



**Minutes  
School Board Meeting  
Greene County Schools  
County Meeting Room  
March 13, 2024**

**Members Present: Mr. Brooks Taylor, Chair; Ms. Rebecca Roach, Vice Chair; Ms. Kelly Greer, Member; Ms. Cherish Alberts, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.**

**Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Francis McGuigan**

**Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Office Conference Room.**

**Ms. Roach made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss assignment, appointment, and performance of specific officers, appointees, or employees of the Board. Ms. Greer seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.**

**Ms. Roach made a motion to reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room. Ms. Greer seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.**

**Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.**

**Mr. Taylor stated: The Board will certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion to convene in the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.**

**Ms. Greer – certified  
Ms. Alberts – certified  
Ms. Roach – certified  
Mr. Taylor - certified**

**Mr. Taylor stated that Cara Bickers is unable to be here tonight so we are going to do an Electronic Participation Motion. In accordance with Greene County Public Schools' Policy BDD: Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations – The Greene County School Board must approve Ms. Bickers' request to participate electronically by a majority vote of members present.**

Mr. Taylor asked if there was a motion to allow Ms. Bickers to participate electronically in this evening's meeting. Ms. Greer made a motion to approve Ms. Bickers' request to participate electronically in accordance with Greene County Public Schools' Policy BDD. Ms. Alberts seconded. All Ayes, motion carried. Mr. Taylor stated for the record that Ms. Bickers is missing this meeting due to personal business reasons in accordance to Policy BDD.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Alberts made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Taylor stated there were no closed meeting actions.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion for the consent agenda:

- 11-1561 February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1562 February 28, 2024 Budget Adoption Meeting Minutes
- 11-1563 February 1, 2024 Expenditures
- 11-1564 February 8, 2024 Expenditures
- 11-1565 February 12, 2024 Expenditures
- 11-1566 February 26, 2024 Expenditures
- 11-1567 February 27, 2024 Expenditures
- 11-1568 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1569 Field Trip Requests
- 11-1570 Enrollment
- 11-1571 Staff to be Approved List

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 11-1561 to 11-1571 as presented. Ms. Alberts seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor stated it was time for first public comment on matters not listed below on agenda. Mr. Taylor opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments, so Mr. Taylor closed public comment.

Ms. Brunelle presented action item #11-1572, Bus Stop Arm Cameras. Ms. Brunelle stated she was requesting action on the Bus Stop Arm Presentation that was presented last month. We are requesting you to take action on the proposed addition of 10 stop arm cameras to 10 buses at no cost to the school division.

Mr. Taylor asked if it was the same company as the school zone cameras. Ms. Brunelle responded yes. Mr. Taylor asked if it was the same process as the school zone cameras. Ms. Brunelle responded yes.

Ms. Greer made a motion to approve the action item 11-1572 Bus Stop Arm Cameras as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Perego presented information item #11-1573, Perkins FY25 Plan. Ms. Perego shared the Perkins Plan is an information item this month and an action item next month. Ms. Perego shared what to expect in 2024-2025, high quality work-based learning, industry credentials, and national accreditation. Ms. Perego explained the Perkins Plan and the elements of the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment. Ms. Perego shared developing the Perkins Plan a data driven budget CTE enrollment, areas we must focus on for continued improvement, and CLNA Findings. The Perkins Plans estimated allotment \$55,371.99.

Ms. Regina Hissong presented information item #11-1574, School Spotlight – RES. Ms. Hissong and Ms. Graham shared the following: how are we growing as a school, we work every day to align our practice with the GCPS strategic plan, student outcome updates, growing our exceptional workforce, growing as a safe, supportive and caring school, growing as a connected community, growing out culture of excellence, and opportunities to support our growth and learning in the future.

Mr. Taylor stated it was time for public comment on information items. Mr. Taylor opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Taylor stated no one signed up and no one wanted to speak so he closed the floor for the second public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1575, FY2025 Budget Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the General Assembly released the conference budget last weekend which included the state's portion for a 3% raise for SOQ positions. We don't yet have facts or figures. The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the inflation rates for February yesterday and the 12-month inflation rate is 3.7% for the southern region and 3.4% nationally so this states that our proposed salary increase is just under the rate of inflation. The Board of Supervisors has held three budget work sessions so far. We presented at the first. They passed a resolution last night's meeting to advertise lower tax rates which will mean likely making additional cuts so we are waiting to see where that will go. The next meeting is tomorrow right here at 4:30.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1576, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked Ms. Perego for highlighting the work happening at CTE as an introduction to the Perkins Plan and just a reminder that will be up for action next month. Thanks to the Ruckersville Team for highlighting all the wonderful work happening there. We are now into our fourth nine weeks. Report cards will be issue March 20<sup>th</sup> for the third nine weeks. We are reviewing photography services and would like to know what is important to our families so the survey is on our website and Facebook page and the deadline is this Friday. The Greene County Sheriff's Office implemented the new school

zone speed enforcement cameras in Ruckersville Elementary School Zone and William Monroe High School and Nathanael Greene Primary School zones. They will start issuing tickets on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. NG students recently raised over \$3,500 to support The American Heart Association. NG SCA recently collected items for pets in need for our local animal shelter. RES working with staff on the one school one problem. Kindergarten registration will be held March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>. Preschool enrollment opportunities are being held this week at Feed Greene during normal business hours. High School basketball player Brady Lam was selected in February to 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Valley District. Parker Hildebrand was selected for 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and girl's basketball player Avery Shifflett was selected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and in early March Avery Shifflett earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Region 3B Honors in basketball and Brady Lam earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Region 3B Honors and just today VHSL announced All State Basketball Team and Brady Lam was selected for 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State. High schooler Ryan Fix qualified winter individual state qualifying athletic. Marquise Brock and Nick Caruso also qualified.

Samantha Nitzsche Region 3B 3200-meter champion and 1600-meter runner up. In late February, she earned All State Honors 1600 meter and 3200-meter races. Dayon Griffith was featured as the athletic spotlight in the Daily Progress. Grace Mellott earned the highest score in the food marketing competition at the DECA Leadership Conference. Our National History Day students had a great showing at the recent district competition. Five projects including our first elementary school winner will move on to the state competition on April 27<sup>th</sup>. HOSA students traveled to Williamsburg last week for their leadership conference. No School for students April 1-5 for Spring Break. All schools and office will be closed April 1<sup>st</sup>. Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> will be a 1:00 pm dismissal. This is a change due to the solar eclipse happening in our area. There is a list of upcoming events in your folders. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Taylor welcomed board member comments.

Ms. Roach thanked everyone for coming out. She shared she is really looking forward to the stop arm cameras. She stated that the CTE Program is doing wonderful things and she appreciates all the hard work. Ms. Roach stated the RES presentation was great and she appreciated it. She shared she is looking forward to Willie Wonka. Congratulations to the athletics and CTE programs for all their accomplishments. She thanked everyone for coming out and she appreciates everyone.

Ms. Alberts thanked everyone for coming out. The first National History Elementary Student going to states was very exciting. She gave a special shout out to Zion Brown one of my former students who received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place and two other awards. She stated she loved the social media updates and wonderful things happening in our schools. She thanked Dr. Whitmarsh for the budget update. She thanked everyone.

Ms. Greer thanked everyone for being there tonight. She praised Ms. Peregoy for everything she did for the CTE Program and she is so impressed. She shared how wonderful it was for NG students to be doing such nice things for our community. Congratulations to our student athletes and all those who compete in competitions.

Mr. Taylor shared Ms. Bickers comments: Ms. Bickers shared she thinks the stop arm cameras will be great. CTE Program is wonderful and she is excited about the new addition with new opportunities. Ms. Bickers shared she loved seeing the RES presentation. Congratulations to all the students and their accomplishments and all the hard work you put in.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Taylor asked the principals to go back and tell staff we couldn't do this without them. Mr. Taylor shared it was his daughter's birthday today and she is 7 today. He thanked everyone for coming out.


Ms. Albert's stated her twins turned 16 today.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Roach made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Greer seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:06 pm.

  
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