

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

July 19, 2021

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 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

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Member

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

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; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, 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; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

The motion for the approval of the following certification was made by Board member Dr. Wallace 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; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

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

Mrs. Lewis 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; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

### **Open Public Comment**

Mr. Mathew Swanson expressed concerns about virtual learning for high school students.

### **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Wallace 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; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments & Resignations
- B. Board Minutes - June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting & March 9, 2021 Worksession

### **Action Items**

#### **Approval of Bills**

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the following expenditures in the amount of \$496,547.48, \$50,010.06, \$328,010.37 and Food Service expenditures in the amount of \$51,594.01 and \$33,341.34 as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix I)

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

#### **Approval of VSBA Policy Updates**

Mr. Fallin made a recommendation to approve the VSBA policy updates as presented at the last meeting. (Appendix II)

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the VSBA policy updates. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion.

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

#### **AC-Nondiscrimination**

AD-Educational Philosophy

AE-School Division Goals and Objectives

BCA-Board Organizational Meeting

BDD-Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations

CBA-Qualifications and Duties for the Superintendent

CLA-Reporting Act of Violence and Substance Abuse

CBG-Evaluation of the Superintendent

CH-Policy Implementation

EBCB-Safety Drills

EFB-Food Services

EGAA-Reproduction and Use of Copyrights Materials

GAA-Staff Time Schedules

GAB-IIBEA-Acceptable Computer System Use

GAB-R-IIBEA-R-Deleted

GB-Equal Employment Opportunity/Non discrimination

GBA/JFHA-Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation

GBB-Prohibition of Abusive Work Environments

GCDA-Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect

GCL-Professional Staff Development

GCN-Evaluation of Professional Staff

GCPF-Suspension of Staff Members

GEA-JOH-Acceptance of Electronic Signatures and Records

IA-Instructional Goals and Objectives

IC-ID-School Year/School Day

IGAG-Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco

IGAI-Character Education

IGAJ-Driver Education

IGBC-Parental Involvement

IHA-Deleted

IIBEA-GAB-Acceptable Computer Use System

IIBEA-R-GAB-R-Deleted

IJ-Guidance and Counseling Program

JB-Equal Employment Opportunities/Nondiscrimination

JBA-Rehabilitation Act Section 504 Hearing Procedures

JED-Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals

JFC-Student Conduct

JFCA-Teacher Removal of Students from Class

JFCF-Drugs in Schools

JFHA-GBA-Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation

JGDA-Disciplining Students With Disabilities

JGD-JGE-Student Suspension/Expulsion

JHCD-Administering Medicines to Students

JHCF-Student Wellness

JOA-Student Transcripts

JOH-GEA-Acceptance of Electronic Signatures and Records

### **Approval of Title IIIA Application**

Ms. Rice presented the Title IIIA Statewide Consortium Application for approval. (Appendix III)

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Title IIIA Statewide Consortium Application as presented. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion.

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

### **Information Items**

#### **Return To Learn**

Dr. Perry presented the Return To learn Update to the Board. Dr. Richard Williams provided an update on the COVID 19 pandemic. Dr. Williams shared school masking recommendation information with the Board. Dr. Perry recommended for all staff and students to wear masks with a provision to opt-out for those fully vaccinated and for religious and medical reasons. (Appendix IV)

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Perry for all staff and students to wear masks with a provision to opt-out for those fully vaccinated and for religious and medical reasons. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Ayes/2 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Nay; Mrs. Lewis, Nay; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

Dr. Perry shared CDC guidelines on social distancing and shared information on school schedules, in-person instruction, virtual instruction, addressing learning strengths and needs, additional division focus for 2021-2022 social emotional learning and extended learning for 2021/2022.

#### **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry shared photos of the new high school.

(Appendix V)

#### **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

### **School Board Member Comments**

Ms. Lane shared that the Northern Neck Association of Churches named a building in Northumberland County after Mr. Joseph Graham a former employee of Westmoreland County Public Schools. Mrs. Ramsey recognized Mr. Larry (Popeye) King for his years of service to the community.

A brief recess was taken.

### **Executive Closed Session**

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The meeting was reconvened into public meeting on the motion by Board member Mrs. Ramsey, and seconded by Board member Ms. Lane.

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

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were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

### **Adjournment**

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

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**Clerk**

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**Chairman**