

**School Board Meeting/FY2018  
Public Hearing  
October 11, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leah Paladino, Chairperson; Harry Daniel, Vice-Chairperson; Sharon Mack, Member; Rodney Kibler, Member; Jason Collier, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Jennifer Shepherd, Clerk

**MEMBER PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** N/A

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** N/A

The closed session meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Greene County School Board Office conference room.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Collier seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino announced that we would reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Mack made a motion to amend the agenda to move information item # 11-397 to right after the consent agenda; Mr. Collier seconded, motion carried.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. All certified.

Ms. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Martha Taylor with the assistance of Mr. Wills presented information item # 11-397, NGES/PS Innovation. She spoke of how far technology has come over the years that she has been teaching. They began sharing the power point presentation showing the various innovation that they use at NGES/PS including green screens, spheros, dot and dash, 3D Printing, Makers Space, Stem Bins, and virtual reality. They incorporated students from the ES/PS into their presentation to show the school board members how they use the innovative technology in their classrooms.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to Seychelle Carter for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Cosmetology Fantasy Manikin Competition.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to Javon Mallory and Andrew Cheseboro for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place State Champs at the Skills USA Auto Technology Competition.

Mrs. Paladino stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda. Mr. Matthew Hardin signed up to speak and is recognized by the board.

Mr. Matthew Hardin announced that he was there to listen as he is running for Commonwealth Attorney. He is there to let everyone know who he is and that he is there to listen to what is needed.

There were no other public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item # 11-392 FY2019 Budget Calendar for Board action. Dr. Kibler made a motion to approve the Budget Calendar as presented; Mr. Collier seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber, presented action item # 11-393 VSBA Bullying Prevention Month 2017 Resolution, a copy of which is included in the minutes, for adoption by the School Board. Dr. Kibler made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Daniel seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented action item # 11-394 Title IV Application. This is something new for our division. The notification of what the awards were going to be was late so that is why it is being presented for both information & action tonight. It is due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Huber advised that our award would be \$10,865.06 for the 17/18 school year and outlined how the money would be allocated. Primarily it would be used for 2 main areas: additional mental health services for middle & high school children and compensation for teachers to develop blended learning curriculum. The remaining funds will be allocated to professional development. He opened the floor for question.

Mr. Daniel asked who will provide the additional support for mental health services. Dr. Huber advised it would be provided through Region 10. He also asked about what kind of curriculum development will be done by the staff and Mr. Huber responded by explaining the transition from paper environment to a virtual environment.

Mr. Collier asked if this was federal grant money. Mr. Huber confirmed.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve the Title IV Application. Dr. Kibler seconded. Four Ayes and one no by Mr. Collier. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Moje from VMDO presented item # 11-395 Facilities Project Update. They are recommended that we proceed with a Construction Management approach rather than a Bid and Build Model. The type they are suggesting would have an agent with a guaranteed maximum. He explained the process of obtaining the Construction Manager (CM) and the benefits for going this route.

Dr. Kibler asked if this plan is still built in to our margin of cost and Mr. Moje advised that it was and would not change anything in regard to cost. Ms. Paladino asked if the purpose of this is to save money then what incentive does the CM have to do that. Mr. Moje advised that if they are successful they may be hired again or you can offer a financial incentive as well. Mr. Daniel asked if the CM gets all of the contractors and take care of managing the workload. Mr. Moje confirmed and added that they are your agent and are working on your behalf. Dr. Kibler asked if they already had an idea of some good people to handle this project. Mr. Moje advised that they have already been unofficially courting some people whom they think would be a good fit for the project. Mr. Collier asked how the money would be handled going through the CM. Mr. Moje answered that it would be very similar to the regular process. Invoices will be submitted through the process for verification and then to Kristie for payment as they come in.

The Board came to a consensus to proceed with the Construction Management approach.

Mr. Moje also provided an update on the process. He thanked everyone for putting more money into the pot and they don't want to ask for another penny. They discussed a consolidated kitchen option. They are thinking instead of building 2 separate kitchens but one a bit larger than the other for possible construction and operating savings. They are doing a study at this time. Mr. Moje brought up the proposed enclosed courtyard. He said that it is expensive and not a good fit for our current school. He believes it could be more efficient to add that space onto the cafeteria.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented item # 11-396 Professional Learning Model. The ultimate goal is to increase student engagement. We need to support teachers on learning how to teach in innovative ways. Teachers should no longer be the deliverer of information but the facilitator. This model is centered around our teachers and staff. The idea is to expose them to their fellow teachers to learn how to do these things. There are 3 components driving this plan. Thrive is software that offers and tracks opportunities for professional learning to our staff. The second component are Professional Learning Goals are developed by all teachers which is based on a level of the "Innovate 2021" plan. The final component is the 20 hours of professional learning required for teachers each year.

Ms. Paladino commented that the list of “offerings” was impressive to her for the “workday”. She added that Mr. Huber is a rock star and they appreciate his leadership.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-398, Superintendent’s Update. Dr. Whitmarsh offered congratulations to the students that placed at the State Fair and said that there will be more that will be recognized next month. She said that the NGES/PS presentation was great and you can tell that the teachers are passionate about what they are doing. She attended the VSBA conference and the Superintendent’s conference and the main topic of discussion was the teacher shortage and the issue of retention. There will be a summit later in the month that she will attend. We received just over \$52,000 in security funds which will be used in various areas throughout all of our schools. Friday is the end of the first nine weeks. Hard to believe. She encourages you to come by and you will enjoy what you see. This week is Homecoming. The parade was great in the rain. The kids did a fantastic job. Homecoming game is Friday. Finally, on Monday here at 7:00 there will be a community meeting about broadband.

Ms. Paladino asked if we have the ability to speak to anyone before they enter our buildings. Dr. Whitmarsh advised that they do. Ms. Paladino asked if there were policies in place for if someone unknown approaches the door before letting them in. Mr. Pursel replied and advised that they are questioned through the speaker before entry.

Dr. Kibler said great job.

Mr. Daniel offered congratulations to the students who placed at the State Fair. It’s not an easy task. It’s great to see the kids and what they are doing with “Innovate 2021”. He said that in his life, in technology, they’ve gone from the Flintstones to the Jetsons. It was great to hear an update on the facility. Great job to all of the presenters.

Ms. Mack offered thanks to everyone who came out tonight and that she always loves seeing the students participate and be proud and excited of what they do. It’s nice to see the teachers get excited and have the fire lit in them and take on new things. Keep pushing yourselves. Everything is impressive. Good job.

Mr. Collier advised that he was visiting the elementary school and got to watch the sphero and they were working with prime numbers. It was interesting. Kids were engaged and excited and participating. In all the classrooms that he entered the students mostly seemed to be using chromebooks and they appeared to be all engaged and into what they were working on. It was neat being in there watching the kids at work. I got to witness almost everything they talked about tonight. It’s always great to see the students’ excitement at what they are working with. That’s props to all you guys’ staff because you all make that happen. Thank y’all.

Ms. Paladino addressed Mr. Midock and Ms. Alicea that she knows that they are really proud. Ms. Paladino is excited to see what happens when these students enter the Middle School with the way they are innovating up there. Thank you for your hard, hard work with innovation and for sitting here all this time.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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