

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

March 15, 2021

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence Building, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair

Ms. Iris Lane, Vice Chair

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Member - Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member - Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Chris Evans, Director of Technology

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

Ms. Lane made a motion that the Board convene into closed session as provided in Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters dealing with specific personnel of the

Westmoreland County School system pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. Board member Dr. Wallace seconded the motion.

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

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member Ms. Lane, and seconded by Board member Dr. Wallace.

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

The motion for the approval of the following certification was made by Board member Mrs. Lewis, and seconded by Board member Mrs. Ramsey.

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County School Board convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

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

The Board was led in prayer by Dr. Perry and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Ms. Lane read the Westmoreland County Public Schools' mission statement and vision statement to the public.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Delegations/Presentations

Attendance Recognition

Dr. Perry presented the student attendance report for the month of February to the Board. Montross Middle School had the best student attendance for the month of February. Dr. Perry presented the staff attendance report for the month of February to the Board. Washington District Elementary School had the highest staff attendance for the month of February. (Appendix I)

VSBA Business Honor Roll

Dr. Perry recognized Julie Strickler from Westmoreland Department of Social Services. Ms. Strickler received a certificate from VSBA for the 2021 Employer Commendation Program.

VSBA Art Competition

Ms. Rice recognized artwork submitted by Montross Middle School student, Julianna L Lewis. Miss Lewis won 1st place in the middle school category at the VSBA Eastern Spring Forum Art Contest.

Open Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments & Resignations
- B. Board Minutes - February 9, 2021 Budget Work Session, February 22, 2021 Budget Work Session & February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- C. School Board Manual

Information Items

VSBA Policy Updates

Ms. Rice provided the Board with policy updates. Ms. Rice reviewed the policies and stated action will be taken at the next regular meeting.

Return To Learn Updates

Dr. Williams joined the meeting and shared updated information on COVID-19. Dr. Williams reviewed the CDC recommended guidelines and also the VDH and VDOE recommended guidelines.

Dr. Perry shared employee vaccine updates. Dr. Perry highlighted administrator and teacher interventions that are being utilized. Summer school parameters were shared. Dr. Perry also highlighted student attendance, transportation concerns, and athletics.

(Appendix II)

New Business

At 7:03 p.m. Mr. Fallin stated that the public hearing on the 2021-2022 School Board Budget will begin.

Ms. Rice presented the proposed 2021-2022 School Board Budget and the proposed 2021-2022 Food Service Budget to the Board.

Ms. Rice highlighted projected revenue figures, significant budget additions and proposed expenditures by category.

Ms. Rice presented the proposed food service budget highlighting projected revenue and expenditures.

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Board Budget as presented in the total amount of \$23,076,600.00 and the 2021-2022 Food Service Budget in the total amount of \$1,041,974.00. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix III)

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

There were no public comments on the proposed budget.

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry reviewed amended figures with the Board. A short video was presented. (Appendix IV)

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$756,216.08 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$34,163.80 as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix V)

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

Approval of 2021-2022 School Board Calendar

Ms. Rice presented the 2021-2022 School Board Calendar to the Board for approval. Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Board Calendar as presented. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion. (Appendix VI)

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

School Board Member Comments

School Board members comments reflected thanks to all for joining the meeting. Mrs. Lewis expressed concern of students not being back in school this year.

Adjournment

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

Clerk

Chairman