



Greene County Public Schools

March 10, 2021

WMHS Performing Arts Center

6:30 pm Open Session, motion to move immediately into Closed Session William Monroe

Digital Media Classroom

Reconvene in Open Session 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Leah Paladino, Chair; 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 Digital Media Classroom.

Ms. Sharon Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Jason Collier 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, Mr. Sansom, and Mr. Collier all certified.

Ms. Mack made a motion to amend the agenda after closed meeting action, adding an item regarding Dr. Whitmarsh's contract after the certification of the closed session, Mr. Sansom seconded the motion. All ayes from the other members, the motion carried.

Ms. Mack made a motion to terminate Dr. Whitmarsh's current contract, effective June 30, 2021, and simultaneously reappoint her to a new term, effective July 1, 2021 for a four year term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Collier seconded the motion. All members of the board voted "aye" by roll call vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Paladino indicated there was no closed meeting action.

Mr. Collier moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, excluding the Staff to be Approved item. Ms. Mack seconded. All ayes from members, motion carried.

Dr. Michael Ormsmith presented information item #11-1017, the CTE Update/Perkins Grant Application. He outlined the current enrollment in CTE programs and compared those numbers to last year's. He explained that despite scheduling restrictions due to COVID-19, the enrollment numbers remained fairly high, only decreasing around 5%. He also outlined the Perkins Grant allocations anticipated for this year, as they have not been released from the VDOE at the time of the March meeting. He also outlined some of the items he wished to use the allocations for, including professional development, equipment, career exploration platforms, and curriculum subscriptions. Ms. Paladino asked if there was any data explaining why there are less students taking Cybersecurity courses. Dr. Ormsmith said the offering is fairly new and year to year trends are not consistent enough to answer the inquiry.

Dr. Wendy Mitchem presented information item #11-1018, the Title VIB application. She explained how the grant would be distributed within the division's Special Services department. The highlights included: personnel services, employee benefits, materials and supplies, and purchased services. She also explained that the funds from this federal grant are primarily used for personnel-related expenses.

Dr. Bryan Huber presented information item #11-1019, the February 2021 VSBA Policy Updates. He explained that 38 policies were updated. He outlined the policy updates with the most notable changes. One policy revision that he noted was for BDDH, regarding public participation at school board meetings. He explained that the main change with this policy is that time limits and other details are no longer a superintendent regulation, but rather an item included in the policy itself. He explained IGAH, Family Life Education, now requires all Family Life materials to be publicized. LEA was removed entirely from the policy handbook because it is not required by law. He explained that none of the other policy revisions had impacts on daily operations.

Dr. Huber presented information item #11-1020, Return to Learn Update. He said he was going to focus on providing information on the current status of school operations and what the plans are moving forward. He showed an infographic with all the students who requested a change in their learning model after March 1st and were able to be

accommodated. He outlined how data collection is being used to identify students' learning loss in grades K-8 and 9-12. He said formative assessments are a big help with this process for grades K-8. He reiterated that understanding where students fall in the 3 tiers of support are going to be vital for moving forward in the upcoming school year. He then outlined how data collection will be used in the future to determine students' social-emotional needs. Resiliency screeners will be used at the end of the current school year for students 3-5 and 6-10 in order to have an accurate picture of where students are so necessary planning can take place. He outlined the Spring Assessment Plans that are approaching quickly. He showed which performance assessments are going to be administered. He also explained that SOL testing is still required in the Spring. He outlined how the division is planning to take that process on. He explained that students grades 3-8 will not be able to take retakes on their SOL's this Spring. He outlined ways the division is providing Student and Family Supports. Some of those initiatives include the Success Coach program, the Piper Ivy slots for virtual students, learning coach workshops, continued home visits, and more. He also highlighted some of the successes the division experienced this school year. He said upper elementary school students are maintaining strong reading and math grades. Additionally, he said family engagement efforts are the best it's ever been. He also said there are some families and students who are seeing a lot of success with fully virtual learning.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information item #11-1021, a FY2022 Budget Update. She said division leaders received an updated crossover budget from the state March 9, 2021. She said the new information means they do not have to ask for as much money from the county. She said the BOS met March 9 for a workshop, but the school's budget has not been discussed yet.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information item #11-1022, the Superintendent's Update. She gave an update on the COVID-19 numbers. Updated guidance from VDH, restated. Fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine if they are found to be a close contact. All school buildings are closed for spring break April 5-9. She thanked the board for their continued confidence. She also congratulated Dr. Ormsmith for receiving an offer to be a Superintendent for a school division in South Dakota.

Mr. Collier congratulated Dr. Ormsmith and wished him good luck in his new role in his new home. He also said he appreciates all the hard work everyone invests to keep the school year running smoothly.

Mr. Sansom said he is excited to renew Dr. Whitmarsh's contract and looks forward to her continued leadership. He also encouraged community members to be involved in the county's budget process.

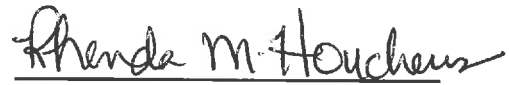
Ms. Mack congratulated Dr. Ormsmith. She also echoed Mr. Sansom's remarks regarding the budget.

Mr. Tooley inquired about sports' spectators. Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Pursel said the division is currently maxing out on the number of spectators. New guidelines will be issued April 1st. He also congratulated Dr. Whitmarsh. He also recognized the high school for their work with their students after hearing comments from community members.

Ms. Paladino said she was happy with what was outlined in the Return to Learn Update. She thanked Mr. Bowman for attending the meeting. She also congratulated Dr. Whitmarsh on her contract renewal. She said she is thankful for her leadership. Update on Congressman Bob Good, and he and his staff are planning a visit at some time in April. She also said she was excited to see community members' investment into the HS renovations come to fruition with the vaccine clinics.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.


Chair


Clerk