

School Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leah Paladino, Chairperson; Harry Daniel, Vice-Chairperson; Rodney Kibler, Member; Sharon Mack, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Jason Collier, Member; Denell Clem, Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Bill Martin, Vice Chair & Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:15 pm in the Cosmetology classroom at the Greene County Technical Center.

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

Mrs. Mack made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 6:58 p.m.; Mr. Kibler seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. Mrs. Paladino, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier all certified.

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

Mr. Daniel invited Dr. Whitmarsh to share comments she had prepared. Dr. Whitmarsh gave an overview of the past several months regarding the AfterSchool Program and the school division's participation in looking into taking over the program from Greene County. Dr. Whitmarsh gave the background of the program's history and spoke about the school division's concerns with not being able to take the program over at the same level of standards that are set in Greene County Public Schools. Dr. Whitmarsh spoke about the staffing issues as well as funding. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that the division is willing to provide an immediate space for the program provided a suitable organization would be taking over.

Mr. Daniel stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda.

Mr. Bill Martin, School Board Liaison, spoke to the board and addressed his sincere appreciation to Dr. Whitmarsh on how she has handled the AfterSchool Program research and clarification in regards to all information concerning the program. Mr. Martin commended the school division how it has remained positive, offering a 'discovery' period to make the best decision for the interest of the families and children involved.

Mr. Daniel closed public comments.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented action item #11-641 FY2020 Budget Proposal Adoption. Dr. Whitmarsh gave a brief overview of the budget proposal that was presented to the board as an informational item at the February 13, 2019 meeting. Dr. Whitmarsh noted that our insurance premiums remained unchanged and there was no increase. Dr. Whitmarsh also shared the change in funding from the state which impacted the overall number that the division is asking for from the county. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that this also included a 5% raise for all employees across the division.

Mrs. Mack asked what other school divisions are potentially giving this year concerning raises. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that there is a range from 3% to 6%.

Mrs. Paladino made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Dr. Kibler seconded. Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. Mrs. Paladino, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Collier all certified.

Dr. Kibler stated how impressed he was with the health insurance news and said to keep up the great work that everyone is doing.

Mrs. Mack said that we are a people business and how we have handled the past several weeks is a true testament to the great people that we have in Greene County.

Mrs. Paladino thanked everyone for all their hard work. Mrs. Paladino presented Denell Clem with a Clerk of the Board appreciation card and thanked her for all her work with the board.

Mr. Daniel said that this is a long process but that he is excited with the direction we are headed.

Mr. Collier made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Kibler seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm.



School Board Chair



School Board Clerk