

School Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leah Paladino, Chair; Harry Daniel, Vice-Chair; 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: N/A

The closed session was called to order at 6:30 pm in the school board office conference room.

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

Mr. Daniel made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.; Mrs. Mack seconded, motion carried.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. All certified.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of personnel during closed session. Mrs. Mack seconded, motion carried. All certified.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Mrs. Paladino closed public comments.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-356, Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report. Mr. Huber stated that this was verification that all the Standards of Qualities set by the Department of Education have been met including all schools being fully accredited. Mrs. Paladino congratulated all the administrators. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report as presented. Dr. Kibler seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Spencer presented action item #11-357 2017B VPSA Refunding Bonds Resolution. Ms. Spencer explained this was a bond refund on the 2011 bond sale related to the athletic funding project. She also stated the school system must do a certificate of refunding which is a term used for refinancing of the public bonds. Ms. Spencer shared the floor was sat at 3% and over the course of the refunding period the school system will receive over \$350,000 in credits that will be returned to the county. Ms. Spencer stated that approving this item authorizes the approval of the credits. Dr. Kibler made a motion to approve the VPSA Refunding Bonds Resolution. Mr. Daniel seconded. Members voted by roll call vote: Dr. Kibler, Mr. Daniel, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier and Mrs. Paladino all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Spencer presented action item #11-358 VPSA 2017 Fall Pool Bond Sale Resolution. Mrs. Spencer shared the Greene County Board of Supervisors endorsed moving forward with the Virginia Public School Authority application for funding of Phase 1 school facilities projects.

The VPSA application process requires the School Board pass a resolution requesting the application for participation in the pool bond sale with the principal amount not exceeding \$28,160,000. Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept VPSA 2017 Fall Bond Sale Resolution. Mr. Collier seconded. Members voted by roll call vote: Dr. Kibler, Mr. Daniel, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier and Mrs. Paladino all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented information item #11-359 VSBA May 2017 Policy Updates. Mr. Huber stated there were thirty-seven policies provided in the packet for the school board to review. The major changes include Policy IGAJ which focuses on driver education including language in the policy to include traffic stops and proper interaction with law enforcement. Policy JED focuses on student absences, excusals and dismissals adding additional language allowing the school division to address partial day absences while the prior policy only addressed full day absences. Mr. Huber explained the superintendent will be putting in procedures to address students who have reoccurring half day absences since the prior policy only addressed full day absences.

Mr. Huber and Donna Payne presented information item #11-360 Summer Program. Mr. Huber introduced Donna Payne, the Assistant Principal at Nathanael Greene Elementary School. Mr. Huber shared there were a total 8 weeks of summer program including remedial school and elementary summer school and enrichment academies. There were a total of 17 different enrichment academies with over 240 enrollments. Mrs. Payne shared the goal for the 2017 Summer School Program called the Amazing Race was to totally change how parents and students view attending summer school. The structure was innovative and engaging. Teachers rose to the challenge and the results were fantastic! The attendance rate was 81% overall for grades K-5. A total of 110 students attended out of 144 available slots. Mrs. Payne stated that pre-testing data completed in the Spring 2017 and post testing data will be completed in the fall of 2017. The purpose of this data collection is to measure whether the students benefited from the program. On July 21st students participated in the Amazing Race celebration.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-361, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that on July 25th the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to support the application process for Phase 1 of the facilities project. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked the Supervisors and school leaders for their support.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared Info-snap was introduced to parents this year. This is an on-line student registration system that helps reduce the mound of papers but also keep up to date contact information. Currently there are over 2800 students registered. Dr. Whitmarsh stated overall the process has gone well.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated that school open houses are scheduled for all schools on August 10th. Instructional Fair will be Friday, August 11 for all staff.

Mr. Collier had no comments.

Mrs. Mack shared that the Blue Ridge Governor's School Board met and some highlights include improvement in the AP Bio Exams scores, approved recommendation for new policy for struggling students, and discussed a policy for professional development plan for teachers.

Mr. Daniel stated he is excited to hear about the summer program.

Dr. Kibler had no comments.

Mrs. Paladino shared she received a lot of good things regarding Info-snap. Mrs. Paladino thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Paladino adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk