

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Montross, Virginia
BOARD MINUTES
May 20, 2019

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald B. Roane Center for Excellence, Montross, Virginia.

Present:

Mr. Ralph Fallin, Chair
Ms. Iris Lane, Member
Mrs. Sandra Ramsey, Member
Mrs. Patricia Lewis, Member

Absent:

Dr. Daniel Wallace, Vice Chair

Others Present:

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

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

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

The motion for the approval of the following certification was made by Board member Mrs. Ramsey, and seconded by Board member Mrs. Lewis.

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.

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

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

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

- A. Approval of Personnel Appointments and Resignations (Appendix I)
- B. Minutes – April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting, and April 9, 2019 Work Session.
(Appendix II)
- C. Finance Report (Appendix III)

Delegations

Nominations for Character Trait

Ms. Rice informed the board that “Cooperation” was the character trait for the month of April. Ms. Rice stated each school selected a student to be recognized. The students whom received certificates for “Cooperation” were: Mia Gordon - Cople Elementary School, Evelyn Garcia-Sanchez - Washington District Elementary School, Julius Plummer - Montross Middle School, and Harley Heath - Washington and Lee High School.

School Bus Driver Recognition

Dr. Perry informed the Board that the school bus driver recognition award for the month of April is “Self Motivated Award”. Dr. Perry presented certificates of recognition to Brenda Robinson, Sue Balderson, and James Page.

Attendance Recognition

Student Attendance

Dr. Perry presented the Student Attendance Report for the month of April to the Board. Washington District Elementary had the best student attendance for the month of April. (Appendix IV)

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Washington District Safety Patrol

Mr. Freno shared a powerpoint presentation on the Safety Patrol Program at Washington District Elementary School. He stated the program has nine 5th grade student members who are led by Mr. Freno, Mrs. Bays, and Mrs. Boarman. The goal of the program is to create more leadership opportunities for students. The students organized a spring food drive which collected 755 non-perishable items which were delivered to Healthy Harvest Food Bank in Warsaw Virginia. (Appendix V)

Montross Middle School Algebra I Recognition

Mr. Bowen informed the Board that six 8th grade students from Montross Middle School competed in the Spring 2019 Math Contest held at Rappahannock Community College. Mr. Bowen and Mrs. Spears congratulated all those who participated and recognized Matthew Fisher who won first place in the Algebra I competition.

Washington & Lee High School State Skills USA Winner

Mr. Savoy recognized Jasmine Knell who received a silver medal for her participation at the State Skills USA Competition.

Action Items

Approval of Bills

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$443,752.21 and food service expenditures in the amount of \$24,684.38 as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. (Appendix VI)

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

Vision and Mission Statement

Mr. Fallin stated that the Board along with Dr. Perry attended a board training and development meeting at VSBA on May 14, 2019. As part of the strategic plan they developed an updated version of the vision and mission statement. The Board shared their thoughts on how they came up with the new draft vision and mission statement which read:

Vision: To provide an exemplary learning environment that empowers the voice and choice of ALL students to reach their full potential.

Mission: Working together to provide students with the cultural, moral, academic, and life skills needed to become successful citizens.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to share the draft of the new vision and mission statement with division administration for consideration and input. Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

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

Personnel Case #2018-2019(1)

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation on personnel case #2018-2019(1). Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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Approval of Summer Hours

Ms. Rice requested to the Board that the offices be closed on Fridays, beginning June 21, 2019 and ending on August 9, 2019. The hours of operation will be 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the summer hours as presented, Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0 Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye.

Informational Items

Discipline Report

Dr. Perry provided the discipline report to the Board. (Appendix VII)

School Improvement Plan

Mr. Coleman provided information on the 2018-2019 Washington & Lee High School Improvement Plan. (Appendix VIII)

Facility Update

Dr. Perry introduced Tony Stephan from Sun Tribe Solar to the Board. Mr. Stephan provided a powerpoint presentation on rooftop solar system designs for Washington District Elementary School and Montross Middle School.

Paul Klee from Grimm and Parker provided a powerpoint presentation on security vestibules for Montross Middle School, Cople Elementary School and Washington District Elementary School. Dr. Perry presented the facility update report to the Board. Dr. Perry discussed estimated paving costs for Cople Elementary School. Dr. Perry also discussed the high school project and the updated timeline for the school. (Appendix IX)

Crisis Management Update

Ms. Rice shared that the crisis management team is trying to establish a meeting date to have all of the emergency management agencies that would be involved in the event of a crisis to meet and come up with a date to plan active drills.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Perry reminded the Board of upcoming events.

School Board Member Comments

Board members' comments reflected appreciation to all principals and staff. The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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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