

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Montross, Virginia
BOARD MINUTES
March 18, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

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

Others Present:

Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Tina Withers, Clerk of the Board

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

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A moment of silence was observed 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.

Public Comments

None

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

- A. Approval of Appointments and Resignations (Appendix I)
- B. Minutes – February 20, 2019 and February 25, 2019. (Appendix II)
- C. Finance Report (Appendix III)

Delegations

Nominations for Character Trait

Ms. Rice informed the board that "Respect" was the character trait for the month of February. Ms. Rice stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students whom received certificates for "Respect" were: Lesley Romero - Cople Elementary School, Brandon Pickeral, Jr.- Washington District Elementary School, Destiny Ashton - Montross Middle School, and Oriet Hemenway - Washington and Lee High School.

School Bus Driver Recognition

Mr. Rich informed the Board that the school bus driver recognition award for the month of February is "Strong Work Ethic". Mr. Rich presented certificates of recognition to Cathy Veney, James Page and Florence Bell.

Attendance Recognition

Teacher Attendance

Ms. Rice shared the Teacher Attendance Report for the month of February to the Board. Montross Middle School had the highest teacher attendance for the month of February. (Appendix IV)

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Student Attendance

Ms. Rice shared the Student Attendance Report for the month of February to the Board. Washington District Elementary had the best student attendance for the month of February. (Appendix V)

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$225,898.22 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$22,307.88 as presented. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

Informational Items

Discipline Report

Ms. Rice provided the discipline report to the Board. (Appendix VII).

Facility Update

Ms. Rice presented the facility report to the Board. Ms. Rice and the Board discussed the financing timeline for the new high school project. Ms. Rice stated that the fire marshall completed his review and gave approval last week. Ms. Rice stated that the window shades have been installed at Montross Middle School and Washington District Elementary School. Ms. Rice also stated that the HVAC units have been installed and are operational at Cople and Montross Middle School. Other items discussed were the energy conversion projects at Cople Elementary School and Washington District Elementary School. Security recommendations for school entrances were also discussed. (Appendix VIII)

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Fallin stated the public hearing on the 2019-2020 school board budget will begin.

Ms. Rice presented the 2019-2020 proposed budget to the Board. Ms. Rice and the Board discussed budget priorities, significant factors, revenue sources, local funds, benefit rates, significant additions, and expenditure categories.

Ms. Rice presented the 2019-2020 proposed food service budget, outlining significant additions, revenue sources and expenditure line items.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Board Budget as presented in the total amount of \$24,209,067.00 and the 2019-2020 Food Service Budget in the total amount

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\$1,030,351.00. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0 Nays; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye. (Appendix IX)

CTE Update

Mr. Savoy provided an informative power point on CTE updates. Mr. Savoy highlighted curriculum options. (Appendix X)

VSBA Policy Updates

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

Upcoming Events

Ms. Rice reminded the Board of upcoming events.

School Board Member Comments

Board members' comments reflected appreciation to everyone for their hard work. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

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