school board meeting.

Dr. Kibler closed public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented agenda item #11-235, LOVE Project. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that at the previous school board meeting, Vyvyan Rundren shared that The Palette Art Gallery & Art Guild of Greene would like to erect the LOVE letters on the property in front of the GCTEC. Dr. Whitmarsh requested that the board approve the placement of the LOVE letters on the property in front of the GCTEC.

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to allow The Palette Art Galley & Art Guild of Greene to place the LOVE sign in front of the GCTEC. Mrs. Mack seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Kristie Spencer presented information item #11-236, Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Spencer stated this was an annual update to the Capital Improvement Plan. She shared some projects that were removed due to completion, which includes internet infrastructure project and WMMS HVAC units. New projects include WMHS gym bleachers and resurfacing of the track. Also included in the plan, is a document that

lists the overall assets in the buildings. Ms. Spencer stated that the Capital Improvement Plan will be an agenda item at the next school board meeting and then the document will be submitted to the county as part of their overall county capital improvement plan.

Mrs. Mack asked if it was an expected need for the track resurfacing. Ms. Spencer stated that the track is at the end of the five to six year warranty.

Dr. Brenda Walton and Mr. Tim Hickey presented information item #11-237, Performance Based Assessment. Dr. Walton stated, beginning with the 2014-2015, school year several SOL's were eliminated by the state and have been replaced with performance based assessments. Dr. Walton and Mr. Hickey provided an informational presentation on the current work being done surrounding performance based assessments and performance tasks. They also provided a roadmap for the future in Greene County with these types of assessments. Dr. Walton shared that Greene County Public Schools has exceeded the state requirements for PBA's.

Mr. Daniel asked if PBA's were being recorded and reported to the state. Dr. Walton stated yes, PBA's were being recorded and reported to the state.

Mr. Daniel asked if more SOL's were going to be replaced by PBA's. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that in the future the state will most likely be reducing the number SOL test and replacing them with PBA's.

Lisa Lawson presented information item #11-238, WMMS Innovation. Mrs. Lawson provided an overview of the innovative educational opportunities for students at WMMS this year. This included a video that highlighted the Gateway Engineering Program from Mr. Bush, Mrs. Stafford's use of coding and breakout boxes, and Mr. Dojack's use of GIS in the classroom. Mrs. Lawson shared how these educational opportunities have reduced the number of discipline issues and how excited and involved students are in the classroom.

Mr. Daniel asked what was next for the high school grade levels. Mr. Huber shared that there are pockets of extreme strength at the high school and it needs to be continued support for teachers and allow them to make changes and be creative.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-239, FY2018 Budget Outlook. Dr. Whitmarsh shared information is being collected and staff members are being surveyed for the FY2018 budget requests. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that the anticipated VRS increase will be \$326,000 in addition to a health insurance increase. A tentative joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for January 24, 2017. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that the first FY2018 budget proposal will be presented at the next school board meeting.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-240, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked the marching band for attending the meeting and congratulated them on their accomplishments. She thanked Dr. Walton, Mr. Hickey and WMMS Teachers for their great presentations and the great things happening in the classroom every day. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that changes have been made to middle and high school bus route start times so buses leave a little later and therefore will not be arriving at school too early. She shared that the division is in the middle of the second annual holiday challenge which is a great example of performance tasks and great teamwork. Dr. Whitmarsh stated a school start time survey will be sent out to all parents this week and the School Board organizational meeting will take place next month.

Mrs. Paladino shared that the School Board Members just completed the annual Superintendent's evaluation. The board would like to publically recognize how much they appreciate all the work Dr.

Whitmarsh does for the division. The board was pleased to complete her annual review with very high marks.

Mrs. Paladino also commented on the great presentations that were presented.

Mr. Collier thanked Dr. Walton, Mr. Hickey and WMMS Teachers for their presentations and for keeping the students engaged.

Mrs. Mack recognized and thanked the teachers for all their hard work and creativity.

Mr. Daniel congratulated the band for their performance. Mr. Daniel shared how he enjoyed the PBA presentation and was impressed with the WMMS presentation and video.

Dr. Kibler adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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