

School Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harry Daniel, Chairperson; Sharon Mack, Member; Rodney Kibler, Member; Jason Collier, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Denell Clem, Clerk

MEMBER PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leah Paladino, Vice-Chair

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Michelle Flynn; Member

The closed session meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the conference room at William Monroe High School.

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

Mr. Daniel announced that we would reconvene into open session in the Performing Arts Center at William Monroe High School at 7:05 p.m.

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

Mr. Daniel announced that there were no closed meeting actions.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Daniel and Dr. Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to all the Winter Student-Athletes, Destination Imagination participates, National History Day participates, Forensics team, Automotive, DECA, FBLA, HOSA students that received honors in competitions, Support Staff of the Year winners, Educators of the Year winners. See attached 'Order of Presentations' and 'April Recognitions' for all the individuals recognized.

Mr. Daniel and School Board members recognized Dr. Whitmarsh for being named the Region V Superintendent of the Year and presented her with a certificate and dragon letter opener.

Dr. Whitmarsh thanked everyone recognized and said that they make the schools and the community proud. Mr. Daniel also extended thanks to the parents for taking their children to all of the events and also thanked the coaches and teachers. He also stated that we had a great representation for Greene County Schools tonight.

Mr. Daniel stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda. There were no sign-ups and no public comments given.

Michelle Flynn from the Board of Supervisors spoke during public comments expressing her gratitude to the School Board and Dr. Whitmarsh for all of their hard work and dedication they have shown to the community, parents, and students of Greene County Public Schools.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented action item # 11-667 February 2019 VSBA Policy Updates. He advised there were 23 policies with changes but were less eventful than in years past. He highlighted a few of the changes as outlined in his presentation. No questions were asked. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the VSBA Policy updates as presented. Seconded by Dr. Kibler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dr. Ormsmith presented action item # 11-668 CTE Perkins Plan 2019 – 2020. He briefly went over the application and asked the board to approve the plan as presented to the board on the March 13th meeting. Dr. Kibler made a motion to approve the CTE Perkins Plan as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dr. Wendy Mitchem presented information/action item # 11-669 2019-2020 Special Education Annual Title VI Plan. This is an annual application used to access federal funds for students with disabilities. Dr. Mitchem provided an overview for how the funds are distributed. She stated that distribution falls into several categories: Salaries & Wages for employees, Benefits for employees, Purchase Services such as independent educational evaluations, contracted services, or PD for staff, Reimbursement of staff travel expenses for trainings and materials & supplies such as software or equipment for an accommodation. Dr. Mitchem provided a breakdown of those costs showing that 98% of the funding goes toward salary and benefits.

Dr. Kibler made a motion to approve the plan as presented to the board. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item # 11-671 2018-2019 School Calendar Change. Virginia Code requires 180 days or 990 instructional hours per year. Due to the small number of days missed she recommended a change to the 2018-2019 school calendar to make the last day for students Friday, May 24th and professional days for staff on May 28th & May 29th. She stated this would still leave us well beyond the required instructional time. Motion to change the school calendar as recommended was made by Mrs. Mack. Seconded by Dr. Kibler. No Discussion. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item # 11-670 May Meeting Date Change. Dr. Whitmarsh recommended moving the May meeting to May 15th to allow the Board of Supervisors to have their budget meeting on May 14th and vote on their annual budget. Motion to change the school calendar as recommended was made by Mrs. Mack. Seconded by Mr. Collier. No Discussion. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-673, FY2020 Budget Update. There will be a 3% pay raise is still planned for all employees. Board of Supervisors will adopt a budget on May 14th.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-674, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh expressed congratulations to all that were recognized and shared that they help make our school system an amazing place. She thanked the High School for their hospitality in hosting the meeting. She stated that the Kindergarten registration was a success and parents are excited about the online application. The annual Arts Festival will be held on March 23rd and will be at the high school/middle schools and at Ruckersville. There is a 20th Anniversary celebration scheduled for April 25th from 5:30-7:30. She shared a construction update with the board and the energy savings costs. Furniture has been delivered. She also stated that they are still exploring options for the AfterSchool Program.

Dr. Kibler thanked everyone.

Mrs. Mack loved that more than half of the meeting was spent recognizing students and staff for their accomplishments. She is very proud. She gave thanks to the students, teachers and coaches for supporting the students. She loved Cinderella Musical presented by the high school.

Mr. Collier expressed that the amazing accomplishments of our students and staff are what make his job worthwhile. Everyone is doing amazing things and he is proud of their achievements.

Mr. Daniel said it was inspiring to see the students doing so well and that it is a great reflection of the parents, coaches, teachers and administrators. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.



Chairman



Clerk