



Minutes  
School Board Meeting  
Greene County Schools  
County Meeting Room  
May 10, 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 5:00 p.m. in the William Monroe High School PAC.

Mr. Sansom welcomed everyone and he, along with Dr. Whitmarsh, proceeded with the recognition ceremony. The following staff and students were recognized:

Sue Davies – teacher at RES recognized for outstanding contributions to Ruckersville Elementary School during the 2022-2023 school year, Deeper Learning and STEM VDOE Consultant

Bonnie LaFontaine – teacher at NGES recognized for outstanding contributions to William Monroe Middle School during the 2022-2023 school year “Alpha Delta Kappa International Gamma Omicron Grant”

The following WMMS Teachers were recognized:

Melissa Hansen (Choir/Drama Teacher): For outstanding contributions to William Monroe Middle School’s Music Department during the 2022-2023 school year - Wednesday Music Club Educational Outreach Award

Vicki Powell - For outstanding contributions to William Monroe Middle School’s Functional Skills Classroom during the 2022-2023 school year - CA Life Skills Grant

Stephanie Hammer, Barb Aszbach, Allison Hughes, Robert Stewart - For representing Greene County Public Schools at the National History Day District and State Competition

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments at the National History Day District and state competitions:

Sameer Osmanzada - Third Place, Group Exhibit

Kaleb Dooley - Third Place, Group Exhibit

Porter Frandsen - Third Place, Group Exhibit

Carley Evans - Third Place, Group Documentary

Lila Novack - Third Place, Group Documentary

Melissa Truslow - Second Place, Group Exhibit

AJ McKeone - Second Place, Group Exhibit

Olive Handy - First Place, Group Exhibit; Special Prize, Group Exhibit

Alex Lavoie - First Place, Group Exhibit - Special Prize, Group Exhibit

Katia Herrmanson - First Place, Group Performance

Madeline Bruton - First Place, Group Performance

Mukind Marri - First Place, Individual Documentary

Quincy Hogge - Second Place, Group Performance; Special Prize, Group Performance

Andrew Morris - Second Place, Group Performance; Special Prize, Group Performance

Hector Cortez-Carranza – Second Place, Group Performance; Special Prize, Group Performance”

The following WMMS students were recognized for their accomplishments at the American Mathematics Competition: Ella Updike - First Place, Matthew Meilott - Second Place, and Abigail Shears - Third Place

The following WMMS students were recognized for their accomplishments at the District 13 Chorus Performance: Brayden Eisenhart, Ava Freebourn and Noah Mapanoo

The following WMHS & GCTEC teachers were recognized for their accomplishments:

Nathan Whittaker (Band Director) - for outstanding contributions to William Monroe High School's Music Department during the 2022-2023 school year - Wednesday Music Club Educational Outreach Award

Tara O'Kelley Friedman - for being the recipient of the Dr. Joseph Warren Award

Leah Talbert (WMHS Librarian) - for being selected as the recipient of the Virginia Association of School Librarians Shenandoah Region Librarian of the Year

Daphne Tynes (DECA Sponsor) - for representing Greene County Public Schools at the DECA District Competition

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments in the DECA club at the Virginia State Fair:

Jennifer Argueta - First place, Principles of Finance and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair; Second Place, State Fair Promotion Board"

Keyry Rodridriguez Arias - First place, Retail Merchandising and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair; second Place, DECA Branding Challenge

Emily Brown - Second place, Selling

Jaqueline Castillo - Second place, Job Interview

Mayra Flores - Second place, Entrepreneurship Series

Aaliyah Frederick - First place, Business Finance Series

Ashley Gonzalez - First place, Job Interview

Carina Gonzalez - First place, Social Media

Kenneth Hamblin - First place, Personal Financial Literacy Event

Marcus Johnson - First place, Entrepreneurship Series

Carson Knights - Second place, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series

Lizzy Lawson - Second place, Quick Service Restaurant Management

Lance Lemon - Second place, Business Services Marketing

Grace Mellott - First place, Food Marketing Series; First place in Role Play, Food Marketing Series and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair - Second Place, DECA Branding Challenge

Heath Miller - Second place, Marketing Communications

Riley Mitchelson - First place, Restaurant and Food Service Management; First place in Role Play, Restaurant and Food Service Management and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair - Second Place, State Fair Promotion Board

Sarabeth Morris - First place, Human Resource Management

Will Rawlings- First place, Principles of Business Management and Administration

Mackayla Reese - Second place, Apparel & Accessories Marketing Series and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair - First Place, DECA Branding Challenge

Ruby Sorto-Guevara - First place, Principles of Business Management and Administration and for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair - Second Place, State Fair Promotion Board

Jackson Tynes - Second place, Principles of Business Management and Administration

Katherine Villatoro Diaz - Second place, Food Marketing Series

The following staff and students were recognized for their accomplishments in the FCCLA (GCTEC) club at the FCCLA State Competition:

Kate Gozzard - FCCLA club sponsor at Greene County Technical Educational Center - for outstanding contributions to Greene County Technical Education Center, FCCLA 2022-2023 National Master Advisor, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Elaina Morris - Second Place, Repurpose and Redesign, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Gabriel Smith - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Zach Eppard-Hovey - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Jayden Norris - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Jordan Alvarez- FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Elijah Dojack - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Cayley Evans - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Eryn Davis - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Lucero Arce-Sorto - FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Jessica Baldwin - FCCLA State Competition, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award”

Spencer Breeden - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Tacaryi Bright - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Mason Bunyea - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Olivia Gano - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Elliot Inzana - FCCLA State Competition, FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

Marcus Johnson - Spirit of FCCLA Award, FCCLA Leadership Award, FCCLA State Competition Bronze Award, and FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award

FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award: Lizzy Lawson, Cooper Lucas, Krystopher Martin, Leah McGann, Camden Melton, Haileigh Morris, Alexander Moyer, Jamal Neal, Victoria Neal, Varick Nietzsche, Nicholas Ownby, Anthony Payne, Mackayla Reese, Jacob Rose, Evan Shafer, Abby Shifflett, Mallerie Shifflett, Allyson Solt, Adalyne Tanner, Madison Weakley, Luke Windett

Ruby Sorto-Guevara - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award, for representing Greene County Public Schools at the Virginia State Fair - Second Place, State Fair Promotion Board



The following staff and students were recognized for their accomplishments in the FCCLA State Competition:

Sponsor - Charlotte Berry - FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award”

Student members representing Greene County Public Schools at the FCCLA State Competition” “FCCLA Outstanding Chapter Award” include:

Ximena Alvarez, Kara Anderson, Bailey Brown, Aiden Barbour, Abigail Bartlett, Madison Brinson, Avery Brown, Andrew Butts, McKinley Carpenter, Sophie Clark, Kelly Collier, Annabelle Critzer, Hannah Critzer, Madison Devory, Brice Earney, Lillian Few, Keren Figueroa, Catelyn Franssen, Taylor Franssen, Makhi Gilmore, Harrison Graham, Macy Guard, Addison Hogsten, Emma Hogsten, Kaidance Jenkins, Delaney Jones, Wyatt Jones, Carter Knick, Celeste Le Picaud, Jocelyn Lopez, Noah Luber, Mia Luellen, Mackayla Reese, Jayden Madison, Sophie Mellott, Daniella Mercado, Patrick Moore, Aidan Morris, Sydney Orange, Lindsey Powell, Emma Ray, Halei Rea, Kayla Remijan, Chelsea Richardson, Madison Seabert, Kylie Shifflett, Ruby Sorto, Isabella Strickland, Elizabeth Teel, Leeah Toliver, Aldrin Ulibas, Jazaeri Waller, Olivea Wells, Sadie Williams, Ella Winkle

The following students are being recognized for representing the Greene County Technical Education Center at the Virginia State Fair:

Dakota Rhodes - First Place, HVAC Competition

Isaac Payne- First Place, HVAC Competition

Nathan Bodin - Third Place, Automotive Competition

Nick Colvin - Third Place, Automotive Competition and for outstanding academic achievement during the 2022-2023 school year, First place, SkillsUSA Automotive

Tucker Kirby - Fourth Place, Carpentry Competition

Melissa Velasquez - First Place, DECA Branding Challenge

Ruth Reid - Third Place, Be A Match Flyer HOSA Competition

The following students are being recognized for their outstanding academic achievement in Robotics during the 2022-2023 school year:

Robotics Coach Keith Congdon

Robotics Team Members: Thomas Traber, Akhil Marri, Maya Anderson, Aidan Miller, Mushtaq Faiz, Kyle Dooley, Jacob Dulin, Amy Genz, Nevaeh Gray, Ki Johnson, Vaughn Whittaker, Kingston Roach

Placed 3rd for the Design Award at the FTC Orange Qualifying tournament, won the “Design” award at the FTC Harrisonburg Qualifying tournament, placed 1st out of 37 teams to win the FTC Harrisonburg Qualifying tournament and advance to the Chesapeake Region Championships.

They have also taken the time to host activities for our STEM night and meet with the Robotics Club at Ruckersville Elementary School to explain how their robot works and let young innovators take a turn driving their champion robot.

The following student were recognized for their accomplishments at the National History Day District and State Competition:

Caroline Bruton - Individual Documentary- Second Place; Individual Documentary- Special Prize

The following student was recognized for their accomplishment at the Virginia Piedmont Science Fair:

Akhil Marri - Science Champion Award, First Place; INCOS System Engineering - Second Place; Plant Sciences

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments at Virginia State Fair:

Dakota Rhodes - First Place, HVAC Competition

Isaac Payne - First Place, HVAC Competition

Nathan Bodin - Third Place, Automotive Competition

Nick Colvin - Third Place, Automotive Competition and for outstanding academic achievement during the 2022-2023 school year; first place, SkillsUSA Automotive

Tucker Kirby - Fourth Place, Carpentry Competition

Melissa Velasquez - first Place, DECA Branding Challenge

Ruth Reid - Third Place, Be A Match Flyer HOSA Competition

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments in cross county and indoor track:  
Head Coach Kendall Tata and Cross-Country Assistant Coaches Keith Congdon

Student Athletes on the Cross-Country Team:

Evan Young - All District Boys Champion, All Region Boys Champion, NW Class District Runner Up, Region 3B Runner Up, VHSL State Meet Qualifier

Schuyler Nitzsche - All District Boys, All Region Boys, NW Class District Runner Up, Region 3B Runner Up, VHSL State Meet Qualifier

Aiden Dumas - All District Boys, All Region Boys, NW Class District Runner Up, Region 3B Runner Up, VHSL State Meet Qualifier

Elli Pursel - All District Girls

Will Baker - State Qualifier

NW Class District Runner Up, Region 3B Runner Up, VHSL State Meet Qualifiers: Colin Beverage, Caleb Buckland, Dylan Crenshaw, Tyler Crenshaw, Ashton Durham, Lance Frye, Marshall Holz, Thomas Lamb, Colin Lambert, Nathan Lindegren, Levi Monette, Varick Nietzsche, Cade Prough, Brendan Sharp, Brody Wilson

The following coaches and students were recognized for their accomplishments:

Volleyball: Head Coach Megan Darby and Assistant Coach, Lexi Lam

Ella Weaver - All District 1st Team, All Region 1st Team, NW Class 3 District Champion  
Mae Hawkin - All District 1st Team, All Region 2nd Team, NW Class 3 District Champion  
Morgan Pursel - All District 1st Team, All Region 2nd Team, NW Class 3 District Champion  
Livi Sharff - All District 2nd Team, NW Class 3 District Champion  
Savannah Ripley - All District 2nd Team, NW Class 3 District Champion

NW Class 3 District Champions: Kylie Shifflett, Kendyll Eddins, Emma Ray, Cassidy Lamb, Taylor Franssen, Bentlee Griffith, Katharine Pahuta, Adyn Douglas

Boys Basketball Team: Head Coach of our Boys Basketball Team Brett Maynard and his assistants, Brad Herndon, Justin Haney, Brandon Emmert and Quentin Milligan

Student Athletes on the Boys Basketball Team:

Tucker Shifflett - Scored 1,000th basketball point, CBS19 Student Athlete of the Week, 1st Team All District, 1st Team All Region 3B, Regional Runner Up, State Tournament

Brady Lam - 1st Team All Region 3B, 1st Team All District, Regional Runner Up, State Tournament

Parker Hildebrand - 2nd Team All District, Regional Runner Up, State Tournament

- Regional Runner Up, State Tournament: Will Rawlings, Raekwon Brock, Emmanuel Jackson, Tim Guertin, Brandon Early, Luke Windett, Davien Griffith, Carson Knights, Tyson Fowler, Gabe Henkel, Joshua Davis, Alex Burrell

Indoor Track: Evan Young - 1600M State Qualifier and Will Baker - 1000M State Qualifier

Swim: Ryan Fix - 200 IM 4th in Region, State Qualifier

Cayden Fix - CBS19 Student Athlete of the Week, 50 Free Region Champion, 6th in State, 100 Back 4th in Region, State Qualifier, 200 Free Relay, State Qualifier

Elijah Dojack - 100 Free 4th in Region, State Qualifier, 200 Free Relay, State Qualifier

Ryleigh Fix - 200 Free Relay, State Qualifier

Jordan Alvarez - 200 Free Relay, State Qualifier

Wrestling: Marquise Brock - Second Place in Region, State Qualifier, Jason Lamb - Second Place in Region, State Qualifier, Ashton Durham - Fourth Place in Region, State Qualifier

Girls Basketball: Ella Weaver - 1st Team All District, District Co-Player of the Year, 1st Team All Region 3B, Scored 1,000th basketball point, McKinley Carpenter - 1st Team All District, 2nd Team All Region 3B, Kayla Britton - 2nd Team All District

Golf: Carter Knick - Region 3B Champion, State Qualifier and Christopher Salyers - State Qualifier

Football: Daelan Powell-Jackson - All District 1st Team, All District 2nd Team, All Region 2nd Team and Brady Lam - All District 2nd Team

Cheer: Ryanna Teal - 2nd Team All District, 2nd Team All Region

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

Ms. Mack made a motion to move into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(1), (A)(2), and (A)(7) to discuss personnel, student, and legal matters. Mr. Taylor seconded. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor 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 7:00 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.

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.

Mr. Tooley - certified  
Ms. Mack - certified  
Mr. Taylor - certified  
Ms. Roach - certified  
Mr. Sansom - certified

Mr. Sansom requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for religious exemption #23-07. Mr. Tooley seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.



Mr. Sansom requested a motion for the consent agenda:

- 11-1408 April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 11-1409 April 11, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1410 April 14, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1411 April 21, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1412 April 27, 2023 Expenditures
- 11-1413 Monthly Finance Report
- 11-1414 Field Trip Requests
- 11-1415 Enrollment
- 11-1416 Staff to be Approved List
- 11-1417 Reappointment of Professional Staff
- 11-1418 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 – National School Breakfast Program
- 11-1419 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 -- National School Lunch Program
- 11-1420 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 -- Nutrition Supply Chain Assistance
- 11-1421 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 – Electronic Benefit Card Program
- 11-1422 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 – School Security Grant
- 11-1423 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 – Emergency Connectivity Fund
- 11-1424 Supplemental Appropriation FY2023 – American Rescue Plan (ESSER III)

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 11-1408 through item number 11-1424 as presented. Ms. Mack 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.

Michelle Seal, a parent of a middle school student, shared her many concerns of bullying. She provided the board with a zero-tolerance policy.

Buddy G. Powell, a parent of a senior that will be graduating this year, made a request to the board that he be allowed to attend his daughter's graduation.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Dr. Mitchem presented action item #11-1425, Title VIB. Dr. Mitchem stated she was requesting approval of the Title VIB Special Education annual plan.

Mr. Taylor asked if there have been any changes to the plan since last months presentation. Dr. Mitchem stated no.

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve action item #11-1425, Title VIB 2023-2024 Special Education Annual Plan/Part B Flow-Through Application as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. No further board discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Pursel presented action item #11-1426, February Policy Updates. Dr. Pursel stated there have been no changes since we met in April. Dr. Pursel recommend the policies be approved as presented.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve action item #11-1426, February Policy Updates as presented. Ms. Roach seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-1427, Budget Adoption. Dr. Whitmarsh shared at the Board of Supervisor's meeting last night the board passed their budget. Dr. Whitmarsh shared we are still waiting on information from the state and they will not finalize the state budget until late June. Dr. Whitmarsh recommended that the school board pass the FY2024 budget in the amount of \$50,197,290. Dr. Whitmarsh shared we do not anticipate on having less state funding and in our contracts, it includes language that if we can not meet our financial obligation the contracts are not valid. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the board passed the initial budget back in February, since then there is a decrease of \$409,606 from the original school board adoption that is a decrease of \$292,344 in local funds and \$117,262 in state funds. Dr. Whitmarsh stated depending on the state budget and how that comes out, we may have to revise our budget later in the summer and given the proposals from both the house and the senate we only expect it to be more funding not less. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that if the board passes the budget tonight we will go ahead and issue contracts to the professional staff by the end of the week. Support staff work agreements will be provided at next month's meeting.

Mr. Tooley asked about the removing of the 1% bonus. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that the additional funds received during the pandemic we were able to provide a bonus the past couple years. We based our proposal on the Governor's budget proposal that came out in December and his proposal included a 5% increase for staff plus a 1% bonus. When the county reduced the funding, that reduced the levy by a penny we were reduced by that amount and they have to take the bonus out which is less state money. Dr. Whitmarsh stated staff will received 5% salary increase and the budget is covering the health insurance increase.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adopt the revised FY2024 budget in the amount of \$50,197,290. Ms. Mack seconded.

Ms. Roach read the following statement:

I have a personal interest in the School Board's budget by virtue of my husband's employment by the School Board and the salary scales included in the budget. However, as the spouse of a teacher at GCPS, I am a member of a large group of individuals in the community who are affected by the School Board's budget and I am able to participate in discussions and votes on the budget fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

No discussion.

Mr. Sansom requested a roll call vote:

Mr. Tooley – Aye  
Ms. Mack - Aye  
Mr. Taylor -- Aye  
Ms. Roach – Aye  
Mr. Sansom – Aye

All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Kyle Pursel presented information/action item #11-1428, Migrant Children Certification. Dr. Pursel shared the purpose of the Migrant Education Program, the definition of a migrant student, and GCPS involvement in the Migrant Program.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1428, Migrant Children Certification as presented. Ms. Roach seconded.

Mr. Sansom welcomed public comment on information/action item #14-1428, Migrant Children Certification.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information/action item #11-1429, Resolution for Retirees. Dr. Whitmarsh shared that on May 25, 2023 our retirees will be recognized at our annual retiree breakfast that takes place at WMHS cafeteria at 9:00 am. Dr. Whitmarsh read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Greene County Public School District has been fortunate to have a dedicated staff committed to the mission of the District, and;

WHEREAS, several members of that staff are now about to embark on new adventures in life away from Greene County Public Schools, and;

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Greene County School Board wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that these staff members have done to make education an exciting and joyous experience for the students of our district, and;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to extend our sincere best wishes for every happiness in the future to those staff members who will retire at the end of this school year, 2022-2023,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County School Board recognizes and appreciates the service of those employees departing the District, those employees being:

Cassandra Baker, WMMS Educational Support Staff – 27 years

Leah Flansburg, WMMS Teacher – 23 years

Julie Haddix, NGES Teacher – 19 years

Donna Henshaw, Bus Driver – 45 ½ years

Carla Masterson, WMMS Teacher – 20 years

Carla Williams, GCTEC Secretary – 23 ½ years

and wishes them well in all future endeavors, and, further, that this resolution of Appreciation and Support be duly recorded and spread across the minutes of the Greene County School Board on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month of May in the year 2023.

Mr. Sansom welcomed public comment on information/action item #11-1429, Retiree Resolution.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve information/action item #11-1429, Retiree Resolution as presented. Mr. Tooley seconded.

No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Kyle Pursel presented information/action item #11-1430, Tech Center Project Contract. Dr. Pursel provided a time line of events leading up to this point. Dr. Pursel stated that four proposals had been received. He stated that Architectural Inc. was selected as the architectural company for GCTEC project. Dr. Pursel recommended that the board award a contract to the firm Architectural Inc. for professional design services related to the GCTEC project and that the board further authorizes the board chair to execute the contact documents after final review by the board's legal counsel in and upon the terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Dr. Whitmarsh stated the funds being used are ESSER III funds and state construction funds.

Mr. Sansom welcomed public comment on information/action item #11-1430, Tech Center Project Contract.

Mr. Sansom closed public comment.

Mr. Tooley asked about the location for the project. Dr. Pursel stated it would be behind the GCTEC and behind where they build modular houses.

Mr. Tooley asked if there was a print out to look at. Dr. Pursel responded not at this stage.



Mr. Tooley stated I make a motion to approve information/action item #11-1430, Tech Center Project Contract and moved that the Board award a contract to the firm of Architecture Incorporated for professional design services relating to the Greene County Technical Education Center Project, and that the Board further authorize the Board's chair to execute contract documents after final review by the Board's legal counsel and upon terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the parties. Ms. Mack seconded.

Mr. Sansom request a roll call vote:

Mr. Tooley – Aye  
Ms. Mack - Aye  
Mr. Taylor -- Aye  
Ms. Roach -- Aye  
Mr. Sansom – Aye

No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Payne presented information item #11-1431, Federal Applications I, II, III, & IV. Dr. Payne shared federal applications are completed each year for Title I, II, III, & IV. She also shared this was an information item now and then for action at the June meeting. These applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Payne shared in the past we have completed consolidated applications but this year we will be doing individual applications. The presentation included: an overview of Federal Programs, comprehensive needs assessments, federal program purpose, Title I part A, Title II part A, Title III part A, Title IV part A, programmatic consideration and budget overview.

Mr. Sansom asked about the funding amount. Dr. Whitmarsh stated we are allocated a certain amount and then we have to apply to get them.

Mr. Sansom asked how we forecast our EL needs will be. Dr. Payne stated we really cannot forecast new students; explained the process of how students are tested and goals moving forward.

Dr. Pursel & Ms. Tynes presented information item #11-1432, Jobs for Virginia Graduates. The presentation included: JAG/JVG mission and history, performance standards, JAG Advantage, what else does JVG offer, who the programs serves, activities for 2023-2024. Student Saddie Chittum spoke about the JAG program and how much it has helped her.

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 #11-1433, Superintendent's Update. Dr. Whitmarsh thanked Ms. Tynes for sharing the great work that you are doing with our students and she

also thanked Saddle Chittum for having the courage to stand up and speak. Dr. Whitmarsh congratulated all the staff members and students that were recognized at our ceremony this evening. Dr. Whitmarsh shared administrative changes for the upcoming year: Katie Brunelle will be the Director of Administrative Services, Kris Wimmer will be the new WMHS Principal, Patricia Demitry our new WIMMS Principal. Our student success coach program has been featured in the VA School Board Association Show Case of Success that is sent out to all school divisions across the state. On April 29<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Art's Festival and was spearheaded by WMHS Art Teacher Ms. Trembley as well as other art teachers from the division, it was a fantastic day. This is teacher appreciation week. We have a lot of end of year activities. Graduation is Saturday, May 20. We will be soon announcing our Educator of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year sponsored by Marianne Shepard with Edward Jones. Our next PREP meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> is a 1:00 dismissal and last day for students. May 26<sup>th</sup> last day for 10-month staff. Retirement breakfast is May 25<sup>th</sup> and summer school begins June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 23. The next board meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sansom welcomed board member comments.

Mr. Tooley congratulated those who received recognitions this evening. He thanked Mr. Bowman for being there and he thanked Ms. Tynes for what she was doing. Mr. Tooley congratulated Katie Brunelle, Kris Wimmer, and Patricia Demitry on their new positions. He thanked Ms. Seal for taking the time to come out to the meeting and bringing things to our attention. He stated he's excited about the GCTEC project. He thanked everyone.

Ms. Mack shared last week at the Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School Board we completed the director's performance review and we made a draft budget in the amount of \$1,059,000 most of which is personnel and it does include a 5% salary increase for staff. She also shared that last week most of the board and Dr. Whitmarsh and staff met for a retreat. It was a full day with a ton of material to cover. We covered so much on Special Education and teams and student success coaches. She is thankful for Dr. Whitmarsh and team for their knowledge. We talked about bullying, dress codes and things we can improve. She thanked Ms. Seale for speaking this evening. She is looking forward to graduation and thanked Ms. Tynes for what she is doing with the program, very touching.

Mr. Taylor stated the recognition ceremony was awesome. Mr. Taylor spoke about the retreat and the staff was amazing. Congratulations to the Graduates. He thanked Ms. Seale for speaking out and shared we are working on the issues. Mr. Taylor said be careful going home and thanked everyone for coming out.

Ms. Roach shared she was blown away by how many awards were given out this evening. She is looking forward to the GCTECT project. She thanked Ms. Seale for coming out and speaking. We did talk about bullying in our retreat. She is looking forward to having vape sensors in our schools. She thanked Ms. Tynes for everything she was doing for the JAG program. She stated it was teacher appreciation week and she thanked all the teachers and appreciates everything they do.

Mr. Sansom noted the May 19<sup>th</sup> PREP meeting he will be traveling out of town. He thanked Kyle Pursel, Dawn Gillette, Katie Brunelle, Andrea Whitmarsh for putting everything together for the retreat. He thanked Ms. Seale for her comments and shared we have talked about staff training for bullying. Mr. Sansom stated that Dr. Whitmarsh was recognized for her 10 years of service as Superintendent at the recognition ceremony and he wanted to share it again and the board appreciates all you do. Mr. Sansom thanked Dr. Walton for her service at GCPS.

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 8:21 pm.



Chair



Clerk

