

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2020

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 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 via Electronic Communication

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.

Ms. Ramsey 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 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.

The Board was led in prayer by Dr. Perry 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.

### **Open Public Comments**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Wallace 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 and Resignations
- B. Minutes – April 20, 2020 regular meeting
- C. Finance Report (Appendix I)

### **Action Items**

### **Approval of Bills**

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$509,925.47 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$61,451.03 as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix II)

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

### **Superintendent Appointment**

Mr. Fallin made a recommendation to appoint Dr. Michael Perry as Superintendent of Westmoreland County Public Schools to a new four year contract beginning July 1, 2020.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Michael Perry as Superintendent for 4 more years beginning on July 1, 2020. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

## **Resolution Regarding Suspension of School Board Policies**

Ms. Rice presented a VSBA Resolution Regarding Suspension of School Board Policies to the Board for approval.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Suspension of School Board Policies as presented. 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.

## **Policy GDQ: School Bus Drivers**

Ms. Rice provided information requested from the Board at the last meeting pertaining to Policy GDQ: School Bus Drivers to the Board for approval.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the suggested Policy GDQ: School Bus Drivers as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

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

## **Resolutions**

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

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the following resolutions to the Board. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

## **Resolution for Appropriation of Funds from Additional Revenue Received from the Gear Up Grant.**

On **MOTION** of Ms. Lane, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, motion was carried to approve the following resolution for appropriation of funds from additional revenue received from the Federal Grant Title IV Part A:

**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 \$23,280.26

**WHEREAS**, the money requested to be added to the Westmoreland County School Board Budget will come from additional funds from the Federal Title IV Grant Part A.

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Chairman

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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 Ms. Lane, 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 allow the transfer of \$80,012.81 from the Instructional Category and \$5,590.30 from the Transportation Category to the following categories:

Maintenance Category \$85,603.11

**WHEREAS**, the money requested to be transferred from the Instructional Category and the Transportation Category to the Maintenance Category will be used to cover expenses in the Maintenance Category.

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Chairman

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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)

## **Information Items**

### **Budget Update**

Ms. Rice provided the Board with an update on the 2020-2021 budget. Ms. Rice and the Board discussed the significant impact due to a reduction in revenue. Ms. Rice stated the total operating budget for 2020-2021 has been reduced in the amount of \$1,092,907.00 from the previously adopted 2020-2021 budget.

(Appendix VII)

### **Continuity of Instruction Update**

Dr. Perry provided the Board with information on school functions. Dr. Perry reviewed the continuity of instruction plan for the current year and stated the division is developing a plan for the upcoming school year. (Appendix VIII)

### **Food Service Update**

Dr. Perry stated that food service and transportation have been crucial during this long term pandemic in delivering hot meals to all the children of Westmoreland County. Dr. Perry informed the Board that the county has been allotted funds for Covid-19 expenses. Dr. Perry stated that the school system is one of the main entities that have addressed Covid-19 issues.

### **Graduation Plans**

Dr. Perry shared plans for high school graduation with the Board. Dr. Perry stated that graduation will be held June 9th-12th.

### **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry discussed the construction activity going on at the new high school project. Dr. Perry shared non-budgeted expenses for the new high school. Dr. Perry stated that Grimm and Parker and Branch builds have done a great job. Dr. Perry also stated due to the cost, the Montross Middle School new entrance project will have to be delayed. (Appendix IX)

### **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry reminded the Board of upcoming events.

### **School Board Member Comments**

Board member comments reflected appreciation of the efforts of the school system during these challenging times. The Board expressed their appreciation to all staff helping with the meal delivery for the children in Westmoreland County. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting virtually.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Clerk

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Chairman