



Minutes  
School Board Meeting/FY2024 Budget Proposal Adoption  
Greene County Schools  
WMHS Library  
February 22, 2023

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

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

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the WMHS Digital Media Classroom.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(7) to discuss personnel matters and legal matters. Ms. Roach seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to reconvene in open session in the WMHS Library. Mr. Taylor seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the WMHS Library.

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 in the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

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

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-1374, Budget Proposal Adoption. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the packet for the FY2024 Budget Proposal. She shared that the health insurance renewal came in at 9.9% which will cost about \$439,000. She shared our broker will be working with The Local Choice to back down on the increase. The house and senate versions of the budget and the calc tool has come back. Dr. Whitmarsh shared a chart comparing the Governor's December Budget, the House February Proposed Budget and the Senate's February Proposed Budget. She shared we do not know what the state funding is going to look like. We will continue on with the Governor's budget as we have previously. The proposal that we have before you tonight is based on the Governor's budget and the only thing that has changed is the health insurance increase. The proposed budget includes 1.7 million in construction money carrying forward, expected other revenue from rents, health care increase of \$438,794, included a 5% raise and 1% bonus based on the Governor's Budget Proposal, \$9203 in retiring debt, middle school sports \$13,640 and fuel cost increase \$25,000, added school nutrition that will be offset, and school construction carryover. The total needed to meet our request from the locality, based on what we know about the Governor's budget, is \$1,526,845. Dr. Whitmarsh stated this is the same information that was shared two weeks ago, except for the health insurance increase.

Mr. Sansom asked about the fuel cost increase. Ms. Spencer stated the County is working off the existing contract and that they are negotiating a new contract. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that the increase is just a place holder.

Mr. Taylor asked about the health insurance increase and what that means for the employees. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the number that's in the budget is for the employer to absorb the cost increase and will not be passed down to employees at this point.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion regarding the budget.

Ms. Roach shared the following statement:

I have a personal interest in the School Board's budget by virtue of my husband's employment by the School Board and the salary scales included in the budget. However, as the spouse of a teacher at GCPS, I am a member of a large group of individuals in the community who are affected by the School Board's budget and I am able to participate in discussions and votes on the budget fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$50,606,896. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion.

Mr. Sansom requested roll call vote:

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

Dr. Whitmarsh shared on March 7 there will be a meeting with the Supervisors regarding the budget.

Ms. Roach gave Rhonda flowers and a card showing the board's appreciation for School Board Clerk.

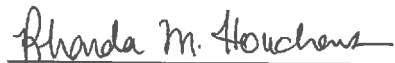
Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 7:32 pm.



Chair



Clerk