



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
WMHS Performing Arts Center
March 9, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Todd Sansom, Chair; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Sharon Mack, Member; Mr. Brooks Taylor, Member; Rebecca Roach, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk; Ms. Jennifer Walker, Deputy Clerk.

Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the William Monroe High School Digital Media Classroom.

Ms. Mack made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1), (A)(2) to discuss personnel and student matters. Mr. Tooley seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack made a motion to reconvene in open session in the WMHS PAC. Mr. Taylor seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center. Mr. Sansom welcomed the newly appointment member, Ms. Becky Roach.

Mr. Sansom stated: The Board will certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion to convene the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. Mr. Tooley, Ms. Mack, Ms. Roach, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Sansom, all certified.

Mr. Sansom requested to approve the agenda.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. Mr. Sansom requested roll call vote:

Mr. Tooley – Aye
Ms. Mack – Aye
Ms. Roach - Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Mr. Sansom - Aye

Mr. Sansom invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sansom stated there was no closed meeting action.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- 11-1202 February 1, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1203 February 7, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1204 February 15, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1205 February 24, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1206 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1207 Field Trip Requests
- 11-1208 Enrollment
- 11-1209 Staff to be Approved List

Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom stated now we will vote on the minutes from the February meeting. All in favor say Aye except Ms. Roach. All Ayes, motion carried.

- 11-1198 February 2, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes
- 11-1199 February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1200 February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1201 February 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Sansom and Dr. Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to students and staff for outstanding achievements. The Board recognized Mr. Scott Wills for his contributions to Nathanael Greene Primary School. Mr. Wills competed on a game show and received \$30,000 worth of prizes for NGPS. District choir students: Brayden Eisenhart, Emma Allen, Sophia Traber and Ava Reickart were recognized for representing Greene County in the District Choir event at Monticello High School.

Ms. Brunelle presented recognition certificates to the following:

Cross country athletes: Sydney Orange, Conrad Bruton, Evan Young, Schuyler Nitzsche & Nathan Lindagren

Volleyball athletes: Mara Woolford, Ella Weaver, Alex Sharff, Brianna Adderley, Mae Hawkins, Ava Alvarez, Chloe Davis, Taylor Franssen, Cassidy Lamb, Savannah Meade, Katharine Pahuta, Morgan Pursel & Kylie Shifflett. Coaches: Leah Wimmer, Erin Lam & Megan Darby

Football athletes: Shea Jeffers, Kameron Ward, Davien Griffieth, Daelen Powell, Bryce Hoffman, Troy Jones

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for first public comment on matters not listed below on agenda. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

Steve Kortepeter shared thoughts on a meeting he attended called "School Choice and Educational Freedom."

Ms. Angela Neely presented information item #11-1210, Piedmont Regional Education Program. Ms. Neely provided an overview of the program which includes PREP Governance, previous structure, significant change in funding for FY2021, impact and utilization of the program.

Ms. Jess Peregoy presented information item #11-1211, CTE Update/Perkins Grant Application. Ms. Peregoy provided an overview of the CTE Programs and the Perkins Grant Application. The Perkins Grant allocation amount is \$49,074. Ms. Peregoy stated this amount doesn't change very much from year to year. Ms. Peregoy shared a breakdown of those funds.

Mr. Kyle Pursel presented information item #11-1212, Student Success Coaches. Mr. Pursel, along with Mr. Alley, gave an overview of the many roles of the student success coaches such as student supports, success coaches at home, success coaches at school, success coaches in the community and shared stories from students and staff on how they have been impacted by having student success coaches.

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for the second public comment on information items listed below on the agenda. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

Steve Kortepeter shared thoughts on the CTE Presentation. Mr. Kortepeter stated he appreciated the success coaches and everything they do.

Gigi Taft spoke regarding the success coach presentation. She asked about getting assistance for seniors that are graduating.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information item 11-1213, FY2023 Budget Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that since the last meeting there have been two supervisor budget workshops. The county voted to advertise to maintain the current tax rate and to advertise the FY2023 proposed budget which includes fully funding the school's request that's an increase of \$565,745 for a total of \$18,038,266 in local funds. Dr. Whitmarsh stated we are incredibly appreciative to the Board of Supervisors to provide

us with full funding. On the state budget we have received the calculation tool but we have no additional information.

Mr. Sansom requested a nomination for vice chair for the remainder of this calendar year. Mr. Tooley made a motion to nominate Ms. Mack for Vice Chair. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. Mr. Sansom request a role call vote:

Mr. Tooley – Aye
Ms. Mack – Abstain
Ms. Roach - Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Mr. Sansom - Aye

Motion carries.

Mr. Sansom requested a nomination for PREP Representative. Ms. Mack made a motion to nominate Mr. Tooley for PREP Representative. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. Mr. Sansom requested a role call vote:

Ms. Mack – Aye
Ms. Roach – Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Mr. Sansom – Aye
Mr. Tooley – Abstain

Mr. Sansom requested a nomination for PREP Representative 2nd Alternate. Mr. Taylor made a motion to nominate Ms. Roach for PREP Representative 2nd Alternate. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. Mr. Sansom requested a role call vote:

Mr. Tooley – Aye
Ms. Mack – Abstain
Mr. Taylor – Aye
Mr. Sansom - Aye
Ms. Roach - Abstain

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent’s Report item #11-1214, Superintendent’s Update. Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated those that received certificates of recognition and she welcomed Ms. Roach to the board. Dr. Whitmarsh stated she hoped the PREP Presentation and Student Success Coach Presentations were helpful to the board. She stated we are in the midst of recruiting season and stated if you know someone who is an educator and is looking for a job please send them our way. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the boys’ varsity basketball team competed in the state quarter finals after winning the Northwestern District Title. The girls’ varsity basketball team finished 3rd in the district and

competed in the regional tournament. Dr. Whitmarsh stated we had students on the wrestling team qualify for the state tournament and four athletes qualified for the indoor track meet and five swimmers for the state meet. Dr. Whitmarsh stated online kindergarten registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year and links are on our division's website. In person registration on Monday, March 14 from 9 am to 5:30 pm. Dr. Whitmarsh welcomed Donna Payne, she will be transitioning from Principal at Ruckersville Elementary School to Director of Teaching and Learning position that will begin July 1. The third quarter ends Friday, March 11 and report cards go out March 23. March 14 is an asynchronous day for staff. Friday, April 1st is a 1:00 pm dismissal and schools will be closed April 4-8 for spring break. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the Art's Festival will take place Saturday, April 30 at WMHS from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Tooley stated he enjoyed the presentations tonight and stated the success coaches have done a phenomenal job. He thanked the Tech Center for their presentation. He congratulated Ms. Payne for her new position at central office. He thanked all staff and teachers. He reminded parents to talk to kids and asked parents to help out at home. He congratulated all the athletes.

Ms. Mack gave an update on the Blue Ridge Governor's School sharing enrollment numbers are back up and the new director search is on way. She thanked the Board of Supervisor's for their support for the budget. She welcomed Ms. Roach to the board. She thanked all the presenters and congratulated all the athletes.

Ms. Roach congratulated the student athletes. She spoke about the CTE programs and how amazing they are for students. She stated the student success coach is an amazing program and it's helping so many kids. She stated she looks forward to serving on the board.


Mr. Taylor thanked the presenters. He congratulated the student athletes. He thanked Dr. Whitmarsh and staff for their work on the budget. He thanked the Board of Supervisor's for their support. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

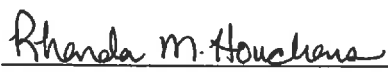
Mr. Tooley thanked Steve Bowman and Dale Herring for their support and being at every meeting.

Mr. Sansom spoke regarding the meeting with the Board of Supervisors. He said it was thrilling to see the support we have from the Board of Supervisors. He stated the presentations were great. He stated the importance of parents helping out with Boosters and other organizations. He spoke about the board training at the end of April and a possible retreat being scheduled. He thanked everyone.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Mack made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.


Chair


Clerk