



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Meeting Room
May 8, 2024

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

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the William Monroe High School PAC.

Mr. Taylor welcomed everyone and he, along with Dr. Whitmarsh, proceeded with the recognition ceremony. The following staff and students were recognized:

Ruckersville Elementary School - The Master Eagles RES Robotics team competed this year in the regional Lego competition and earned 1st place in their Division.

Coach - Sue Davies

Robotics students: Ender Oktayuren, Benjamin Kilby, Cooper Cellon, Annabelle Akuamoah – Boateng, Isabelle Akuamoah – Boateng, Julianna Glenn, Aiden Downey, Desmond Hale, Nevin Joy, and Lucas Scarlata

Nathanael Greene Elementary School - honoree, Caleb Evans, who earned 2nd place at the National History Day District competition for his Individual Exhibit, "Tracktastic Tanks."

William Monroe Middle School - Destination Imagination team that competed at the state Destination Imagination competition in various categories.

Coach - Aaron Hale

Members of our Destination Imagination team include: Hope Garrison: 3rd Place, Service Learning; Rory Clancy, 3rd Place, Service Learning; Madelyn Watson, 3rd Place, Service Learning; Jett Street, 3rd Place, Engineering; Mason Parenti, 3rd Place, Engineering; Olin Shrum,

3rd Place, Engineering; Mason Greer, 3rd Place, Engineering; Asa Swain, 4th Place, Engineering; Brennan Singer, 4th Place, Engineering; William Franssen, 4th Place, Engineering; Miles Franssen, 4th Place, Engineering; Kellen Ward, 4th Place, Engineering; Aniyah Humes, 4th Place, Technical Challenge; Tristan Gibson, 4th Place, Technical Challenge; Amyra Sims, 4th Place, Technical Challenge; Brianna Baskerville, 4th Place, Technical Challenge; Aubri Smith, 4th Place, Technical Challenge.

National History Day participants & advisers

Leading this group of students are Stephanie Hammer, Robert Stewart and Barb Aszbach

Students placing in this year's District 4 National History Day competition include: Lily Robinson, 1st Place, Individual Exhibit; Lilian Ice, 2nd Place, Group Exhibit; Brennan Singer, 3rd Place Group Exhibit; William Franssen, 3rd Place, Group Exhibit; Miles Franssen, 3rd Place, Group Exhibit; Mason Greer, 3rd Place, Group Exhibit; Olin Shrum, 3rd Place, Group Exhibit; Kellen Ward, 3rd Place, Group Exhibit.

Noah Mapanoo . Noah was accepted to District Chorus for the 2023-2024 school year. With a score of 170 out of a possible 190 points, Noah had the highest score for baritones in the district.

The middle school choir took part in Music in the Parks at Bush Gardens and won 1st place for our category: Mixed Choir single A.

These students were under the direction of Melissa Hansen: Aliyah Baker, Eva Bisoño, Jaselyn Coleman, Katherine Damiani, Lydia Donothan, Sylina Eppard, Tatianna Fisher, Trista Gardner, Landon Golden, Peyton Halterman, Aubrey Lam, Harper Lamm, Scarlett Lively, Grant Rawlings, Mady Reese, Lily Robinson, Kaydence Ross, Courtney Ward, Cherish White, Alyssa Serrano, Marleigh Brinson, Creighton Brown, Rory Clancy, Brianna Collier, Conner Cummings, Marlee Davis, Khiyanna Doyle, Matheus Ferreira, Katia Hermanson, Morgan Hernandez, Corsica Lamer, Mia McCutcheon, Emma Neilsen, Lila Novack, Julian Perrin, Griffyn Reickart, Lee St. Germain, Raenah Sullivan, Levi Turner, McKenzie Weakley, Natalie Allen, Makayla Bingler, Ava Freebourn, Addison Hussar, Tori Lucas, Ashlyn Ly, Brie Maupin, Remington Lantinga, Oliva Morales, Jacob Geovany Taylor Sophia, Karra Taylor

Boys Cross Country Team who finished 2nd at the CSS Cross Country Invitational.

The team is coached by Jonathan Snowden

Members of the team placing second at the invitational are: Jett Street, Ryley Golon, Porter Frandsen, Mason Greer, Olin Shrum, Ethan Basel, Edmund Woods, Maksim Dojack, Quinn Watts, Shawn Good

WMMS Football Team who capped a perfect season to win the Championship!

Our coaching staff included: **Head Coach Jon Rocha** and his assistants, **Nick Donaldson** and **Eric Mcneese**

Members of the team include: Cameron Roach, Brody Roach, Lucas Chisholm, Wyatt Lamm, Kylie Corbin, Jayden Hayes, Cooper Shifflett, Connor Lawson, Braden Johansen, Izabel Moon, Colton Smith, Caleb Duff, Easton Dowell, Caden Barre, Andrea Sprouse, Bradley Jones, Jared Hensley, Rashad Brock, Reuben Christensen, Lander Holmes, Joshua Connolly, Richard Schramm, Cole Crawhorn, Spencer Grannis, Jacob Roach, Kaden Turner, Cameron Bright, Luke Wattier, Grayson Bryant, Alexander Fishback, Mason Mills, Liam Snow, Roman Bright, Ricky Morris, Bryce Washington, Christian Bustillo, Cooper Ray and Noah Vega

William Monroe High School/Greene County Technical Education Center - First receiving the JVG Outstanding Specialist Award is Mrs. Daphne Tynes.

DECA (GCTEC): Lead by Daphne Tynes

The following students were recognized for representing Greene County Public Schools at the DECA District Competition

Grace Mellott 1st Place and For representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair **1st Place, Branding Challenge and Highest Score - Role Play Food Marketing Competition, DECA State Leadership Conference**

Kenneth Hamblin - 1st Place; William Rawlings 1st Place; Elizabeth Lawson **istrict Competition 1st Place and** For representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair **2nd Place, Branding Challenge**

D Aisi Moore - 1st Place

Keyry Rodriguez Arias -2nd Place and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair - **1st Place, Branding Challenge and Jobs for Virginia Graduates (JVG) State Vice President**

For representing Greene County Public Schools at the DECA District Competition - 2nd Place: Mayra Flores-Tenahua, Lance Lemon, Aaliyah Frederick

For representing Greene County Public Schools at the DECA District Competition - 3rd Place: Mariana Carmona, Brissia Del Cid Mencia, Ashley Gonzalez-Ramirez, Carina Gonzalez Puentes

Virginia State Fair

Elaina Morrie For representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair 1st Place

Olivia Gano For representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair 1st Place

Jordan Alvarez For representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair 2nd Place

Jayden Norris For representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair 3rd Place

FCCLA (GCTEC): Lead by Kate Gozzard

For representing Greene County Public Schools at the FCCLA State Conference - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award; Jordan Alvarez, Alyssa Bennett, Mason Bunyea, Alicia Carroll, Gabriella Cole, Eryn Davis, Jasmine Davis, Cayley Evans, Zachary Foster, Madelyn Gano, Olivia Gano, Sean Goolsby, Eric Hawkins, Alondra Hernandez-Gonzalez, Rexford Howell, Elizabeth Lawson, Cooper Lucas, Soyata Magar, Camden Melton, Elaina Morris, Alexander Moyer, Jamal Neal, Victoria Neal, Jayden Norris, Anthony Payne, Ireland Quinn, Jacob Rose, Sean Seabert, Abby Shifflett, Sally Smith, Allyson Solt, Samara Spencer, Adalyne Tanner, Luke Windett, and Noah Windett.

FCCLA (WMHS): Lead by Lou Berry

For representing Greene County Public Schools at the FCCLA State Conference - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award: Ximena Alvarez Hernandez, Kara Anderson, Charleigh Barton, Omar Bouz Alasal, Madison Brinson, Marquise Brock, McKinley Carpenter, Edison Castro, Sophie Clark, Allie Cochran, Carter Coyne, Hannah Critzer, Michaela Davis, Madison Devory, Carly Floyd, Jacob Floyd, Tyson Fowler, Anjali Frye, Harlee Garcia, Makhi Gilmore, Gustavo Gomez Sambrano, Elijah Grubb, Macy Guard, Addison Hogsten, Wyatt Jones, Jocelyn Lopez, Mia Luellen, Jayden Madison, Mizou Mazur, Sophie Mellott, Leslie Mijango-Ayala, Alorah Miller, Ellyana Monterrosa-Ramirez, Patrick Moore, Aidan Morris, Braydon Morris, Caroline Morris, Rylyn Morris, Isabel Nielsen, Sydney Orange, Lindsey Powell, Madison Seabert, Sereniti Shafer, Savannah Snow, Isabella Strickland, Keaton Sweet, Rojan Tamang, Emma Taylor, Addison Thayer, Adarius Turner, Olivea Wells, Sadie Williams, Olivia Wishert, Jesse Yeager, Rayanna Yowell, and Jeremiah Penic

HOSA Lead by Tabitha Cole

Zion Brown For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 2nd Place, Personal Care 3rd Place, Parliamentary Procedures 4th Place, ATC - Biology Award 4th Place, Healthcare Issue Exam Finalist

Taylor Eppard-Hoffman For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 2nd Place, Medical Law & Ethics 3rd Place, Parliamentary Procedures

Faith Mawyer For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 2nd Place, Clinical Nursing

Alyssa Morris For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 3rd Place, Parliamentary Procedures 4th Place, Medical Assisting

Ruth Reid For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 3rd Place, Parliamentary Procedures

Kylie Yowell For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 3rd Place, Parliamentary Procedures 4th Place, Clinical Nursing 4th Place, ATC - Anatomy & Physiology Finalist

McKenzie Raines For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 4th Place, Nursing Assisting

Montana Shifflett For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 4th Place, Human Growth & Development

Elizabeth Giegerich For representing Greene County Public Schools at the HOSA Competition 4th Place, Clinical Nursing

PIEDMONT SCIENCE FAIR

Representing William Monroe High School at the Piedmont Virginia Science Fair, and placing 1st in the Behavioral & Social Sciences category Mukund Marri

All District Band and Choir—These students are under the direction of Nathan Whittaker

All District Band honors were awarded to: Samantha Braden

Receiving All District Choir honors are: Abigail Shears and Brayden Eisenhart

Robotics: Lead by Keith Congdon

Our high school robotics team had a fantastic year, winning 39/40 qualifying matches, two tournaments (Charlottesville and Harrisonburg Qualifiers), their division bracket at the Chesapeake Championship and the Charlottesville FTQ Qualifier regional competition. In addition, they qualified for the Chesapeake Championship 3x over and the team had the two highest scores in the Chesapeake region, including the record at 301 points in a single match. The team won awards for robot design, programming, sportsmanship and also received the 1st

Inspire Award, which is given to the team that best embodies the 'challenge' of the program. And Aidan Miller was named to the 1st Tech Challenge Dean's List!

Thomas Traber, Aidan Miller: also named to the FTC Dean's List", Mushtaq Faiz, Jacob Dulin, Kingston Roach, Akhil Marri, Thomas Hurst von Krebs, Mizou Mazur, William Rice, Logan Rice, James Connolly, Anastasia Knight, and Mukund Marri

Scholastic Bowl Coached by Robert Bongers - For outstanding academic achievement in Scholastic Bowl during the 2023-2024 school year - Co-Valley District Champions

Mary Adams, Tyler Crenshaw, VCU Quizbowl Winter Tournament, Standard Division Winner; Mary Beth Garber, Amy Genz, Rachel Karas, VCU Quizbowl Winter Tournament, Standard Division Winner; Akhil Marri, VCU Quizbowl Winter Tournament, Standard Division Winner; Evan Ostrowski, Ruth Reid, Will Rice, VCU Quizbowl Winter Tournament, Standard Division Winner; Kayla Shaller, Thomas Traber, and Nathaneal Wattier, VCU Quizbowl Winter Tournament, Standard Division Winner.

Elizabeth Kelpe represented our cross-country team this fall earning All Valley District Honors, placed 6th in the Region 3B race earning all-Region 3B Honors and was a state qualifier. In indoor track Elizabeth placed 3rd in the Valley District meet in the 3200 meters.

Samantha Nitzsche represented our Cross-Country team this fall earning Valley District Runner of the year, Valley District Champion, All Valley District, All Region 3B, Girls Regional Champion, State QUALIFIER, AND state class 3B runner up. Won the Central Invitational Girls Invitational Individual Title.

In the winter as a member of the Indoor Track team she was a Valley District Champion in the 1600 and 3200. She was the Region (3B) Runner-up in the 1600"Region and the Champion in the 3200 Samantha was a State Qualifier in the 1600 M where she placed 6th and the 3200 M where she placed 4th

Golf: Coached Ronnie Morris

Members of our Golf team that won the Valley District include: Caden Goerge, Alex Jeffrey, Landon Kulnatt, Grayson Martz, Patrick Moore, Jason Watts, Christopher Salyers: also 1st Team All Valley District, Daniel Woodson: also earning 1st Team All Valley District, Carter Knick: also the Region 3B Champion and a State Qualifier. Carter was the Valley District Player of the Year and earned All State 3A Honors

Cross Country

Earning all district honors in Cross Country was: Elli Pursel & Schuyler Nitzsche

Volleyball - Morgan Pursel: earning 2nd Team All Valley District and 2nd Team All Region 3B honors

Football:

Charles Dudley: earning 2nd Team All Valley District and 2nd Team All Region 3B"

Jackson Wood: earning 2nd Team All Valley District and 2nd Team All Region 3B

Kenny Hamblin: earning "2nd Team All Valley District

Edison Castro: earning 2nd Team All Valley District

Cheer:

Representing our cheer team and earning 1st place at the Game Day Competition

Coaches Stephanie Litton and Natalie Kohnfelder

Members of the team: Kaylynn Cowan, Allison Dunnivan, Faith Mawyer, Jasmine Meng, Sarabeth Morris, Rylee Moter, Melody Payne, Aubrey Shifflett, Keira Turner, **Madison Weakley**, Shelby Weakley

Swim: Ryan Fix: for placing in the 100 and 200 Free while participating in the Region 3B meet and becoming State Qualifier

Wrestling:

Marquise Brock: for placing and representing WMHS at the Region 3B meet and becoming a State Qualifier"

Nic Caruso: for placing and representing WMHS at the Region 3B meet and becoming a State Qualifier"

Boys Basketball: Won the Domino's Tip Off Tournament and the Route 53 Invitational
The team was Coached by Head Coach Brett Maynard and assistants

Members of the team include: Carson Knights, Tyson Fowler, Tim Guertin, Gabe Henkel, Luke Windett, Will Rawlings, Drew Britton, Trey Lam, Bryson Douglas, Gavin Battaile-Gilbert, Parker Hildebrand also earning 2nd Team All Valley District honors, Brady Lam: also named 1st Team All Valley District, 1st Team All Region 3B and 2nd Team All State Class 3. Brady was also 1st Team All Central Virginia, and scored his "1,000 Point this season

Girls' Basketball

Avery Shifflett: For her outstanding athletic performance in this season and earning 2nd Team All Valley District and 2nd Team All Region 3B

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. Greer made a motion to reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room. Ms. Roach 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. Roach – certified
Ms. Alberts – certified
Ms. Bickers - certified
Mr. Taylor - certified

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Bickers 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:

11-1594 April 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes
11-1595 April 10, 2024 Expenditures
11-1596 April 15, 2024 Expenditures
11-1597 April 19, 2024 Expenditures
11-1598 April 25, 2024 Expenditures
11-1599 April 30, 2024 Expenditures
11-1600 Monthly Finance Report
11-1601 Field Trip Requests
11-1602 Enrollment
11-1603 Staff to be Approved List
11-1604 Reappointment of Professional Staff

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 11-1594 to 11-1604 as presented. Ms. Bickers 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.

Dr. Pursel presented action item #11-1605, Policy Updates. Dr. Pursel stated he was there tonight for the action item Policy Updates that was presented as an information item at April board meeting. There have been no changes since the April board meeting. Dr. Pursel stated the size of the packet was because of getting all the review dates up to date. Dr. Pursel stated that his recommendation was to approve these policy updates as presented.

Ms. Bickers made a motion to approve the action item 11-1605, Policy Updates as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-1606, Title VIB. Dr. Whitmarsh stated Dr. Mitchem could not be here this evening. Dr. Whitmarsh shared in April Dr. Mitchem presented the application and tonight we would like to request approval for the 2024-2025 Title VIB Special Education Annual Plan. The annual application allows us to seek reimbursement from federal funds for the education of students with disabilities. The only update since the April meeting is the addition of the maintenance of effect projections for the 2024-2025 school year. The maintenance of effect is a requirement of part B of the individuals with disabilities education act as a federal requirement to receive federal funds each LEA (Local Education Authority) must spend yearly from state and local sources at least what was spent in the previous year. There are certain allowable exceptions additionally each LEA has to budget state and local sources for the next year at least what was spent in the current year. We have projected local MOE figures \$4,339,933 or \$10,689 per capita and local plus state \$6,157,296 or \$15,166 per capita. Dr. Whitmarsh asked for their approval of the Title VIB Plan.

Ms. Alberts made a motion to approve the action item 2024-2025 Annual Plan part B Flow Through Application as presented. Ms. Bickers seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-1607, FY2025 Budget Adoption. Dr. Whitmarsh shared it's been an ongoing budget process. She stated tonight I'm asking for a vote on the FY2025 in the amount of \$52,625,518 that does include a 3% salary increase for employees which is 2% plus step for those on a scale and it also includes covering the employee portion of the 9.5% increase in health insurance. Moving forward the Board of Supervisors will vote on the FY2025 Budget next Tuesday. We do not have a definitive timeline for the passage of the state budget, although the General Assembly plans to reconvene on Monday. There are portions of the revenue that are not yet solidified. We may have to do another budget amendment moving forward once those things are determined. I will say one thing as you are well aware, the Board of Supervisors in their advertised budget was \$200,000 less than our asked amount. That will be covered through our holdback positions and individual funds until such time as the budgets are solidified and we have a more definitive plan for what the actual dollars look like. So following the passage of the local budget we anticipate disseminating contracts to professional staff after May 14th. There is a clause in our contracts and this is not new and it states: in no event shall the School Board be obligated hereunder unless and until sufficient funds to meet all obligations of the School Board have been appropriated by all appropriating bodies. So this is something that has always

been in our contracts. We don't see any issues at this time but we may have to come back based on the state and local budget.

Ms. Roach stated: I have a personal interest in the School Board's budget by virtue of my husband's employment by the School Board and the salary scales included in the budget. However, as the spouse of a teacher at GCPS, I am a member of a large group of individuals in the community who are affected by the School Board's budget and I am able to participate in discussions and votes on the budget fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Ms. Greer made a motion to adopt the FY2025 budget in the amount of \$52,625,518 which is a decrease of \$200,000 from the original school board adopted budget of \$52,825,518. Ms. Bicker's seconded.

Mr. Taylor commended Dr. Whitmarsh and her staff for putting together this budget. We want the employees of the school system to know that we are investing in you and we are doing everything we can. We are looking out for our employees because you are the most important part.

Ms. Alberts stated she is disappointment in not getting the full amount that was asked for. I spoke with all the Board of Supervisors to express that. We went to them for what we needed for this county and these folks work very hard to bring us a budget for what we need not what we want but what we need. I wanted this to be on record that I am disappointed.

Mr. Taylor stated it was a needs budget. I hear your feelings and it's fortunate that that's all it is.

Mr. Taylor asked for a roll call vote:

Ms. Greer – Aye
Ms. Bickers – Aye
Ms. Alberts – Aye
Ms. Roach – Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye

Motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1608, Resolution for Retirees. Dr. Whitmarsh shared each year we recognize our retiring educators at a breakfast in their honor. This year's breakfast will take place Wednesday, May 29 at 8:00 am. At that breakfast, in addition to a gift, they are presented with a resolution that has been read into the minutes of the previous school board meeting. I would like for the board to adopt the following resolution in honor of each of our retirees and read the resolution.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared the retirees:

Charlotte Berry, WMHS Teacher - 38 years

Stephanie Hammer, WMMS Teacher – 35 years
Jonathan Jones, Assistant Director of Technology – 36 years
Brenda King, The Academy Teacher – 15 years
Kris Linaberry, Bus Driver & Custodian – 35.5 years
Suzanne Risk, WMHS Teacher – 20 years
Steve Sharp, NGES Teacher – 24.5 years
Diane Tyburski, WMMS Teacher – 24 years

Dr. Whitmarsh read the resolution:

WHEREAS, the Greene County Public School District has been fortunate to have a dedicated staff committed to the mission of the District, and;

WHEREAS, several members of that staff are now about to embark on new adventures in life away from Greene County Public Schools, and;

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Greene County School Board wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that these staff members have done to make education an exciting and joyous experience for the students of our district, and;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to extend our sincere best wishes for every happiness in the future to those staff members who will retire at the end of this school year, 2023-2024,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County School Board recognizes and appreciates the service of those employees departing the District, those employees being:

Charlotte Berry, WMHS Teacher - 38 years
Stephanie Hammer, WMMS Teacher - 35 years
Jonathan Jones, Assistant Director of Technology - 36 years
Brenda King, The Academy Teacher - 15 years
Kris Linaberry, Bus Driver & Custodian - 35.5 years
Suzanne Risk, WMHS Teacher - 20 years
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and wishes them well in all future endeavors, and, further, that this resolution of Appreciation and Support be duly recorded and spread across the minutes of the Greene County School Board on this 8th day of the month of May in the year 2024.

Signed:

Brook Taylor, Chair, Greene County School Board

Attested:

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Division Superintendent

Mr. Taylor stated it was time for public comment on information/action item #11-1608, Resolution for Retirees. Mr. Taylor opened the floor for public comment.

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

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve the Resolution for Retirees as presented. Ms. Greer seconded.

Ms. Greer stated this is amazing and I'm grateful that my kids got to have some of these teachers.

Ms. Roach stated I appreciate all of the years of dedication to our kids not just kids' parents and all the support.

Ms. Alberts stated she has worked with almost everyone on the list it is a loss for us and I'm super happy for them and super sad for us. Happy for all the kids that they touched. Hopefully we will find some folks to fill some very big shoes.

Mr. Taylor thanked them for their dedication.

All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Pursel presented information/action item #11-1609, Migrant Children Certification. Dr. Pursel shared this is an annual certification that we participate in. Dr. Pursel shared the purpose of the program, definition of a migrant student, and GCPS involvement in the migrant program. Dr. Pursel stated he was presenting this item and information and action to allow us to participate in the program again. There is no cost to the school division to participate.

Mr. Taylor stated it was time for public comment on information/action item #11-1609, Migrant Children Certification. Mr. Taylor opened the floor for public comment.

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

Ms. Alberts made a motion to approve Migrant Children Certification as presented. Ms. Greer seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Payne presented information item #11-1610, Division Literacy Plan. Dr. Payne shared that as part of the Virginia Literacy Act the division is required by the state to submit a Division Literacy Plan that outlines how we are going to implement the Virginia Literacy Act in GCPS. Dr. Payne shared the plan is made up of six sections. Dr. Payne gave an overview of each section: Planning for Comprehensive Communication, Selecting High-Quality Instructional Materials, Ensuring Virginia Literacy Act Evidence-Based Reaching Research Training, Monitoring Student Assessment and Progress, Assessing Division Level Progress, and Engaging Parent, Caregivers, and Community. Dr. Payne stated this plan will be an action item at the June meeting.

Ms. Wimmer and Ms. Peregoy presented information item #11-1611, Class of 2024 Presentation. Mr. Wimmer stated they wanted to share some updates regarding the class of 2024. Mr. Wimmer and Ms. Peregoy gave an overview of the class of 2024, overview of The 3 E's, Why the 3 E's are Impactful. The following students spoke about their future plans: Adam Hill, Keke Turner, and Akhil Marri. Ms. Lamm introduced the senior class officers: Madeline Powell, Ashley Cortez, Emma Pracher, Morgan Pursel, And Olivia Sharff. They shared an overview of the senior class events.

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 #11-1612, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared this is what it is all about. We are incredibly proud of all of you. Looking forward to the rest of the senior events. Congratulations to all the staff and students recognized this afternoon at our 5:00 ceremony. This is educator appreciation week. Everyone who works in our division regardless of their role is an educator. Everyone impacts the lives of students whether directly or indirectly therefore we are everyone this week. Thanks to our administrators and parents that have worked really hard to provide meals, treats, gifts and we also have had business' that have made donations. This year we have three programs highlighted in the VSBA Show Case of Success. NG Family Goal Setting, WMHS Career Strategies Class and One Book Programs in our elementary schools. On April 27th we had our annual arts festival spearheaded by art teacher Ms. Trembly. It was a fantastic event. We have lots of end of year activities. Yesterday we had the pleasure to announce support staff and educator of the year. Our educator of the year Keith Congdon teacher and robotics coach and Eric Penic our support staff member of the year. We would like to thank Marianne Shephard for her sponsorship of that event. Both folks got a \$500 check to spend for themselves. This morning we hosted the Greene County Chamber of Commerce breakfast at the Tech Center where Ms. Peregoy and Mr. Wimmer shared some of the things that you saw tonight. That was wonderful. May 15th is the next PREP Board meeting. May 24th is the last day of school with a 1:00 pm dismissal for students. May 29th is the last day for 10-month staff. Also, on the morning of May 29th is the retiree breakfast. Summer school starts June 3 and the next board meeting is June 12th.

Mr. Taylor welcomed board member comments.

Ms. Bickers liked being a part of the award ceremony earlier this evening. She appreciates all the work that goes into the budget and presentations. It's so much that goes into this. She congratulated teachers that are retiring. She enjoyed the WMHS presentations it was very impressive with the students speaking.

Ms. Greer stated so many amazing things are happening. She thanked the students and senior class officers for being there sharing their stories. She thanked all the educators for what they do. She stated she attended BRVGS today. She shared her appreciation for all the retirees and a shout out to Ms. Hammer for her dedication to the NHC program and all that she has done with that. Shout out to the team that is going to nationals.

Ms. Roach thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Congratulations to all the students that won their awards. Congratulations to the retirees we appreciate all you have done for our school system and teacher appreciation week can't say enough how much we appreciate our educators. To the students that came up and spoke and it takes a lot of guts to do that. You will be great and successful in whatever you decide to do. The 3 E's program it's amazing.

Ms. Alberts spoke about the retirees and how amazing the students that spoke were. She wished the students well.

Mr. Taylor shared he graduated in 1998 and it is a blink of an eye. His words of encouragement it's just the start. Work hard and play hard. He told Keke your words inspire me as a parent and you put God first and God Bless you for that. This is why we do what we do. Mr. Taylor stated May is skin cancer awareness month. Recently I was diagnosed with melanoma and I went in on a random skin check. Do your yearly check-ups. Thank you for the presentations tonight.

Ms. Alberts shared one last thing for students she encouraged them to write notes to all those that support you. It makes such a difference in an educator's life.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 8:09 pm.



Chair



Clerk