

School Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leah Paladino, Chairperson; Harry Daniel, Vice-Chairperson; Rodney Kibler, Member; Sharon Mack, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Jason Collier, Member; Denell Clem, Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Bill Martin, Vice Chair & Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Central Office conference room.

Mr. Kibler made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Daniel seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 6:56 p.m.; Mr. Kibler seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. Mrs. Paladino, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier all certified.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to Sarah Baran, Community Liaison, Nathanael Greene Primary School. Mrs. Baran won a \$5000 grant through the BAMA Works Grant Fund. This grant will go to NGES and NGPS to provide backpacks of food to families in need at their schools. Through the generous donations of community sponsors, staff members, and the coordination of Ms. Baran, this program is turning out to be a true success.

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

Nicholas Arliss, a 7th grader at William Monroe Middle School, addressed the school board about his concern in the boy's restroom. Mr. Arliss expressed his feeling of the lack of privacy due to no stalls or dividers at the urinals. Mr. Daniel asked if there is dividers or stalls in the toilet area of the restroom and Mr. Arliss said that there was stalls. Mrs. Paladino thanked Mr. Arliss and his parents for bringing this concern to the board.

Mrs. Paladino closed public comments.

Dr. Brenda Walton presented informational item #11-609 Instructional Update. Dr. Walton presented the division-wide focus on actively engaging students as they work towards their goals. Dr. Walton said that the division is actively working to enhance instructional practices. Examples of balanced assessment, blended learning, and real-world experiences were given to the board. Dr. Walton shared the aspect of our partners in education: Hero's Day, Career Events, ACES Program working with Branch Construction.

Dr. Kyle Pursel presented informational item #11-610 PRIDE/ACES Program Overview. Dr. Pursel spoke about two current alternative programs that are being utilized at William Monroe High School. These programs are designed to support a learning environment that is safe and supportive for students that may have attendance or discipline issues. The PRIDE program began in 2016 and the ACES program began in 2018 at the beginning of this school year. Dr. Pursel emphasized that there is a tremendous amount of blended learning being used in both programs and cross teaching. There is a 12-student cap on the ACES program and currently there is five students in the program. Flexible schedules allow a more personal approach.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented informational item #11-611 Superintendent Update. Dr. Whitmarsh gave a brief budget update from the Governor, which includes a 2% raise in teacher's salaries for a total 5% raise. Dr. Whitmarsh shared a construction update siting the steel is up in both buildings and that we are still on track for our Spring Break move into new locations. Dr. Whitmarsh covered the weather related days that we have missed are totaling three days now and that February 19 will now be a full school day. She expressed her gratitude for the early mornings that the Transportation department has put in to check road conditions. Dr. Whitmarsh wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Mr. Kibler said, 'Happy Holidays and be safe!'

Mr. Daniels said, 'please enjoy your holiday break and thank you for all you all do.'

Mrs. Mack echoed the same, "Happy Holidays!'

Mr. Collier wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to enjoy time with family and friends.

Mrs. Paladino thanked everyone for another great year. She wished everyone a happy holiday break adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk