

School Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Bill Martin, Vice Chair & Liaison

The closed session meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm in the Central Office conference room.

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

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

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

Mr. Daniel made a motion to amend the agenda to add Stanardsville Market Place as an information item just before the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Collier seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

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

Mrs. Paladino stated on behalf of the board that this is the most important presentation for the year. She added that they recognize all the hard work that goes into what they do every day. She expressed that she was proud and happy to recognize exceptional individuals which we are blessed to have many of. This was a very difficult decision. Mrs. Paladino read a description of the award and process for the Educator and Support Staff of the Year awards.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented recognition certificates to Marianne Shepard with Edward Jones Financial Advisors for her ongoing support of the Educator of the Year and Support Staff of the Year Awards. She is an active member of our community as well as a member of the Greene Education Foundation. She is sponsoring these awards for the tenth consecutive year. She not only covers the costs of the awards but also a \$500 cash prize for the Educator & Support Staff of the Year selections for the division. Mrs. Paladino thanked her for her continued partnership and support.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Alicia M. Shifflett as Nathanael Greene Primary/Elementary Schools' Support Staff of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Jennifer Myers as Nathanael Greene Primary/Elementary Schools' Educator of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Eugene Davis as Ruckersville School's Support Staff of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Anthony "Cullen" Freund as Ruckersville School's Educator of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Dawn Thomas as William Monroe Middle School's Support Staff of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Jaclyn Foster as William Monroe Middle School's Educator of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Diana Ford as William Monroe High School's Support Staff of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino and Dr. Whitmarsh presented a plaque to Teresa Collier as William Monroe High School's Educator of the Year award recipient.

Mrs. Paladino stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Corey Shifflett, parent, addressed the meeting attendees regarding things going on with the baseball team. He expressed concerns regarding the behavior of coaches on and off the field.

Dwayne Eppard, parent, stated that his son was verbally abused by the baseball coaching staff in the past. He went on to share concerns regarding the baseball program, specifically the coaches.

Jim Blake, parent, stated that he stands by what the other two fathers said. He said there is a lack of professionalism in the baseball program including a concern that coaches were talking about players to other players. He believes more should be done.

Mrs. Paladino stated she believes that they have a good picture thanks to all of the testimony.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item # 11-499 FY2019 Budget Adoption. The Board of Supervisors adopted their budget at the May 8th meeting. While the General Assembly has not adopted a budget I still recommend that the School Board adopt the FY2019 budget in the amount of \$40,182,983 subject to and conditioned upon receipt of anticipated by not yet approved revenues and appropriations from the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal government. Mrs. Mack made a motion that the School Board adopt the FY2019 budget in the amount of \$40,182,983 subject to and conditioned upon receipt of anticipated by not yet approved revenues and appropriations from the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal government. Mr. Daniel seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item # 11-500 Resolutions for the 2017-2018 Retirees. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that on Friday, May 25th the retirees will be recognized at a breakfast in their honor. At that time, we will provide them with a gift to recognize their service in our school division as well as a resolution from the School Board to honor each of our 12 retirees to be presented on that day. Mrs. Mack made a motion that the board approve the resolution as presented in the packet. Mr. Collier seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber, substituting for Dr. Mitchem, presented action item # 11-501 2018-2019 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through. He reminded the board that this is an annual application used to access federal funds to support special education programs, students and educators in the division. He gave a summary of the presentation from the April 11, 2018 meeting. Dr. Kibler moved that we approve the application as presented on April 11, 2018. Mrs. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented action item # 11-502 2018-2019 Migrant Children Certification. Participation Regional Program Member Certification for Title I Part C Education of Migratory Children. This was presented as both an information and action item this month as it was provided on a timeline that did not allow it to be presented in two separate months as is normal procedure. This is an annual certification in which we participate with several divisions in a regional program coordinated by Albemarle County Public Schools. This protects us from the administrative burden of overseeing a federal program and provides us access to necessary resources to serve migrant children in our area. Last year there were no children that qualified but Mr. Huber recommended that the Board approve so that we have access to the program if we should need the funds. Mrs. Paladino asked if this is the same that they approved last year. Mr. Huber confirmed that it is the same. Dr. Kibler made a motion that we approve the participation for the 2018-2019 school year in the Title I Part C Education of Migratory Children. Mrs. Mack seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item # 11-503 February 2018 VSBA Policy Updates. Twenty-three policies were presented at the April school board meeting. The policies were included in the packet in their final form as they will be placed in the manual once approved. Mrs. Paladino asked if anyone else understood the fire drill situation. The summary sheet states for EB that it removes fire drill requirements and record keeping of drills and panic hardware on doors, was duplicated in Policy EBCB. Mr. Huber confirmed that it was to provide clarity in terms of reference. Mr. Daniel asked if the requirement for the number of drills was still the same. Mr. Huber confirmed that it was reduced but added in additional lockdown, tornado & earthquake drills. Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve the February 2018 VSBA policy updates. Mr. Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bryce Powell from VMDO presented information item #11-504, Facilities Project update – Branch. Mr. Powell introduced Mr. Ben Thompson from VMDO who will oversee the day to day operations and Mr. Brent Harlow from Branch who will be the lead superintendent for the job. Mr. Powell provided an update on the project which is primarily in the high school and middle school with the media centers, cafeterias and kitchens as well as some site improvements to the Stanardsville campus. He presented a slideshow of pictures and examples of what the improvements may look like as well as examples of the possible furniture pieces. Mr. Harlow from Branch provided a presentation which gave an update on where they are from a construction standpoint. He shared plans for safety, site access and parking. Mr. Daniel asked how the students will enter the cafeteria during the construction. Mr. Harlow advised that they will build an outside covered hallway which will keep them from walking through the construction zone.

Mr. Huber presented information item # 11-505, Policy IKFD. This policy has been adapted based upon guidance from VSBA. Policy IKFD allows the school division to create alternative pathways for students to earn standard credits, outside of meeting the 140 clock hour rule. This policy supports the intended outcomes of the division's strategic plan to be able to offer virtual and blended courses to students. Impact to online learning, curriculum and course offerings were discussed. Mr. Huber shared this would allow more offerings, in house online learning opportunities designed by our teachers. Dr. Kibler asked what the timing was on this. Mr. Huber recommended that the policy is passed in June so that we can begin offering classes next school year.

Mr. Gary Lowe and Mr. Roy Dye presented the amended agenda item for Stanardsville Market Place. Mr. Lowe thanked the Board for allowing them to present on such short notice. They are working with the farmer's market and pavilion project. The County informed them that the project flows to school property. They would like to build a pedestrian bridge to connect both sides with a path that leads up to the parking for ADA compliance. Mr. Lowe requested that the School Board take action as soon as possible. Mr. Dye expressed gratitude and appreciation to the school board for adding this to the agenda on such short notice.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item # 11-506 Superintendent's Update. She stated it was wonderful to recognize the Educator & Support Staff of the Year recipients for each building during teacher appreciation week. The Division winners will be recognized on May 16. Get Fit for Greene was held on April 21 and raised over \$4,000 for the Green Education Foundation. There are a lot of events upcoming. May 10 at PVCC will be the ceremony for early college scholars. PVCC's graduation for 18 of our students will take place on May 11. On May 16 there will be a school safety panel meeting. May 19 is graduation for students. May 23 is the last day of school for students. May 25 is the last day for staff and also that morning is the retirement breakfast. May 30 is the groundbreaking ceremony.

Mr. Collier gave a PREP update for the director search. They have conducted interviews and should be able to announce the new director next month. The Educator & Support Staff of the Year are amazing people. He expressed thanks for making students successful and their futures brighter.

Mrs. Mack congratulated the Educator & Support Staff of the Year recipients. She said the word that comes to mind is "heart". She thanked them for all of the heart they put in to better our community and better our children. She thanked Marianne Shepard for always being a tremendous supporter of our schools. She expressed excitement to kick-off the project and looks forward to seeing the finished product. She thanked those that gave public comment. She stated that there is an expectation of adults being role models and we'll look into everything that was mentioned. She doesn't want to jump to conclusions regarding the favoritism issue. She thanked everyone for sitting through a long meeting.

Mr. Daniel believes that we should put before and after photos out front for the facilities project. He stated that it was great to hear about the park project. He expressed disbelief that this is the last meeting before graduation.

Dr. Kibler expressed thanks to everyone. He stated that this is his 40th year in Greene County and that personally and educational he believes this if the finest year. He's got eleven grandchildren coming through.

Mrs. Paladino said she agreed with other board members' comments. She asked the elementary administrators that are present if she can bring in her crayon box for clean-out again. They agreed. She thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Chairman

Clerk