

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MONTROSS, VIRGINIA
BOARD MINUTES
March 30, 2020

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence Building, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair
Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair
Ms. Iris Lane, Member
Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member
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.

Dr. Wallace 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 Mrs. Ramsey 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 Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Mrs. Ramsey.

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 Dr. Wallace, and seconded by Board member Ms. Lane.

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.

A moment of silence was observed and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Dr. Wallace 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.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Ramsey 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 (Appendix I)
- B. Minutes – February 11, 2020 work session, February 24, 2020 work session, and February 24, 2020 regular meeting
- C. Finance Report (Appendix II)

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$436,932.06 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$36,547.51 as presented. Mrs. Lewis 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.

School Gifts

Dr. Perry acknowledged individuals that gave donations/gifts to the school division.

A motion was made in accordance with school board policy KH, to accept the gifts/donations as presented.

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the donations given to the school division. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion.

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

VSBA Business Honor Roll

Resolutions

Dr. Perry presented the following resolution to the Board for approval.

2020 VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS HONOR ROLL

WHEREAS, public schools and local businesses are an integral part of this community; and
WHEREAS, many local businesses play a crucial role in supporting our schools; and
WHEREAS, the economic health of our community, state and nation depends on a strong public school system; and
WHEREAS, collaboration between local public schools and local businesses strengthens schools and the business community alike by providing a well-trained and highly educated workforce; and
WHERE AS, an excellent public school system is vital to the quality of life in this community and fundamental to preserving a strong democratic society now and in the future; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Westmoreland County School Board names NSWCCU Credit Union, Art of Coffee, and Ebenezer United Methodist Church to the 2020 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll, showing appreciation for these firm’s ongoing support of this community’s public schools. Your work has aided this community in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child who attends them.

Signed this day, March 30, 2020

Chairman

Clerk

March 30, 2020

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

Resolutions

Dr. Perry presented the following resolutions to the Board for approval.

Resolution for Appropriation of Funds from Additional Revenue Received from the Gear Up Grant.
On **MOTION** of Dr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, motion was carried to approve the following resolution for appropriation of funds from additional revenue received from the Gear Up Grant:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westmoreland County School Board requests of the County Board of Supervisors to add to the 2019-2020 School Board Budget the following amount of funds in the following category:

Grant Category \$21,454.41

WHEREAS, the money requested to be added to the Westmoreland County School Board Budget will come from additional funds from the Gear Up Grant.

Chairman

Clerk

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

(Appendix V)

Resolution for Appropriation of the following Funds to Be Transferred:

On **MOTION** of Dr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, motion was carried to approve the following resolution to transfer the following funds:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westmoreland County School Board requests of the County Board of Supervisors to add to allow the transfer of \$175,230.45 from the Instructional Category and \$16,148.00 from the Maintenance Category to the following categories:

Pupil Transportation	\$55,000.00
Technology	\$136,378.45

WHEREAS, the money requested to be transferred from the Instructional Category and the Maintenance Category to the Pupil Transportation Category and the Technology Category will be used to cover the expenses in those two categories.

Chairman

Clerk

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

(Appendix VI)

Resolution to Request the 2020-2021 School Board Budget be Appropriated in a Lump Sum vs. Categorical Appropriations:

On **MOTION** of Dr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, motion was carried to approve the following resolution to request the 2020-2021 School Board Budget be appropriated in a lump sum vs. categorical appropriation:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westmoreland County School Board requests of the County Board of Supervisors that the 2020-2021 School Budget be Appropriated in a Lump Sum vs. Categorical Appropriations.

Chairman

Clerk

March 30, 2020

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

(Appendix VII)

Information Items

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. (Appendix IX)

New Business

Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 School Board Budget.

At 6:15 p.m., Mr. Fallin stated that the public hearing on the 2020-2021 School Board Budget will begin.

Ms. Rice presented the 2020-2021 proposed School Board Budget and the 2020-2021 proposed Food Service Budget to the Board.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Board Budget as presented in the total amount of \$22,827,811.00 and the 2020-2021 Food Service Budget in the total amount of \$1,050,784.00. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix X)

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.

Open Public Comments

None

School Board Member Comments

Board member comments reflected they are taking the pandemic very seriously and expressed their sincere appreciation to the food service staff, transportation staff, and all other staff who are volunteering to deliver the meals. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting virtually.

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