



Minutes
School Board Meeting
Greene County Schools
County Office Meeting Room
2/26/2020 (7:00 p.m.)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Mack, Chairperson; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chairperson; Ms. Leah Paladino, Member; Mr. Jason Collier, Member; Mr. Jason Tooley, 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

Ms. Sharon Mack called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Mack opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Celia Tumolo expressed her dissatisfaction with how she perceives bullying is handled in Greene County Schools. Ms. Tumolo expressed her dissatisfaction that no other parents attended the meeting to voice their concerns.

Ms. Mack closed public comment.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented action item # 11-827 Budget Proposal Adoption. She dived right into the numbers associated with the request. The Proposed FY2021 Budget is \$41,015,698, FY2021 Initial Revenue Estimates is \$40,419,550, and the local request to meet funding request is \$596,148.

Mr. Todd Sansom moved to approve the proposed FY2021 Budget in the amount of \$41,015,698, Mr. Jason Collier seconded. The board certified by roll call. Mr. Jason Collier, Ms. Leah Paladino, Ms. Sharon Mack, Mr. Todd Sansom, and Mr. Jason Tooley all certified.

Mr. Collier addressed some concerns with the initial draft for PREP. Dr. Whitmarsh explained that there are a lot of changes occurring within PREP, she said even during a meeting just earlier that afternoon changes were proposed.

Ms. Paladino passed on participating in board comments.

Mr. Sansom thanked Ms. Tumolo for attending and expressed his strong desire to have more attendance at board meetings.

Mr. Tooley explained his hope for change with parents' safety-related concerns. He said hearing directly from people about specifics helps the board determine how to address those concerns.

Ms. Mack also thanked Ms. Tumolo for participating and stated attending board meetings is one of the most appropriate spaces to express concerns that come from the schools. She explained there is an acknowledgment overall that there is a real issue and that is a big step in the right direction. She says there is a lot of work to do and expressed desire for progress.

Dr. Whitmarsh expressed appreciation for the board's support of the budget.

Jason Collier moved to adjourn to a closed session at around 7:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Jason Tooley. Motion carried with all ayes.

Jason Collier moved to return to open session, Jason Tooley seconded the motion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Mack adjourned the meeting at around 9:30 p.m.



Chairman



Clerk