



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
WMHS Performing Arts Center
August 10, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Todd Sansom, Chair; Ms. Sharon Mack, Vice-Chair; Mr. Brooks Taylor, Member; Ms. Rebecca Roach, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk; Ms. Jennifer Walker, Deputy Clerk.

Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

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

Ms. Mack made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.23711(A)(1) and (A)(2) to discuss personnel matters and student matters. Mr. Taylor seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack made a motion to reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room. Mr. Taylor seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the County Meeting Room. Mr. Sansom stated Mr. Tooley was not in attendance due to a work commitment.

Mr. Sansom 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. Mack, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Roach and Mr. Sansom, all certified.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Mr. Sansom requested a motion for closed meeting action.

Ms. Mack made a motion to approve religious exemption #23-01 & #23-02. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- 11-1266 June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1267 June 23, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1268 July 5, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1269 July 11, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1270 July 18, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1271 July 26, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1272 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1273 Enrollment
- 11-1274 Staff to be Approved List

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried

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

There were no public comments at this time so Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Pursel presented action item #11-1275, May 2022 VSBA Policy Updates. Dr. Pursel shared that there had been no changes since the June board meeting on these policy updates. Dr. Pursel's recommendation would be to approve the May 2022 VSBA Policy Updates as presented.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve action item #11-1275, May 2022 VSBA Policy Updates as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. Ms. Mack mentioned a few policy changes which included school safety audits that are required, collaborating with chief law enforcement officer designee and requiring the floor plans which we already have the digital mapping. Dr. Pursel stated the digital mapping is complete.

Mr. Sansom requested a roll call vote:

Ms. Mack – Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Ms. Roach - Aye
Mr. Sansom - Aye

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-1276, Strategic Plan. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that the Strategic Plan – Impact 2027 has been shared at the June board meeting and at the school board retreat. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the vision and mission of Impact 2027. Dr. Whitmarsh’s recommendation was to recommend the board approve the Strategic Plan Impact 2027 as presented. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve action item #11-1276, Strategic Plan as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. Mr. Sansom noted how safety is included early on in the plan. Mr. Sansom requested roll call vote:

Ms. Mack – Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Ms. Roach - Aye
Mr. Sansom – Aye

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item 11-1277, Superintendent Designee. Dr. Whitmarsh shared each year we designate someone to sign and approve documents in the absence of the Superintendent for the Virginia Department of Education. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that it was her recommendation that the board approve Dr. Bryan Huber to serve as our Superintendent Designee for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve information/action item 11-1277, Superintendent Designee as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Kristie Spencer and Mr. Dale Herring presented information/action item 11-1278, VPSA Technology Grant. Ms. Spencer shared that this is a procedural item. Ms. Spencer stated each year the VA Public School Authority issues technology education notes that are distributed through grants to the divisions to support technology infrastructure for learning, testing and instruction. This year the amount is \$180,000 and has a required 20% match of \$36,000 that has already been built into the accrued budget so that there is no additional funding. This is an annual resolution to accept the funding is a procedural component of the grant acceptance. Ms. Spencer stated her recommendation would be approval the resolution as presented and authorize participation in the grant program. Mr. Taylor asked if the \$36,000 was already in the approved budget. Ms. Spencer responded yes. Mr. Taylor asked if the money was always spent in the entirety and what happened if not. Mr. Herring responded yes and stated the money is always spent in the entirety. Mr. Herring stated if for the reason the money was not spent you had several years to re-cop the money. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve information/action item 11-1278, VPSA Technology Grant as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Donna Payne presented information item 11-1279, Standards Based Grading. Dr. Payne shared third grade teachers have worked throughout the spring and summer to identify priority stands, create proficiency scales, and align curriculum and assessments. The purpose of the changes is to more effectively communicate proficiency levels of grade level standards. Dr. Payne noted that Standards Based Grading falls under the approved Strategic Plan Impact 2027. Dr. Payne shared the three types of grading. She also shared some of the reasons for the shift, the process, and criteria for prioritizing standards. Dr. Payne shared examples of report cards and provided a draft timeline for K-5 Implementation. Dr. Payne stated that for this school year we would implement the new 3rd Grade

report card which looks very similar and there are not a lot of differences other than the standards are updated and we have taken away the letter grade.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared this is an information item only. Standards Based Grading will not be an action item next month.

Ms. Spencer presented information item 11-1280, Mileage Reimbursement Rate Second Half of Calendar Year 2022. Ms. Spencer shared that in compliance with our travel guidelines we inform the board whenever there is a change to the mileage reimbursement rate and that's usually in January of each year. Ms. Spencer stated the IRS has put in a mid-year shift it's going to 62.5 cents from 58.5 cents per mile for the second half of the year effective July 1 - December 31, 2022.

Dr. Huber presented information item 11-1281, Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report. Dr. Huber shared this is an annual certification that the division approves and seeks board approval. This certification from the board is confirming that the school division met all eight standards of quality set by the Code of Virginia that's included in your packet.

Mr. Sansom offered public comment. There were no public comments at this time so Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1282, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared it's been a very busy summer preparing for the upcoming school year. She shared the following: many maintenance projects going on that have been completed including RES HVAC replacement, custodian and student staff have worked to get buildings clean and ready for school year. Dr. Whitmarsh thanks Dr. Pursel, Guy Laine, maintenance, custodian and student workers. Teacher's have been in schools throughout the summer doing training, professional development and many other things. Building now have safety vestibules. Digital mapping has been completed and ALICE training will take place for all staff on Monday, August 15th. New teacher's reported last Thursday and Jen Myers led the planning. All teachers returned yesterday. Open house is tomorrow August 11th from 12 to 7. Wednesday August 17th first day of school. Thanks to the Community Eligibility Provision breakfast and lunch will be free for all students in all our schools for the upcoming year – USDA provided that. Blue Ridge Governor's School meeting September 7th. PREP board meeting on September 21st. Next School Board meeting Wednesday, September 14th.

Mr. Sansom welcomed board member comments.

Ms. Mack stated she was glad to hear the safety vestibules are in and installed and that we are having active shooter training. She welcomed back teachers and staff. Ms. Mack stated she hoped that open houses are packed and she welcomed back everyone.

Mr. Taylor welcomed back teachers and support staff. He also welcomed new teachers and staff. Mr. Taylor shared we have been working on safety protocols and want to keep everyone safe. He wished everyone safe travels home.

Ms. Roach reiterated what other board members already said. She said she was glad the ALICE Training was in place and the map system. Ms. Roach thanked Dr. Payne for bringing up the points, she knew some of the questions were difficult and she appreciated her perspective. Looks for to a great school year and she welcomed new teachers.

Mr. Sansom shared that safety is a board priority. He encouraged holding everyone to a high standard in particular to safety. Mr. Sansom said they had a great board retreat. Mr. Sansom said best of luck to open house and new school year. He thanked everyone.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.



Chair



Clerk