



**Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Office Meeting Room
5/13/2020**

NOTE: This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom due to state-mandated guidelines enacted as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Mack, Chairperson; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Leah Paladino, Member; Mr. Jason Collier, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

Ms. Sharon Mack called the Greene County School Board meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Ms. Mack called for a roll call vote to certify the closed meeting. All ayes from members.

Ms. Leah Paladino made a motion to approve the presented consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Tooley. The board approved the consent agenda 5:0 by a roll call vote.

Ms. Mack outlined the virtual option for community members to submit public comments prior to the meeting time. She explained that public comments could be submitted via email prior to the meeting. The board also allowed members of the public to utilize the “raise hand” feature on Zoom to indicate they wanted to address the board. There were no public comments submitted prior to the meeting. Christina Bateman requested to address the board. During her time, she explained that she was interested in hearing more details about the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented action item #11-866, the Resolutions for 2019-2020 Retirees. Dr. Whitmarsh explained that the usual recognition breakfast will not happen this year, due to COVID-19. Mr. Jason Collier made a motion that the board approve the resolutions as presented in the packet. Ms. Leah Paladino seconded the motion. The board certified by a roll call vote to approve the resolutions.

Mr. Huber presented information item #11-867, the Federal Consolidated Application for the 2020-2021 school year. Each year, the school division must complete and submit this application in order to obtain federal funding for Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV. Mr. Huber explained what each grant amount would be used for in the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented information item #11-868 Migrant Children Certification for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Huber explained that this is an annual certification where several divisions in a regional program participate. The program is coordinated by Albemarle County Public Schools. Mr. Huber explained that this program protects the division from an unnecessary administrative burden of overseeing a federal program and provides access to necessary resources to serve migrant children in our area. The board is expected to vote on the certificate during its next meeting in June.

Dr. Kyle Pursel, Mr. Huber, and Ms. Katie Brunelle presented information item #11-869, which was an update on the division's response and planning for COVID-19. Dr. Pursel outlined operational details and planning. This included items like nutrition and meal distribution, maintenance, and transportation. Mr. Huber explained how distance learning practices were being handled following Governor Northam's decision to close schools. He said it was the main intention to gather information from the continuity of learning model in order to prepare for the possibility of virtual learning in the Fall. He also explained that a major point of emphasis throughout distance learning is to tend to students' social-emotional needs. Ms. Brunelle outlined some of the activities leaders at the high school are doing to recognize the 2019-2020 seniors and what they were planning in the future. Ms. Mack asked Ms. Brunelle to explain what steps are being taken to ensure parents and students are getting the information on senior activities.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-870, the latest FY2021 budget update. During her presentation, she explained that the budget has been trimmed as a result of COVID-19. She said the expected proposal is \$40,069,742. Dr. Whitmarsh explained that inclusions that were once under consideration are now being pulled back and frozen in an effort to not overspend.

During Dr. Whitmarsh's general superintendent's update, information item #11-871, she explained that decisions regarding schools reopening in the Fall will be available after requirements and guidance are released from the Virginia Department of Education. She said she hopes everyone remains patient and understanding while school leaders work to come up with plans for the upcoming school year.

Jason Tooley asked about kindergarten registration for those who cannot access the form online. Mr. Huber explained that parents can call either Ruckersville Elementary School or Nathanael Greene Primary and set up a time to come fill out a paper form. He then thanked the teachers and everyone in the school division.

Leah Paladino congratulated the seniors and the retirees. She said these are both major life events and is very proud of them. She said she was happy to hear all the work the high school is doing to recognize them and she would like to hear more about what is being planned for the retirees.

Todd Sansom expressed his appreciation for school staff. He also asked that the parents, staff, and community members continue practicing patience during this uncertain time.

Jason Collier thanked everyone involved in the school division.

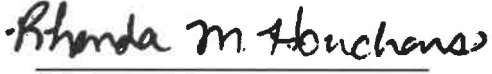
Sharon Mack says she would like to hear about / see more connections in the community. She also congratulated the 2019-2020 seniors.

Ms. Mack read a statement which certified that the board's decision to assemble via Zoom was in alignment with the Greene County Board of Supervisors' Ordinance adopted March 24, 2020. The ordinance addresses continuity of government in Greene County during the state of emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leah Paladino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Sansom seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.


Chairman


Clerk