

**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** N/A

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** N/A

The closed session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office conference room.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Collier seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack 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, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack and Mr. Collier all certified.

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

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

Mr. Daniel closed public comments.

Mr. Herring presented information and action item #11-726, VSPA Technology Grant Resolution. Mr. Herring shared the VSPA Technology grant has been part of the school budget for several years. The current grant amount is \$180,000 per year and it is a significant funding source to support our schools' technology infrastructure for testing and instruction. The grant does require a 20% local match which has always been satisfied from existing budgeted technology expenditures. Mr. Herring requested authorization to participate in the Virginia Public School Authority Educational Technology Program for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Greene County Public Schools acknowledges that this program requires a 20% local match which is satisfied by qualifying purchases from eligible funding sources. Mrs. Paladino made a motion to approve the VSP Technology Grant Resolution for 2019-20 fiscal year. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information and action item #11-727, Calendar Make-Up Days. Dr. Whitmarsh shared February 17, 2020 is marked for a bank weather make up day. February 17<sup>th</sup> is President's Day and February 18<sup>th</sup> is a planned Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Dr. Whitmarsh requested to amend the 2019-20 school year calendar to include February 18<sup>th</sup> as the first bank weather day instead of February 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Kibler made a motion to amend the 2019-20 as presented. Mr. Daniel seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented information and action item #11-728, SOQ Compliance. Due to the timing guidelines this item was presented as information and for action. Mr. Huber stated that by approving this report the Board is confirming that the school division has met all eight Standards of Qualities set by the Code of Virginia. Furthermore, it also certifies that school division may open prior to Labor Day because

it has met the requirements to do so prior to Labor Day in the 2011-12 school year. This certification for the pre Labor Day opening is renewed every biennium and automatically qualifies the school division for this waiver. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report as presented. Mrs. Mack seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-729, May 2019 VSBA Policy Updates. There are 52 policies in the May 2019 VSBA Policy update and a summary sheet has been provided. Mrs. Paladino made a motion to approve the May 2019 VSBA Policy Updates. Mrs. Mack seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Daniel presented information and action item #11-730, 2019-2020 School Board Priorities. Mr. Daniel shared the priorities. Dr. Kibler made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 School Board Priorities as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Kristie Spencer presented information item #11-731, Teacher Retention and Hire Update. Ms. Spencer shared the 2019-2020 Priorities; invest in the school division's employees by recruiting, hired and retaining the most highly qualified and innovative personnel. Ms. Spencer shared the Top Ten Critical Shortage Endorsement Areas and Multi-tier Strategy for Retention. She also gave an update on 2019-20 new hires based on experience and degrees.

Ms. Kristie Spencer presented information item #11-732, Financing for Technology/Communication Project – Switches. Ms. Spencer discussed the financing documents that were provided in packet. The attorney has reviewed the financing package and comments are included. Ms. Spencer shared a draft recommendation. The lease-financed equipment will only be used on essential governmental purposes of the Greene County Public Schools throughout the term of the Agreement. The School Board and the Public Schools agree to comply with Internal Revenue Code requirements with respect to the Agreement, all as contemplated under the Board's Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations.

Dr. Tim Hickey presented information item #11-733, Gifted Program Plan 2019-2024. Dr. Hickey gave an over-view of the Gifted Program Plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-734, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared new staff began August 1<sup>st</sup>. All faculty returned Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Open house was August 8<sup>th</sup> and there was a nice turn out.

Mr. Collier thanked everyone for their hard work.

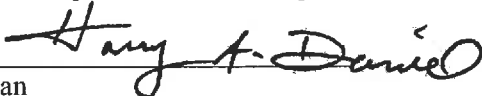
Mrs. Mack stated how exciting it was to be starting another school year.

Dr. Kibler thanked everyone for being there.

Mrs. Paladino wished everyone a great school year.

Mr. Daniel thanked everyone for all they do.

Mr. Daniel adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk