

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

January 11, 2021

The Westmoreland County School Board held an Emergency Board Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair, Participated via Electronic Communication

Ms. Iris Lane, Member, Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member, Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member, Participated via Electronic Communication

Board members participated electronically as established by the Governor's Executive Orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Chris Evans, Director of Technology

Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of Board - Participated via Electronic Communication

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fallin, Chair.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

Information Items

School Return Mode

Dr. Perry and the Board discussed the return to learn plan. Dr. Perry reviewed the health data indicators with the Board. Dr. Perry shared new guidelines from the Department of Education. Dr. Williams updated the Board on the status of the vaccine distribution in the three rivers district. Dr. Williams stated that he hopes the teachers will be able to get vaccinated within the next two to three weeks.

Action Items

School Return Mode

Dr. Perry recommended to the Board that Westmoreland County Public Schools take an additional three weeks and then reconsider coming back to school in the hybrid model.

The Board shared their concerns with reconsidering the reopening of school in three weeks and concluded that six weeks will give the Board more time to re-visit the decision.

Ms. Lane made a motion that the Westmoreland County Public School System continue on the virtual learning program for the next six weeks and that the School Board re-visit the type of learning plan that is best for the school system during its next Board meeting (February 22, 2021) with the option to change to hybrid at that time. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

School Board Member Comments

Dr. Perry and the Board expressed their condolences to the Carey family and the Roy family.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded by Dr. Wallace and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk

Chairman