



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Meeting Room
June 14, 2023

Members Present: Mr. Todd Sansom, Chair; Ms. Sharon Mack, Vice-Chair; 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 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Ms. Roach 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 and legal matters. Ms. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack made a motion to reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room. Ms. Roach seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.

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.

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

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Roach 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.

Mr. Sansom stated we have no closed meeting action items.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion for the consent agenda:

- 11-1434 May 5, 2023 Retreat Minutes
- 11-1435 May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1436 May 5, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1437 May 12, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1438 May 24, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1439 May 31, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1440 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1441 Enrollment
- 11-1442 Staff to be Approved List
- 11-1443 Reappointment of Support Staff

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 11-1434 through 11-1443 as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for first public comment on matters not listed below on agenda. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Payne presented action item #11-1444, Federal Applications I, II, III, & IV. Dr. Payne shared last month she presented information item Federal Application I, II, III, & IV and how we intend to spend these funds for the 2023-2024 school year. She offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve action item #11-1444, Federal Applications I, II, III & IV as presented. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion, All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1445, Superintendent Designee. Dr. Whitmarsh proposed that Dr. Kyle Pursel, Assistant Superintendent to serve as the designee to sign in the Superintendent's absence. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1445, Superintendent Designee as presented to approve Dr. Kyle Pursel as the authorize designee to sign in the absence of the Division Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1446, Authorization for Superintendent to Hire. Dr. Whitmarsh shared at this time we currently have 23 positions that are unfilled. She shared we are working really hard to find candidates, interview them and fill our positions. Dr. Whitmarsh requested that she be given authorization to hire prior to August 9th so all five board members do not have to be contacted each time for approval. She stated this is something that was done last summer. Mr. Taylor

made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1446, Authorization for Superintendent to Hire as presented to authorize division Superintendent's ability to hire through August 9, 2023. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Pursel presented information/action item #11-1447, Calendar Change. Dr. Pursel shared the first calendar change is due to a presidential primary coming up March 5th so the office of the General Registrar of Voters has requested GCPS move the March 11, 2024 Professional Day to March 5, 2024 to accommodate the Primary Election. Currently, Ruckersville Elementary School and the Greene County Technical Education Center are used as polling locations. Dr. Pursel stated that's the first calendar change to move March 11th to March 5th. Dr. Pursel shared another request to change scheduled asynchronous days that are built into the 2023-2024 calendar be changed to professional/planning days. This will provide more clarity to our staff, our students and our families. As you recall asynchronous days were added during the pandemic. Those are the days students would be doing different work. Changing these to professional days would mean our staff would still be coming in and help reduce confusion for students, families and staff. Doing this gets us back to a pre-pandemic model. Dr. Pursel shared his recommendation to move March 11th Professional Day to March 5th to accommodate the presidential primary and to change the asynchronous days to profession days for the 2023 – 2024 calendar. Mr. Taylor asked if General Registrar of Voters needed March 4th to set up. Dr. Pursel stated no.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1447, Calendar Change as presented to move the March 11 Professional Day to March 5 and to change all previously scheduled asynchronous days to professional/planning days. Ms. Mack seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Pursel presented information item #11-1448, May 2023 VSBA Policy Updates. Dr. Pursel shared there are over 40 policies that are presented that reflect necessary changes due to federal and state law changes and legislative action. The policies are provided in the packet as well as the summary sheet that provides information on why some of these policies were changed and information regarding the changes. Most of the changes are due to legal or cross references and are very minor and don't require anything from our end. Dr. Pursel provided an over view of the following changes: BBFA, Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interest; DB, Annual Budget; EB, School Crisis Emergency Management, and Medical Response Plan; EBB Threat Assessment Teams; GAB/IIBEA Acceptable Computer System Use; GBE Staff Health; GCDA, Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect; IKF, The Virginia Assessment Program & Graduation Requirements; JEC School Admission; JFC, Student Conduct; LEB, Advanced/Alternative Courses for Credit.

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for public comment on information items. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent's Report item #11-1449, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated the 2023 William Monroe Graduates she shared there were 216 Graduates; 98 with advanced diplomas, 111 standard diplomas, 6 applied studies diplomas, 145 CTE completers, 5 military graduates, 23 of our students received their associate degree before their high school degree, 254,000 in local scholarships and the graduating class received a total of \$2,453,816 in total scholarships. Jennifer Argueta was awarded the Walentas Scholarship and received a full ride to UVA. Ella Weaver who received a full ride to University of Toledo for athletics – basketball. Mya Anderson who received \$283,000 to Denison University . Rylie Mitchelson who received \$284,000 Washington and Lee. Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated the Educator and Support Staff Members of the Year for the division: Scott Wills Educator of the Year and Erin Rocha, Support Staff Member of the Year. We held a retiree breakfast on May 25th. Mr. Sansom was there to address the retirees and recognize the six retirees. We held a division leadership retreat, in process of working through internal academic reviews for each of our schools. Summer school started Monday, June 5th and will go through June 23; we are working in partnership with the YMCA which is housed at Ruckersville Elementary School. Dr. Whitmarsh shared she had the opportunity to participate in a meeting with the Charlottesville Chamber under the VA Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs has contracted with a company to look at military value to local regions in Virginia. It was quite impressive. On Monday, our region superintendent met with the Dr. Koons our new State Superintendent. Last Monday the Board of Supervisors appropriated the FY2024 budget. The state has not passed a budget we may need to meet in July to potentially adopt a new budget.

Mr. Sansom welcomed board member comments.

Ms. Mack congratulated Mr. Wills and Ms. Rocha for being Educator and Support Staff Member of the Year. Ms. Mack shared three of the board's seats that will be up for election in November. She shared there are a lot of resources available on how to be a good board member. She also shared she will not be running again. Ms. Mack thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Taylor shared that if anyone wants to know where the Monroe District is to call Jennifer at the registers office and they can tell you. Mr. Taylor mentioned that Greene had 23 associate degree graduates and how it compares to other counties. It's just amazing to look at the stats. Some boarding counties didn't have a single one. Mr. Taylor shared today is flag day. Mr. Taylor shared he hoped everyone was enjoying their much-needed summer break and he looks forward to starting the new off great. He wished everyone a good night and to drive careful going home.

Ms. Roach congratulated all the graduates. She stated she appreciated what teachers, support staff and bus driver's do every day. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Sansom shared Tuesday, June 20th is the deadline for support forms for running for office. Mr. Sansom shared some details regarding the construction project at the Tech Center. He thanked Dr. Pursel for his continued leadership on that project. Mr. Sansom shared information regarding emails he has received from School Board Members Alliance.

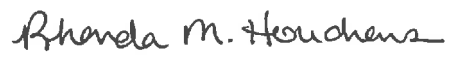
Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 7:47 pm.



Chair



Clerk

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