

Greene County Public Schools February 24, 2021 FY2022 Budget Proposal Adoption WMHS Performing Arts Center

6:30 pm Open Session, motion to move immediately into Closed Session Reconvene in Open Session 7:00 pm FY2022 Budget Work Session

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

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

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

Closed session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the William Monroe High School Media Lab.

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

Ms. Leah Paladino moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:00 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center.

The Board certified by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion to convene the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Ms. Paladino, and Mr. Sansom all certified. Mr. Collier abstained from the vote due to his absence in closed session.

Ms. Paladino indicated there was one closed meeting action, a staff approval. Ms. Mack moved to approve the closed meeting action, Mr. Sansom seconded the motion, all ayes from the other members, the motion carried.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented action item #11-1006, the FY2022 Budget Proposal. She indicated there were not any significant changes to the recommendation that was reviewed during the last meeting, February 10, 2021. She outlined two main changes that were now included. Those items were: employee insurance rates and employee compensation. After the insurance renewal, there was a 3% increase, rather than a 8-10% as originally anticipated. She also outlined survey results from employees regarding health insurance deduction frequency. The majority of respondents indicated they would prefer to have the deduction frequency changed to 12 months, rather than 10. She also outlined that the General Assembly crossover numbers were not released at the time of the meeting. She explained that the Governor and members of the General Assembly were advocating for a 5% pay increase for all SOQ positions. As a result, she presented the board with 3 options of a local pay increase for employees: 2%, 3%, and 4%. Option 3 included the 4% salary increase for employees.

Mr. Jason Tooley made a motion to accept option 3, in the amount of \$41,382,402. Ms. Sharon Mack seconded the motion. The board unanimously accepted the motion by a roll call vote. The motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the board with gifts for school board appreciation month.

Mr. Tooley thanked everyone for the gifts and the hard work during budget season.

Ms. Mack thanked everyone for the gifts and said it is a great pleasure to serve on the board.

Mr. Sansom said he is hopeful logistics for sports can be worked out to include parent spectators.

Mr. Collier thanked everyone for their work.

Ms. Paladino thanked Ms. Rhonda Houchens and Ms. Jennifer Walker for their work and presented gifts for school board clerk appreciation month.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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