



Minutes  
School Board Meeting  
Greene County Schools  
County Meeting Room  
January 11, 2023

Members Present: Mr. Todd Sansom, Chair; Ms. Sharon Mack, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Mr. Brooks Taylor, Member; Ms. Rebecca Roach, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Steve Bowman

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Tooley seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to reconvene in open session in the County Meeting Room. Ms. Roach seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.

Mr. Tooley requested a motion for Ms. Mack's request to participate electronically. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Ms. Mack's request to participate electronically in accordance with GCPS Policy BDD. Ms. Roach seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom welcomed Ms. Mack to the meeting.

Ms. Mack stated she was participating electronically because she was out of state traveling due to personal reasons.

Mr. Sansom called for nominations for School Board Chair for the 2023 calendar year.

Ms. Mack made a motion to nominate Mr. Sansom as School Board Chairman. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to nominate Ms. Mack as Vice Chair for School Board for the 2023 calendar year. Mr. Sansom seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve Ms. Houchens as Clerk for the upcoming year for the School Board. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to nominate Ms. Mack as the Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School Representative for this calendar year for the Greene County School Board. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Roach made a motion to nominate Mr. Tooley as PREP Representative for this coming school year for the Greene County School Board. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve Mr. Sansom, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Roach, and Ms. Mack as PREP Alternate Representatives as needed for this calendar year. Mr. Sansom seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to nominate Mr. Sansom as Greene Education Foundation Liaison for this calendar year for the Greene County School Board. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2023. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the VSBA Code of Conduct for the School Board for 2023 as presented in the packet. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. Mr. Sansom stated the Board will certify by roll call vote: Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Roach and Mr. Sansom. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom stated: The Board will certify 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 in the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

Ms. Mack – abstain – not present during closed session

Mr. Tooley - certified

Mr. Taylor - certified

Ms. Roach - certified

Mr. Sansom - certified

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sansom stated there were no closed meeting actions.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion for the consent agenda:

- 11-1346 December 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1347 December 2, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1348 December 12, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1349 December 15, 2022 Expenditures
- 11-1350 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1351 Field Trip Requests
- 11-1352 Enrollment
- 11-1353 Staff to be Approved List
- 11-1354 Mileage Reimbursement Rate Calendar Year 2023

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for first public comment on matters not listed below on agenda. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments at this time, so Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Ms. Hissong and Dr. Graham presented information item #11-1355, School Spotlight – Ruckersville Elementary School. Their presentation included the following: safe, supportive and caring schools, connections and partnerships with our community, culture of excellence, exceptional workforce, and what’s next.

Dr. Pursel, Ms. Lamm, and Ms. Gillette presented information item #11-1356, Alternative Education Update. The following items were shared during their presentation: Our Vision, Our Passions, who we are, student selection, what’s new (increased staff, director of student services, in-person English for all students, new furniture and increased access to resources, success coach to support families, and intentional collaborative planning to support students), collaboration and support, celebrations and accomplishments, and the future of the academy and academy building.

There was board discussion regarding space enrollment and building location for the academy.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information #11-1357, Budget Presentation. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the vision and mission statement and strategic focus on Impact 2027. Dr. Whitmarsh also shared the budget calendar timeline with work session on January 25<sup>th</sup>, public hearing on February 8<sup>th</sup> and budget adoption on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Whitmarsh gave an overview of FY2024 Influencing Factors – Enrollment – FY2023 budget planning was ADM2820 current is 2762 so we are projecting holding flat for FY2024 at ADM of 2762, VRS remains unchanged for FY2024 at 19.17% and Local Composite Index remains at .3505.

Operating Expense – fuel rates have increased for both gasoline and diesel, utilities – currently being surveyed for potential rate changes, building insurance expected to remain flat, other economic factors – social security payment increase 1/1/2023 = 8.7% and inflation current rate 7.1%. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the results for the budget survey. Dr. Whitmarsh stated Governor Younkin released the Governor’s budget in December. GCPS approved FY23 state funding at \$24,995,396 based on 2820 ADM. Final payments will be adjusted based on March ADM, current Fall ADM 2762. The state’s projection for FY2024 ADM 2659.90. GCPS projection based on current enrollment of ADM 2762. The difference between the FY 2023 budgeted funding ADM 2820 and FY2023 final budget ADM 2762 is a decrease of \$402, 718. However, some of this is offset money that was not included in our budget which we received for the bonus \$301,700. To get a true comparison of FY2023 to FY2024 state money we would also need to deduct construction money we received last year. We would have an increase of state money \$1,234,061 based on the information we have now. For Federal FY2023 Budget we have budgeted \$2,080,000 actual FY2022 is \$3,154,422 with a difference of \$1,074,422 basically because Federal School Nutrition Funding. FY2024 Estimate Funding \$3,070,000. Dr. Whitmarsh shared guidelines of federal revenues. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the local funding county fund amounts for the last three years. Dr. Whitmarsh stated VRS rates remain unchanged. Total employer paid over 19% for each employee. Healthcare projection increase 5.5% to 6.5% at a cost of \$230,000 to \$275,00 based primarily on increases in medical and pharmaceutical costs. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the FY2024 Request submitted approximately \$975,000. Dr. Whitmarsh shared there is a national educator shortage, compensation plays a key role in recruitment and retention, careers outside of education continue to pull candidates from the profession, and overall workforce landscape and shortage of application effects supports in all functions. Dr. Whitmarsh gave an overview of the cost for raises based on 5%, 6%, and 7%. The Governor’s Budget included a 1% bonus for all SOQ positions so in order to give 1% bonus to all full-time employees the additional amount is approximately \$145,000.

Mr. Sansom stated it was time for public comment on information items. Mr. Sansom opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented the Superintendent’s Report item #11-1358, Superintendent’s Update. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked everyone for their presentations. Reports cards for the second quarter were sent out today and WMHS will be sent out tomorrow. The 2023 General Assembly Session continued today January 11<sup>th</sup>. WMHS is listed on the VHSL Fall Sportsmanship Honor Roll and we are proud of that accomplishment. WMMS sports committee is in the process of being formed and will begin meeting to plan for all items that must be addressed at middle school sports starting with football hopefully in the fall. As Dr. Pursel mentioned we have gained approval from state to spend ESSER Funds on the Alternative Education Renovation Project as well building at the Tech Center for additional classroom space. Regulation IIA -R is in your packet and that’s the regulation that pairs with the IIA policy that was passed last month instructional materials. We will be closed January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day. Budget workshop will take place January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Upcoming PREP Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. BRVGS meets Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Sansom welcomed board member comments.

Ms. Mack thanked Mr. Sansom for agreeing to chair leadership again this year. She stated she looked forward to working with Mr. Sansom this year.

Mr. Tooley said a lot of exciting stuff happening Alt Ed. and Tech Center and things like that to get kids engaged, and the importance in keeping Greene County children busy. He thanked everyone for their presentations. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Taylor echoed Mr. Tooley's comments. He thanked presenters for coming out tonight. He hoped everyone had a great new year and got to spend quality time with family and friends. He thanked everyone for coming out and have a safe trip home. He thanked Ms. Mack for being vice chair this year again.

Ms. Roach stated the presentations were great. RES has so many things available for students and families. Very impressive. She stated she looks forward to supporting Alt Ed. She stated she was proud that we are on the VHSL Honor Roll and she is looking forward to middle school sports. She thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Sansom shared VSBA has a teleconference on Friday at 3:00 regarding state governor's budget and funding. Mr. Sansom thanked Mr. Saylor and anyone else that is keeping up with social media posts. He thanked everyone for their presentations.

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Taylor seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:34 pm.



Chair



Clerk

