

**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rodney Kibler, Chairman; Jason Collier, Vice-Chairman; Leah Paladino, Member; Sharon Mack, Member; Harry Daniel, Member; Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Shanna Deane, Clerk

**MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** N/A

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** N/A

The closed session was called to order at 6:00 pm in the school board office conference room.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Mrs. Paladino seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to reconvene into open session in the County Meeting Room at 7:00 pm; Mrs. Paladino seconded, motion carried.

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

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation regarding a religious exemption as discussed in closed session. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Collier seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Kibler stated public comments could be made on matters not below on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Dr. Kibler closed public comments.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate Lindsay Knights for winning second place at the national level for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary's 2016 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to Samantha Brunelle for her outstanding accomplishments in basketball highlighting her playing on the U17 USA Basketball National Team.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented a recognition certificate to Lowes of Ruckersville regarding their tremendous support to William Monroe Middle School. Emily Byers accepted the recognition certificate on behalf of Lowes of Ruckersville.

Dr. Whitmarsh and Dr. Kibler presented VSBA Academy Award certificates to school board members and clerk for their participation in the VSBA School Board Academy Award program. Mr. Collier, Mr.

Daniel, Dr. Kibler, Mrs. Mack, Dr. Whitmarsh, and Ms. Deane received the Award of Recognition certificate. Mrs. Paladino received the Award of Achievement certificate.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-205, Facilities Study. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the school board held a work session on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 to discuss and prioritize the needs of the recommended projects. Dr. Whitmarsh introduced Bob Moje and Bryce Powell of VMDO. Mr. Moje complimented the school board, community and staff for working together on this complex plan.

Mr. Moje reiterated that the school board is on step 3 of the assessment study, which is the implementation plan. Mr. Moje emphasized that VMDO will work with Greene County Public Schools to focus the best use of funds on students and building occupants, educational opportunities and the long-term benefit. Mr. Moje reviewed the methods of funding for the different projects.

Mr. Moje turned the presentation over to Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell presented a map of the Stanardsville campus that had been modified to show the time frame categories of the projects, such as short-term projects, mid-term projects, long-term projects and operations funded. Mr. Powell stated presented the projects that go into each category. Mr. Powell stated the short-term (high priority) projects cost range will be \$16.7M to \$19.03 M range.

Mr. Powell presented the next steps for the implementation plan. These steps consist of:

- School board consensus on long-term capital improvement plan and masterplan
- School board direction on priority levels for projects being considered first steps/needs.
- Take short-term/high priority funding needs to Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Kibler asked the board members if they had any further comments.

There was board discussion regarding parking, the high school cafeteria and high school media center. Mrs. Paladino questioned if the courtyard at the high school goes under the operational funding category. Dr. Whitmarsh stated the courtyard belongs under the high school media center category.

Dr. Whitmarsh announced there will be a scheduled work session on October 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm with the Board of Supervisors to discuss facilities.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adopt a project prioritization plan for the facilities as presented. Mr. Daniel seconded. Mrs. Mack thanked the Board of Supervisors for working with the school board. Mrs. Paladino commented that the school board is starting with the projects that are needed the most. Dr. Kibler complimented VMDO for doing an excellent job. There was no further discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-206, FY2018 Budget Calendar. Dr. Whitmarsh stated she shared the proposed FY2018 budget calendar at the September 14, 2016 school board meeting. Mrs. Paladino made a motion to approve the FY2018 budget calendar as presented. Mrs. Mack seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Spencer presented action item #11-207, County Lease Purchase for Buses. Ms. Spencer stated the school board must take action in the form of a resolution to approve/consent to the County purchase of four school buses for school use. Ms. Spencer stated the resolution is necessary because, although the County will be funding the purchase of the buses, the schools will own and insure the buses and these buses are part of the collateral for the County lease purchase package. Mrs. Paladino asked if the buses were new or replacing buses. Ms. Spencer stated the four buses are replacements. Mr. Collier made a

motion to adopt the County lease purchase resolution as presented. Mrs. Paladino seconded. There was no further discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Huber presented action item #11-208, VSBA Bullying Prevention Month 2016 Resolution. Mr. Huber stated October is being recognized throughout the state of Virginia and Greene County Schools as Anti-Bullying Month. Mr. Huber shared with the school board the different activities each school was having relating to anti-bullying. Mr. Huber read the resolution into the minutes. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the anti-bullying resolution for Greene County Public Schools as presented. Mrs. Paladino seconded. There was no discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented action item #11-209, Appointment of Deputy Clerk. Dr. Whitmarsh recommended that Rhonda Houchens be appointed Deputy Clerk due to the Clerk being out on maternity leave. Mrs. Paladino made a motion to appoint Rhonda Houchens as Deputy Clerk for the Greene County School Board while the Clerk is out on leave. Mrs. Mack seconded. No discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Spencer presented information item #11-210, School Funds Audit Report. Ms. Spencer stated an overview of the results of the school funds audit conducted by Robertson Farmer Cox (RFC) during the summer 2016. The audit included School Nutrition funds and School funds. Ms. Spencer stated there were eleven findings, which is down from seventeen last year. Ms. Spencer stated she will be meeting with school administration and bookkeepers by the end of October to discuss the findings.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented superintendent's report #11-211, Superintendent's Comments. Dr. Whitmarsh expressed her excitement about the status of the facilities project.

Dr. Whitmarsh announced that she will be attending the Virginia Education Summit at Liberty University in Lynchburg on October 13, 2016.

Dr. Whitmarsh announced that the end of the first quarter is Friday, October 14, 2016 and report cards will go home on Friday, October 21, 2016. Dr. Whitmarsh announced that schools will be closed Monday, November 7 for staff staying for Parent/Teacher Conferences and Tuesday, November 8, 2016 due to it being a professional development day.

Dr. Whitmarsh announced that the public hearing on the FY2018 budget will be held at the November 9, 2016 school board meeting.

Dr. Whitmarsh expressed her enthusiasm about the great things taking place in the classrooms at the schools.

Mr. Daniel complimented the recognitions that were given out at the school board meeting. Mr. Daniel commented that he is glad to see the facilities project get under way.

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Mr. Collier commented that the students make the division look good.

Mrs. Paladino echoed other board member comments in relation to the recognitions and community.

Dr. Kibler thanked those who have worked with the facilities study and who served on the facilities study committee for their hard work. Dr. Kibler emphasized that the school division needs everyone's continued support.

Dr. Kibler adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Clerk