

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MONTROSS, VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2022**

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 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  
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.

Board Member Daniel 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 Sandra Ramsey seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; 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 Mrs. Ramsey and seconded by Board Member Dr. Wallace.

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

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

Ms. Lane 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 May. The school with the highest student attendance was Montross Middle School with an average percentage present of 92.78%.

### **Character Honorees**

Ms. Rice presented the Character Trait honorees for the month of May and the trait of Dependability. Students recognized this month included Kevin Headley in grade three at Cople Elementary; Collette "Coco" Hogg in grade Kindergarten at Washington District Elementary; Trinity Simons in grade six at Montross Middle School; and Tamaira Charity 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 drivers who have missed three days or less from work during the 2021-2022 school year. Eleven bus drivers were thanked for their dedicated service and for providing safe and reliable transportation services to the students on their buses.

## **Open Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 3 Ayes/2Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Nay; Mrs. Lewis, Nay; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

- A. Approval of Appointments & Resignations
- B. Approval of Board Minutes
- C. Approval of Bills

## **Action Items**

### **Donations/School Gifts**

Dr. Perry shared that Toys 4 Tots donated 1,319 books to the division. Mrs. Ramsey made the motion to accept the donations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lane.

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

### **Extension of Superintendent Designee Authorization**

Dr. Perry requested that the School Board extend through June 30, 2028 the designation of Catherine Rice and Carole Washington to serve as persons authorized to sign all Virginia Department of Education reports, documents, requisitions, and other official correspondence in the absence of the Division Superintendent. Dr. Wallace made the motion to approve the extension. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey.

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

### **Approval of 2022 Federal Applications**

Ms. Rice presented the following Federal applications for approval: Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs; Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children; Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction; Title III, Part A, Language Instruction for English Learners & Immigrant Students, Statewide Consortium; Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment; and Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program. Ms. Lane made the motion to approve the Federal applications. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey.

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

### **N.N. Co-op Food Service Bid**

Dr. Perry shared that Richmond Restaurant was the only bidder and was thereby awarded the N.N. Co-op Food Service Bid. Ms. Lane made the motion to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey.

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

### **Information Items**

#### **School Principals for 2022-2023**

Dr. Perry shared the names of Principals and Assistant Principals for 2022-2023:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Assistant Principal</u>
Westmoreland High School	William Bowen	Wilfredo Hernandez
Montross Middle School	Leah Seager	TBD
Cople Elementary School	Leslie Steele	Jarvis Bailey
Washington District Elementary School	Michael Bathgate	TBD

#### **VSBA Policy Updates**

Ms. Rice shared VSBA policy updates for 2022-2023.

#### **High School Opening & Convocation Update**

Dr. Perry shared that the high school opening and the convocation would be held separately. Westmoreland High School Opening Ceremony will be held on July 30, 2022. Convocation will be held on August 3, 2022.

### **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry shared updated pictures of the work that has been completed at the new high school. The pictures focused on auditorium, cafeteria, commons, and bathrooms. He stated for the public that the school would have clearly designated and separate boys' and girls' bathrooms. All bathrooms will have water closets.

### **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry shared upcoming events for Board members.

- July 19, 2022 – VSBA Conference on Education - Richmond
- July 30, 2022 – Westmoreland High School Opening Ceremony – Montross
- August 3, 2022 – Convocation - Montross

### **School Board Member Comments**

School Board members discussed holding events for employees and their families. These events would give employees an opportunity to get to know employees from other schools. The first event, a picnic, will be chaired by Dr. Wallace and Ms. Rice.

### **Date & Time of Next Board Meeting**

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

- Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, July 18, 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.