

**School Board Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harry Daniel, Chairperson; Leah Paladino, Vice-Chairperson; Rodney Kibler, Member; Sharon Mack, Member; Jason Collier, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Rhonda Houchens, Deputy 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 6:00 p.m. in the school board conference room.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Dr. Kibler seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.; Mr. Collier 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, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier and Mr. Daniel all certified.

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

Dr. Whitmarsh and Mrs. Paladino recognized Dr. Rodney Kibler and Mr. Harry Daniel for their service on the Greene County School Board.

Mr. Daniel stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Mr. Daniel closed public comments.

Mr. Daniel opened the Public Hearing on FY2021 Budget Priorities comments.

Mr. Daniel closed the Public Hearing on FY2021 Budget Priorities comments.

Ms. Spencer presented action item #11-792, County Lease Purchase for Buses. Ms. Spencer presented the County Lease Purchase for Buses. Ms. Spencer shared the School Board must take action in the form of a resolution to approve the County to purchase of four School Buses for school use. This resolution is necessary because, although the County will be funding the purchase of the buses, the Schools will own and insure the buses and these buses are part of the collateral for the County Lease Purchase package. The County approved their resolution last night. On December 17<sup>th</sup> the Lease Purchase Program will be signed. Ms. Spencer requested the board adopt the resolution as provided. Dr. Kibler made a motion to adopt the lease purchase for the buses. Ms. Mack seconded. Board certified by roll call; Mr. Collier, Ms. Mack, Mrs. Paladino, Dr. Kibler and Mr. Daniel all certified.

Dr. Walton presented information item #11-793, Culpeper Soil & Water Program. Dr. Walton introduced Stephanie DeNicola-Turner who gave an overview of the Environmental Literacy in the Piedmont Program for William Monroe Middle School sixth graders. Ms. DeNicola-Turner shared how this program was made possible through a grant received from NOAA. Culpeper Soil and Water District is the first conservation district to receive this grant in the country. The amount of the grant is \$300,000 spread over 3 years. The grant covers 5 counties which includes Greene County Public Schools.

Dr. Walton presented information item #11-794 Balanced Assessment. Dr. Walton gave an overview of the Balanced Assessment Plan that is required by the State but was already included in GCPS's strategic plan Innovate 2021. Dr. Walton shared the purpose of a Balanced Assessment is not to just grade the students but to check their understanding and drive instructional practices to see which students need additional support. Dr. Walton shared the timeline of the 2019-2020 Balanced Assessment Plan. At GCPS, balanced assessment across all academic areas is an expectation. Mr. Walton shared the 3 types of assessments and gave an overview of each.

Ms. Spencer presented information item #11-795 Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Update. Ms. Spencer stated the Capital Improvement Projects Update would be an informational item this evening and then an action item at the January meeting. Ms. Spencer gave an overview of the updated Capital Improvement Plan which included changes and additions to the plan.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-796 Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that administrators are in prime budget time. More information on the budget will be presented at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Governor's budget should be released December 17<sup>th</sup>. Joint budget workshop with supervisors is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Whitmarsh gave a regional program update. There will be a loss of funding and we are also working to advocate to hold harmless in the next biennium.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting with Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared school will be closed from December 23 to January 3 for winter break. Central office will be open December 30<sup>th</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All schools will be closed during the break.

January 8<sup>th</sup> will be the next School Board Meeting along with our Annual Organizational meeting. This meeting will take place at the high school cafeteria.

Dr. Whitmarsh thanked Mr. Daniel and Dr. Kilber for all their work on the board and their advocacy for students and staff.

Mr. Collier stated it was a pleasure working with Dr. Kilber and Mr. Daniel. Mr. Collier thanked all the staff for their hard work.

Mrs. Mack welcomed Todd Sansom and Jason Tooley. Mrs. Mack thanked Mr. Daniel and Dr. Kibler for their time and work on the board and you will be missed. Mrs. Mack stated there were great sessions annual VSBA Conference she attended in November. She wished everyone a nice holiday and thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Mrs. Paladino stated she really enjoyed the comradery of the board. She thanked Mr. Daniel and Dr. Kibler for everything.

Dr. Kibler thanked each of the board members and Dr. Whitmarsh for all their hard work.

Mr. Daniel stated it's been a pleasure serving on the board. He thanked all the board members for their support and help while on the board. Mr. Daniel thanked all those in attendance and for their hard work.

Mr. Daniel adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk