

**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 9, 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 pm in the school board conference room.

Mrs. Paladino 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 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.

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Closed meeting action, Mr. Collier made a motion to approve religious exemption, #0172. Mrs. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Paladino seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

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

Mr. Tony Southard shared concerns about bus pick-up and drop off location at the intersection of Celt Road and Southard Road.

Ms. Rachel Stanley shared additional concerns about the same intersection. She also mentioned concerns about an alert not being sent regarding bus accident and late pick-ups.

Mr. Daniel closed public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-763, FY2021 Budget Calendar. The budget calendar was shared at the September board meeting. No questions were asked. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the FY 2021 Budget Calendar as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Pursel presented information and action item #11-764, Bullying Prevention Month and Resolution. Dr. Pursel shared bullying prevention activities and resources that the schools are using throughout the year: Stop It App., class advisories, and small group guidance sessions. Dr. Pursel highlighted events and activities that are taking place during the month of October. Mr. Daniel read the resolution. Dr. Kibler made a motion to accept the Bullying Prevention Resolution. Mrs. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Mitchem presented information item #11-765 Special Education Regional Program. Dr. Mitchem shared the background and requirements of the program. A comprehensive study began in 2015 by

VDOE of Special Education Regional Programs. In 2017 the VDOE decided to use the Equity Model & Transition. The new equity funding will be available to all 132 school divisions. Dr. Mitchem shared the funding for GCPS will be less and there will also be a decline in services available.

Ms. Spencer presented information item #11-766 School Activity Fund Audit. Ms. Spencer stated that Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associate has completed the GCPS Activity Funds audit. The results of the audit were good. There were some recommendations listed in the report and those have been shared with the bookkeepers at each school.

Mr. Huber presented information item #11-767 Lead Innovator Program. Mr. Huber shared the reasons for creating lead innovators. Take teaching and 21<sup>st</sup> century education to the next level, equity for all students and schools, and creates long lasting legacy of change for Greene County. Mr. Huber also shared the five pillars of innovation. Integration of Technology, Personalized Learning, Communication & Collaboration, Knowledge & Creativity and Social & Emotional Learning. They were developed as part of the strategic plan. Letters have been sent to parents to let them know their student is in a classroom where their teacher is focusing on a particular pillar and hopefully receive feedback from parents. Lead Innovators are providing professional development after school and on professional development days. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Greene County Public Schools will be hosting educators from all over Virginia to visit our lead innovator classrooms. Mr. Huber stated model classrooms are being created around the five pillars.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-768 Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared some information about the open house that took place September 29<sup>th</sup>. The open house was well attended and it was great for the community to finally see the new spaces. The on-time graduation rate was released which is 92 % this exceeds the state average. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked all those that participated in the United Way Day of Caring. Barn Quilts are now up at the schools. Special thanks to the Art Guild and Mr. Mallory's carpentry class.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared funding changes have affected Region 10 behavioral services in the schools that is paid through Medicaid. More changes are to come. Students who need support are not receiving it.

Dragon Fest is this Friday. October 14<sup>th</sup> is a professional day no school for students. October 19<sup>th</sup> Get Fit for Greene. On October 24<sup>th</sup> realtors will be taking a tour of the schools.

Dr. Kibler stated it's very satisfying to see where the schools are and how they stand out.

Mrs. Mack stated they are working through some insurance issues with Blue Ridge Virtual Governors School. Louisa County will be overseeing the human resources services for the full-time BRVGS staff November 1<sup>st</sup>. The insurance transition will take place December 1<sup>st</sup>.

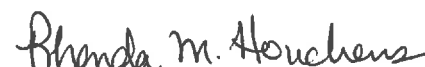
Mr. Collier thanked everyone for what they do for students.

Mr. Daniel shared he was thrilled to attend the open house. It's impressive.

Mrs. Paladino asked for teachers, staff and families to support Harry in the upcoming election. She stated he has made a lot of positive impact for the schools. Mrs. Paladino asked for support for Dale Herring.

Mr. Daniel adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk