



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Office Meeting Room
3/11/2020 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Mack, Chairperson; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Leah Paladino, Member; Mr. Jason Collier, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR(S) PRESENT: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Ms Sharon Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Ms. Leah Paladino seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Ms. Leah Paladino and Mr. Sansom all certified.

Ms. Sharon Mack moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:00 p.m. in the county meeting room.

Ms. Sharon Mack asked if there were any closed meeting actions that should be certified in open session. Ms. Leah Paladino moved to accept Dr. Whitmarsh's recommendation for discipline case #0312020. Mr. Todd Sansom seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Leah Paladino made a motion to approve the presented consent agenda, with the exception of the February 26th meeting minutes. The meeting's end time needed to be corrected from 10:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Tooley. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Sharon Mack and Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to an 8th grade student, Akhil Marri for winning 1st place in the junior division project category during the regional science fair March 4th.

Ms. Mack also recognized several chefs from Greene County for assisting with the "Let's Get Cooking" initiative.

Ms. Mack stated public comments could be made on matters not included on the agenda. There were no sign-ups and no public comments given. Ms. Mack closed public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-838, a memorandum of understanding for continuing a partnership with Piedmont Virginia Community College on the Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education program. Ms. Leah Paladino moved to accept the memorandum as presented. Mr. Todd Sansom seconded the motion. All ayes from members present, motion carried.

Mr. Jason Collier was not present to vote on action item #11-838.

Mr. Kyle Pursel presented information item #11-839, an update on the new fitness room located near the high school football field.

Ms. Jennifer Myers, Ms. Linda Haselton, and Ms. Martha Taylor presented information item # 11-840, an update on the NGES/PS Schoolwide Project, "Let's Get Cooking." The teachers outlined how they planned and implemented the initiative.

Dr. Wendy Mitchem presented information item #11-841. She outlined the current spending plan for Title VIB funding for the 2020-2021 school year. The board will vote on this item during its next meeting in April.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented information item #11-842, the VSBA policy updates established in February 2020. The board will vote on the policy updates during the next meeting in April.

Dr. Michael Ormsmith presented information item #11-843 which included an update on the CTE school and presentation on the 2020-2021 Perkins Plan Grant application. This item is expected to be voted on during the board's next meeting in April. Mr. Collier arrived during Dr. Ormsmith's presentation, at 7:52 p.m.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-844, the latest FY2021 budget update. She explained that the latest version of the Greene County Board of Supervisors budget did not allocate additional funding to the school system compared to last year. She also explained that state funding allocations are yet to be determined.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-845, a more broad Superintendent's update. She explained that Dr. James Lane, Virginia's Superintendent of Instruction, is expected to visit Ruckersville Elementary School. She also discussed the COVID-19 virus that is quickly becoming a major concern. She outlined the schools current plans to slow the spread within the county and beyond. Those plans include canceling upcoming field trips, more deep cleaning efforts, and considering plans in the event of an extended school closure.

Dr. Whitmarsh and the school board members discussed some of the challenges the division could face as a result of the COVID-19 virus spreading in the Greene County community. Some of those issues include: meeting needs of students without access to reliable internet, future events already planned, etc.

Jason Collier provided a brief update on PREP and the budget process currently underway.

Sharon Mack thanked those who helped organize the fitness room and Ms. Myers, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Haselton for their presentation and dedication through their work on the "Let's Get Cooking" initiative.

Leah Paladino thanked all the custodial employees for the hard work they are preparing to take on during the COVID-19 pandemic.

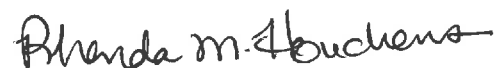
Todd Sansom stated that though the budget process may be daunting in the early stages, he and the other members are committed to making the best decisions for students.

Jason Tooley thanked those who presented during the meeting. He also inquired about how to include topics on future meeting agendas.

Ms. Mack adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Chairman



Clerk