

School Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

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: Jason Collier was absent from the closed session only.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: N/A

The closed session meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the William Monroe High School conference room.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Dr. Kibler seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino announced that we would reconvene into open session in the Performing Arts Center at William Monroe High School at 7:00 p.m.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. All but Jason Collier, who was not present for the closed meeting, certified.

Mrs. Paladino requested nominations for School Board Chair.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Leah Paladino as nominee for Chairperson; Dr. Kibler seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino requested nominations for all other School Board positions.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the following as a docket: Harry Daniel as Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Shepherd as Clerk of the Board, Rhonda Houchens as Deputy Clerk of the Board, to accept the schedule of regular meetings for calendar year 2018, and the following individuals for the listed committees: Sharon Mack – Blue Ridge Virtual Governor’s School, Rodney Kibler – Policy, Jason Collier – PREP, Leah Paladino – PREP Alternate, and Harry Daniel – 2nd PREP Alternate; Jason Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Daniel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to Anna Taylor, student at William Monroe High School, for her artwork which was selected by NAEA to be featured on their 2017 holiday card.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to the Dragon Theatre – One Act Play cast: Gayle Campbell, Kalia Page, Mariah Feige, Abby Cable, Bre Patterson, Kranston Blakey, Michael Toney, Ethan Miller, Alexis Davison, Hannah Rees and their Director Virginia Scott for their 3rd place finish at the VHSL State Theatre Competition. Abby Cable & Kalia Page were also recognized for the individual outstanding actor awards.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificates to the William Monroe High School Cross Country Team post season participants: Ellie Andreson, Sarah Earle, Carly Miller, Katherine Reebals, Mary Sheldon, Jenna Velasquez, Kelly Young & Justin Zimmerman for their appearances in the post season. Ellie Andreson, Kelly Young, Kate Reebals and Justin Zimmerman which also recognized for receiving All Region Honors.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to Jaclyn Foster, a teacher at William Monroe Middle School, for completing the National Geographic Educator Certification Program.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificate to Matt Gozzard, a teacher at William Monroe Middle School, for receiving two grants totaling \$4,500 for the music department.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition certificates to the Hydroterminators. Mushtaq Faiz, Thomas Traber & Akhil Marri are all three 6th graders at William Monroe Middle School. Their team for the Lego League Robotics Competition was recognized for the 1st place in division, 2nd place overall finish at Regionals and their appearance in the State Competition.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a recognition plaque to Jim Frydl, for his years of service on the Greene County Board of Supervisors, 2010-2017. He served as the liaison to the schools from 2011-2017. He was thanked for his many accomplishments as well as for his compassion and willingness to listen.

Mr. Frydl commented regarding the hard work that the staff, administration and school board put in and that everyone should be proud of their work.

Mrs. Paladino stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda. There were no sign-ups and no public comments given.

Ms. Kristie Spencer presented action item # 11-435 Construction Management Procurement Procedure. Due to a change in the Code of Virginia, written approval is required in order to move forward with the procurement process in the facilities project. Ms. Spencer recommends that we pass this Resolution as it has been prepared by Counsel. Mrs. Mack made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Dr. Kibler seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Kristie Spencer, presented action item # 11-436 Authorization for One Step Construction Management Procurement. It is also required that we have a written resolution defining why we are choosing this method of procurement. Ms. Spencer recommends that we pass this Resolution as it was drafted by VMDO & Counsel. Dr. Kibler made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Mr. Daniel seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Kristie Spencer presented information item # 11-437 Mileage Reimbursement Rate Calendar Year 2018. She advised that the mileage reimbursement policy follows the IRS rate and each year we are required to notify the Board of what that rate will be. The rate increased from \$0.535/mile to \$0.545/mile. This info has been updated with the bookkeepers but this does not change the policy regarding county vehicle or personal vehicle usage. No questions or discussion.

Mr. John Mitchem presented information item # 11-438 WMHS Innovation. There were 3 student presenters as well: Trenton Stevens, Gabe Reickart, & Joseph Housel. There are also 3 staff members who contributed to the presentation: Jim Shifflett, Andy Dojack & Marlene Rombach.

Mr. Housel & Mr. Reickart shared their experiences in the innovation lab with their various projects and their excitement for having these opportunities.

Mr. Stevens shared a homemade air conditioner that they made in HVAC class which can be used for camping which is run off of a car battery. The car battery can be charged by a solar panel. The board expressed their excitement for the project. Mr. Mitchem added that the lights which are on the board table were also built in the HVAC class.

The architectural design class designed and built the Gingerbread House that is sitting in front of the school.

Mr. Shifflett presented information regarding a website that his Film II students are keeping a website and rating movies with a star program.

Ms. Rombach presented information regarding the WMHS Mentor Program. The students work with at risk students at the 2 Elementary Schools twice per month.

Mr. Mitchem shared that innovation is for all students. Students in the Community Based Instruction program worked to produce and direct their own videos for their families for their luncheon. He also advised that classroom design also plays a role in learning. They shared the different classroom setups available at WMHS.

Mr. Dojack presented regarding personalized learning. He has students working on independent learning projects so they can use innovation to pursue areas of their own interests and passions. The more interested they are then the more engaged they will be.

Mr. Mitchem shared information regarding the PRIDE program. Students can choose to apply to join the program and are provided with alternative means to earn credits. Mr. Mitchem & Mr. Shifflett shared the projects currently being completed using the VR headsets. Mr. Dojack advised how he is using spheros in the classroom.

Mr. Mitchem shared some new classes that they are looking to add for students to take. They should be available in the fall. Mrs. Paladino asked if there is always someone available in the Innovation Lab and Mr. Mitchem confirmed that there was. Mr. Daniel asked if other schools are visiting our Tech Center and Mr. Mitchem advised that there have not been any.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-439, FY2019 Budget Information. Dr. Whitmarsh shared a presentation of the numbers as they are right now. There will be a budget work session held on 1/24 and a joint workshop with the Board of Supervisors held on 2/13. Our next School Board meeting will be 2/14 and will include the public hearing on the FY2019 budget. Budget will be adopted at the meeting on 2/28.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented item #11-440, Superintendent's Update. Congratulations to all that were recognized tonight especially Mr. Frydl. She announced that we mistakenly missed recognizing Chris Royer, the coach for the cross country team. We will get him a certificate. She thanked all that took part in the WMHS Innovation presentation. She invited all to take a look at the new bleachers in the gym. She thanked the high school for hosting the meeting in their facility.

Dr. Kibler thanked Jim Frydl and said for him to stop by anytime.

Mr. Daniel thanked Mrs. Paladino for her year last year as Chairperson and agreeing to again this year. He shared his excitement regarding the presentations given tonight and extended congratulations to those who received recognition with a special thanks to Mr. Frydl.

Mrs. Mack thanked Mr. Frydl for his leadership and wisdom and thanked him for his service to the community. She advised that his leadership will be missed.

Mr. Collier advised that he is amazed by the projects that our teachers and students are able to complete. He thanked them for all they are able to accomplish. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Paladino thanked Mr. Frydl. She thanked everyone that came out for the meeting.

Mrs. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

Chairman

Clerk