

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

BOARD MINUTES

August 17, 2020

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 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 - Participated via Electronic Communication

Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Member

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

Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Chris Evans, Director of Technology

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

Mrs. 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 and student matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) 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.

Mrs. Ramsey 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

Kevin Garner expressed his opinion concerning virtual class meetings.

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. Minutes - June 8, 2020, July 10, 2020, July 20, 2020, July 27, 2020
- B. Finance Report (Appendix I)

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$465,506.67 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$58,653.31 as presented. Dr. Wallace 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.

Budget Request

Ms. Rice presented a budget request to the Board for approval.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the budget request. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix III)

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

Return to Learn

Ms. Rice reviewed the Return To Learn plan with the Board. Ms. Rice discussed the need to change the first day of school to August 31, 2020. Ms. Rice also reviewed curriculum, preparation, professional development, technology distribution, daily schedules, meal delivery, student health, students with disabilities and virtual open house with the Board.

Ms. Rice requested that the Board move the start date of school from Monday, August 24, 2020 to Monday, August 31, 2020.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to change the start date of school to Monday, August 31, 2020. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. (Appendix IV)

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

Sun Tribe Release

Dr. Perry presented a Recognition of Assignment (ROA) request from Sun Tribe to the Board for approval.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to give approval and principle pending attorney review and empower Dr. Perry to take any steps he deems appropriate to proceed with the request from Sun Tribe. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. (Appendix V)

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

Mrs. Ramsey left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Perry and Ms. Rice presented the Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 to the Board for approval.

Due to technical difficulties with the boarddocs program, Dr. Wallace requested to delay action on the strategic plan to next month. (Appendix VI)

Information Items

Naming School Facilities

Dr. Perry and the Board reviewed the process of naming the new high school. Ms. Lane and Mrs. Lewis volunteered to be facilitators for the September town hall meeting. (Appendix VII)

Facility Update

Dr. Perry presented the facility update to the Board. Dr. Perry stated that the foundation construction has begun. Dr. Perry highlighted the status of contingency funds, furniture/fixtures/equipment schedule, and the substantial completion date. (Appendix VIII)

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

School Board Member Comments

School Board members comments reflected appreciation to Dr. Perry, staff, and parents for their continued effort during these stressful and challenging times. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting virtually. Dr. Perry expressed appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for approximately \$325,000.00 of funds for maintenance, technology, food service and custodial supplies.

Adjournment

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

Clerk

Chairman

