



**Minutes School Board Meeting
Greene County Public Schools
September 9, 2020
William Monroe High School Performing Arts Center**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Mack, Chairperson; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Leah Paladino, Member; Mr. Jason Collier, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR(S) PRESENT: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

The closed session was called to order at 6:45 p.m. in the William Monroe High School Media Lab.

Ms. Leah Paladino made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Jason Collier seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board certified by roll call vote that only such matters identified in the motion were heard or discussed. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Sansom, and Mr. Collier all certified.

Ms. Sharon Mack moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:00 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center.

Ms. Sharon Mack asked if there were any closed meeting actions that should be certified in open session. Ms. Leah Paladino moved to approve religious exemption 20-02, Mr. Jason Tooley seconded. All ayes from members, motion carried.

Mr. Jason Collier moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, Mr. Todd Sansom seconded. All ayes from members, motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Huber presented information item #11-930, the Return to Learn Update. He outlined various elements of what has been focused on during the first week of students being in the buildings. He explained what division leaders' expectations look like for teachers, students, and staff. He also provided an update on how technology is being used throughout the division and what strategies are being implemented to help reduce tech-related issues, including virtual office hours. He also outlined health and safety mitigation efforts and included photos of various PPE that have been installed/ distributed throughout the division. Additionally, he explained what are the major areas of focus moving forward.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information item #11-931, the FY2022 Budget Calendar. She explained that the calendar presented is a proposed timeline for how the fiscal year 2022 budget will be planned and created.

Dr. Kyle Pursel presented information item #11-932, the Greene County Sheriff's Office Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He explained that the MOU is an agreement between the school division and the Greene County Sheriff's Office for School Resource Officers (SROs') He said the MOU will now be reviewed every 2 years, rather than 5 years. He outlined the purpose of SRO's and their role within the GCPS community.

Ms. Sharon Mack presented information item #11-933, the 2020-2021 School Board Priorities. She read all the current priorities and asked the other members if there were any changes or additions that should be made. Ms. Mack said she would like this item to be included on the October agenda as an action item.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-935, the Superintendent's Update. She outlined her impression of the first two days of school. She thanked everyone in the division for their hard work and dedication during the process. During her update, she also reminded board members of superintendent's regulations that could be relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Mack asked Dr. Whitmarsh if there were any updates regarding receiving CARES act funding from the County Board of Supervisors. Dr. Whitmarsh said she has relayed what costs are needed from the County, however, said there was no commitment made about receiving any funding at that time.

Mr. Tooley asked parents to be patient with school staff as they work to adjust to all the new routines and processes with the new school year. He also thanked all the teachers and school staff for their hard work.

Ms. Paladino thanked everyone for their participation in the process of reopening the schools. She says she is hopeful that all the challenges that are associated with this school year are also opportunities to be creative and innovative.

Mr. Sansom thanked everyone for all the hard work that has been put into the school year. He said he is grateful to have a part in making the school year as great as possible for students. He assured all the parents that are listening to the meeting that division leaders are working diligently to make sure their students are taken care of.

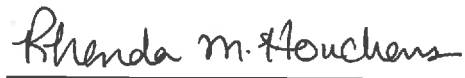
Mr. Collier said he was happy to see the students on the first day of school. He is hopeful that things can begin to look like a normal school year as quickly as possible. He also provided a brief update on PREP, including the process of hiring a new director.

Ms. Mack says she is happy to hear about all the success stories so far and that she is looking forward to hearing more. She also requested the board's consideration for establishing a set of "Board Norms and Protocols." She said it would be useful to have a reference for certain matters that pertain to the board.

Ms. Mack adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.



Chairman



Clerk