

School Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leah Paladino, Chairperson; Harry Daniel, Vice-Chairperson; 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: Bill Martin, Vice Chair & Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Central Office 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 7:10 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 all certified. Mr. Collier abstained, he did not attend closed session.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. 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 #11-541, May 2018 VSBA Policy Updates. These policies were presented as an informational item at the June meeting. There are a total of 36 policies. Mr. Huber recommended the May 2018 VSBA Policy updates be approved. Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve the May 2018 VSBA Policy Updates as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-542, Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report. Due to the timing guidelines this item was presented as informational 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. Dr. Kibler made a motion to approve the Annual Compliance with Standards of Quality Report as presented. Mr. Daniel seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented informational item #11-543, July 2018 VSBA Policy Updates. There are 5 policies in the July 2018 VSBA Policy update and a summary sheet has been provided.

Dr. Walton presented information item #11-544, Summer Programs. Dr. Walton shared that the Summer Enrichment Academy was offered for twelve weeks and was well attended with over 100 participants. A

total of 17 classes were offered and they ranged from jewelry making to cooking to sewing, as well as being immersed in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The Summer School Program was held at Ruckersville Elementary School and William Monroe Middle School. Two teachers were at each grade level with 20-24 students per grade level. The theme this year was World Cup. The Summer School Program at the High School offered virtual PE & Health, credit recovery and SOL Testing which were all a success.

Dr. Pursel presented information item #11-545, Crisis Planning. Dr. Pursel read the purpose and goals of the Crisis Emergency Plan. This summer the crisis plans were reviewed, updated and standardized. Each school has a Crisis Management Team. Additions to the crisis plans include how to respond to a medical emergency, how to use an AED, sample letter templates and how to talk to students after a crisis. This year each teacher will have a Crisis Go Bag that they can take with them when they leave the classroom. These bags will be refilled as needed. The initial safety audit has been completed and school administrators will complete safety survey by September 14, 2018.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-546, Construction Update. It's been a very busy summer and the rain has caused some challenges. Things that have changed over the summer include new utilities serving the middle and high school, storm water retention systems behind the high school and in front of middle school, new curbing and sidewalks, grading and reconfiguration of Monroe Drive, additional parking behind the high school, demolition of library and English classroom at the high school, getting ready for demolition at the middle school, relocation of fire panel at the high school, installation of fire sprinkler lines at high school, asphalt paving at the high school, temporary parking lots at high and middle school, reconfiguration of primary school lot. Branch and subcontractors have been doing amazing work. Dr. Whitmarsh recognized all staff because this project has been a team effort. Dr. Whitmarsh shared this year's theme: Patience, flexibility and positivity.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-547, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh introduced the new administrators, Dr. Michael Ormsmith, Director of Career and Technical Education; Anne-Marie Eberhardt, Assistant Principal at William Monroe High School, Kris Wimmer, Dean of Students at William Monroe High School and Donna Payne, Principal at Ruckersville Elementary School.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated that there have been some difficulties with the Info-Snap process. These have been nationwide support issues.

New Staff returned August 1st. All faculty return Monday, August 6th.

William Monroe High School's open house was last night. It was a good turnout. August 9th will be open houses for all other schools from 12:00 to 7 p.m.

Dr. Whitmarsh also shared the changes in procedures related to athletic volunteers. Changes include limiting the number of volunteer coaches for each team to one and limiting the number of parents volunteering in a coaching capacity.

Mr. Collier shared how the facilities project is coming along good and school will be open August 14th. Mr. Collier thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mrs. Mack stated how exciting it was to be starting another school year. Mrs. Mack thanked Mr. Huber for his long days working with the facilities project.

Mr. Daniel thanked everyone for all they do.

Dr. Kibler reminded everyone to get enough sleep.

Mrs. Paladino thanked everyone for the welcoming atmosphere in the buildings and she wished everyone a great school year.

Mrs. Paladino adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk