

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MONTROSS, VIRGINIA  
BOARD MINUTES  
May 16, 2022**

The Westmoreland County School Board met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 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 (participated virtually)  
Dr. Daniel Wallace, Member (participated virtually)

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Perry, Superintendent  
Ms. Cathy Rice, Deputy Superintendent

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

Board Member 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 division pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. Board Member Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, 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. Lewis. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, 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; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

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

Board Chairman, Ralph Fallin 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**

Dr. Perry shared the attendance recognition for April. The school with the highest student attendance was Washington District Elementary with an average percentage present of 94.38%.

### **Character Honorees**

Ms. Rice presented the Character Trait honorees for the month of April and the trait of Cooperation. Students recognized this month included Amir Kelly in grade two at Cople Elementary; Giovanni Smith in grade four at Washington District Elementary; William Townsend in grade seven at Montross Middle School; and Dalton Spaulding in grade twelve at Washington & Lee High School.

### **Bus Driver Recognition**

Ms. Rice presented a statement on behalf of Terry Rich, Transportation Supervisor, in recognition of those bus drivers who communicate effectively with the Transportation Supervisor and contribute good ideas to fellow drivers. Bus Drivers recognized were James Page, Cople Elementary; Harold Dickerson, Washington District Elementary; and Bruce Legge, Montross Middle and Washington & Lee High.

### **Scenario Writers – Washington District Elementary**

Ms. Rice presented the winners of the Scenario Writing Junior Division. First place winner was James Simms in fifth grade. His entry was titled "Fixing Deforestation". Second place winner was Madelynn Hays in fifth grade. Her entry was titled "A Machine For My Grandmother".

## **Open Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; 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 information regarding a donation that was made to Cople Elementary School. Ms. Lane made the motion to accept the donations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wallace. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

### **Approval of Summer Hours for Twelve Month Employees**

Ms. Rice presented a request for summer hours for twelve month employees. A motion was made by Ms. Lane and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve the request for summer hours. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

### **Approval of School Board Budget as Revised**

Ms. Rice presented the revised School Board Budget for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Wallace and seconded by Ms. Lane to approve the revised School Board Budget. Voice Vote: 5 Ayes/0Nays; Mr. Fallin, Aye; Ms. Lane, Aye; Mrs. Lewis, Aye; Mrs. Ramsey, Aye; Dr. Wallace, Aye.

## **Information Items**

### **Convocation Update**

Dr. Perry presented a tentative School Opening and Convocation Activities schedule.

### **Facility Update**

Dr. Perry presented the Facility Report with emphasis on the cafeteria.

### **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Perry shared upcoming events for Board members.

- 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**

There were no comments at this time.

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

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

- Work Session - Tuesday, June 14, 2022 - 5 p.m.
- Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, June 20, 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.