

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MONTROSS, VIRGINIA
BOARD MINUTES
April 25, 2022

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022 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
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.

Board Member Dr. Wallace 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 division pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

Board Member Ms. Lane seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 4Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, 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 Dr. Wallace and seconded by Board Member Mrs. Lewis.

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

The Board was led in prayer by Dr. Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Wallace read the Westmoreland County Public Schools' mission and vision statements to the public.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Delegations/Presentations

Attendance Recognition

Ms. Rice shared the attendance recognition for March. The school with the highest student attendance was Cople Elementary with an average percentage present of 94.33%.

Character Honorees

Ms. Rice presented the Character Trait honorees for the month of March and the trait of Perseverance. Students recognized this month included Exzavior Phillips in grade three at Cople Elementary; Yanina Herera in grade one at Washington District Elementary; Gavin Underwood in grade eight at Montross Middle School; and Nicole Martin in grade ten at Washington & Lee High School.

Bus Driver Recognition

Ms. Rice presented a statement on behalf of Terry Rich, Transportation Supervisor, in recognition of bus aides. Pat Henry, Annie Johnson and Thelma Wilson were recognized for their care, compassion and dedication to ensuring the safety of their special needs students each day.

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mrs. England shared that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mrs. England's presentation provided information on what child abuse and neglect are and what we can do about it.

Sun Tribe Visit to Cople Elementary

Ms. Rice shared a letter and short video that Cople received from the Sun Tribe Education Department. Sun Tribe visited with the fourth grade science classes at Cople at the end of March. Students participated in an orientation to the solar site and a pollinator simulation. This is the first Gold Certified Pollinator in the Commonwealth.

Open Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

- A. Approval of Appointments & Resignations
- B. Approval of Religious Exemptions

- C. Approval of Board Minutes
- D. Approval of Bills

Action Items

Donations/School Gifts

Ms. Rice shared information regarding a donation that was made to Montross Middle School. Dr. Wallace made the motion to accept the donations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

Authorization Update – C&F Bank Account – Dr. Perry

Ms. Rice presented a document to update the authorized signers for the school division's account with C&F Bank. A motion was made by Dr. Wallace and seconded by Ms. Lane to remove Dr. Wallace as an authorized signer since he no longer serves as School Board Chairman. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

VSBA Policy Updates

Ms. Rice presented VSBA policy updates for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Dr. Wallace to approve the policy updates. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

Division 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar

Ms. Rice recognized all members of the calendar committee and presented the new calendar for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Wallace and seconded by Ms. Lane to approve the 2022-2023 instructional calendar. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye

Approval of Special Education Annual Plan

Mrs. Washington presented the Special Education Annual Plan for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Lane to approve the annual plan. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye

Approval of Local Plan for CTE Perkins

Mr. Savoy presented the Local Plan for CTE Perkins for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Lane and seconded by Dr. Wallace to approve the local plan. Voice Vote: 4 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye

Information Items

LETRS Overview

Ms. Rice gave an overview of LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling). LETRS is a professional development course of study for all instructors in reading, spelling and related language skills.

Proposed French Courses

Ms. Rice presented a proposal to add additional French courses for 2022-2023 and beyond. A motion was made by Dr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve the additional French courses for 2022 – 2023.

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

Facility Update

Mr. Fallin shared an update on the Athletic Change Order for the football field and track. The proposed cost of the football field and an asphalt track meets the 1.5 million target.

The sign for the front of the new high school will probably be delayed due to timeframe and cost. There is a delay in getting the LED lights for the middle of the sign.

Upcoming Events

Ms. Rice shared upcoming events for Board members.

- May 3, 2022 – VSBA Title IX Workshop – Charlottesville
- May 10, 2022 – VSBA Hybrid Budget Training – Hybrid/Charlottesville
- June 3, 2022 – VSBA School Law Conference – Richmond
- July 19, 2022 – VSBA Conference on Education - Richmond
- July 30, 2022 – Westmoreland High School Convocation - Montross

School Board Member Comments

Date & Time of Next Board Meeting

Chair Fallin shared the dates/times of the next Board Meetings:

- Work Session - Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - 5 p.m.
- Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, May 16, 2022 - 6 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Wallace, seconded by Ms. Lane, and unanimously approved by Board Members to adjourn the meeting.