



**Greene County Public Schools
School Board Meeting
FY2022 Budget Adoption
May 12, 2021**

WMHS Performing Arts Center

**6:30 pm Open Session, motion to move immediately into Closed Session William Monroe
Digital Media Classroom**

Reconvene in Open Session 7:00 pm

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

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR(S) PRESENT: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

Closed session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the William Monroe High School Digital Media Classroom.

Ms. Paladino made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Sansom seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Leah Paladino moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:00 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center.

The Board certified 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. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Sansom, and Mr. Collier all certified.

Mr. Collier moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. All ayes from members, motion carried.

The board recognized the 2020-2021 nominees for Educator and Support Staff Member of the Year. Each school selected a candidate for the roles and Ms. Paladino read a brief excerpt about their efforts that helped earn them the honor. Dr. Whitmarsh presented each nominee with a plaque.

Ms. Paladino asked if there were any attendees who wished to address the board for Public Comment on matters not included in the agenda. There were no sign ups and no attendees came forward.

Ms. Paladino presented action item #11-049, the Resolution for Superintendent Recognition. She explained that The Virginia Association of School Superintendents selects one person to represent the state as Superintendent of the Year, but felt compelled to extend the honor to all 133 division Superintendents in the state this year. She said the organization believes Superintendents' role in their divisions and communities were especially important during the pandemic and wanted to recognize them all. Dr. Whitmarsh said all the work involved with the school year would not have been possible without the division leadership team and every other school employee. Ms. Paladino requested a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Sansom made a motion, Ms. Mack seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-050, the Resolutions for Retirees. She explained that 11 school employees are retiring at the end of the school year. Mr. Sansom made a motion to accept each resolution for each retiree listed in their board packet and read by Dr. Whitmarsh. Ms. Mack seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-051, the FY2022 Budget Adoption. She touched on some highlights included in the budget, including a 4% salary increase for all division employees, allocations that will specifically address current compression in the teacher salary scale, adjustments to the custodial and bus driver salary scales, and new positions that will specifically address learning loss during the pandemic. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$41,172, 980. Mr. Collier seconded the motion. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Sansom, and Mr. Collier responded "aye" in a roll call vote, the motion to adopt the FY2022 carried.

Dr. Bryan Huber presented information item #11-052, the Consolidated Federal Application. He explained that this is an annual application school divisions must complete in order to obtain federal funding for Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV grants. He also outlined some of the programs and positions these grants support and shared graphs that detail how the funds were allocated in the last fiscal year, as new projections were not released at the time of the meeting.

Dr. Huber presented information item #11-053, the Migrant Children Certification. His presentation included the program's mission and purpose in school systems. He also provided a detailed definition on which students are considered "Migrant Children" and qualify for services through the program. He explained that GCPS participates in the "Albemarle Region" and stated how much funding is expected to be allocated for the 2021-2022 school year. He said participation in this program is beneficial, even if the division rarely uses its services.

Dr. Kyle Pursel presented information item #11-054, an update to the division's Wellness Policy. He stated that this policy has to be reviewed every 3 years. He explained that the revisions involve wording and phrasing and not the content of the policy.

Dr. Huber presented information item #11-055, the Return to Learn Update. He outlined some of the current things happening in schools as the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close. He said Summer Programs will start June 14, with expanded offerings. He also explained that the schools will offer "soft starts" in late July to help students transition back to attending in-person instruction 5 days a week. He also outlined some plans that have already been established for the 2021-2022 school year. In-person learning will be available to all students 5 days a week. Families can also choose a fully virtual option, if desired. He presented details from new legislation that says students may return from virtual learning to in-person learning at any time during the school year. He says the main focus for the upcoming school year will be establishing and maintaining connections with families in an effort to best serve students.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-056, the Superintendent's Update. She said she is excited to see the new school year plans progress. She congratulated all the nominees for Educator of the Year and Support Staff Members of the Year. She also outlined some of the things happening throughout the division at the end of the school year.

Mr. Tooley congratulated the nominees for Educator of the Year and Support Staff Members of the Year and the school employees who are retiring.

Ms. Mack thanked everyone for their hard work this school year. She said special recognition is deserved for the nominees who were able to stand out among all our wonderful staff members.

Mr. Sansom thanked everyone who helped organize the tour with Congressman Bob Good. He also thanked division leaders who consistently present materials and information during the meetings.

Mr. Collier congratulated the retirees and nominees for their hard work and dedication to students.

Ms. Paladino thanked everyone for the school community. She said she is so touched by everyone's willingness to give so much to students and families.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Sean M. Paladino
Chair

Rhonda M. Houchens
Clerk