

GLOUCESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE
GLOUCESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
GLOUCESTER, VIRGINIA 23061**

March 11, 2021

The Gloucester County School Board held a budget work session on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Page Middle School in the Schola. Robin Rice, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken by the clerk, and the following persons recorded as present: Robin M. Rice, Chairperson, Elisa A. Nelson, Vice-Chairperson, Troy M. Andersen, George R. (Randy) Burak, Brenda F. Mack, Anita F. Parker, and Daren P. Post, Members.
- II. **MOTION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** – Mrs. Nelson made a motion to allow electronic participation of School Board members Anita Parker and Brenda Mack. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, with all members approving unanimously.
- III. **MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mrs. Rice led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, followed by a moment of silence.
- IV. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Dr. Walter Clemons, Superintendent, recommended the following additions to the agenda: “Item VII – Spring Calendar Adjustment” (Information/Action); “Item VIII – Elementary Redistricting Considerations” (Information); “Item IX – School Board Member Items”: (A) Indoor Air Quality management Discussion (Information) and (B) VSBA Business Honor Roll (Information/Action). Mr. Burak made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended additions. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, with all members approving unanimously.
- V. **DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL BOARD’S PROPOSED FY’22 BUDGET** Dr. Clemons and Heather Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, shared budget information with School Board members. Reflective of the General Assembly offering \$999,505 toward compensation increases, the local request would reduce from \$3,120,762 to \$2,247,579. Based on the final figure of a 5% increase to employees, the County Administrator’s recommended budget is \$2,221,100, which is what Dr. Clemons recommends as the School Board’s recommended budget.

Any requests in the Superintendent’s recommended budget not supported in the County Administrator’s budget, were removed. ESSER II grant funding increased to \$1,885,242, to reflect an additional amount of \$92,240 for technology.

FY’ 22 School Board revisions to consider include \$66,340,850 in the Operating Budget; \$2,856,277 in Central Food; \$3,828,209 for Debt Service; and \$53,922,648 in the CIP with “Option 3” for Gloucester High School, for a total of \$126,947,984.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve the proposed School Board recommended overall FY’22 Budget of \$126,947,984, with a local request of \$2,221,100 to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Burak seconded the motion, which was approved 5/1 in a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Andersen	AYE	Mr. Post	NAY
Mr. Burak	AYE	Mrs. Nelson	AYE
Ms. Mack	Absent	Mrs. Rice	AYE
Mrs. Parker	AYE		

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Lucas asked members to approve an additional expense to complete the Achilles Bus Loop, which may run into FY'22 due to the need to complete during the summer months. Additional costs will be \$77,062 of that \$72,178 is being requested to be transferred from the operational budget into Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in order to move forward.

Mrs. Nelson made a motion to approve the budget transfer request of \$72,178 from the operational budget to the CIP to complete the Achilles Bus Loop Project. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously in a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Andersen	AYE	Mr. Post	AYE
Mr. Burak	AYE	Mrs. Nelson	AYE
Ms. Mack	Absent	Mrs. Rice	AYE
Mrs. Parker	AYE		

VII. SPRING CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT – Dr. Chuck Wagner, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented proposed calendar adjustments necessary due to the return to a four day in person learning schedule. Adjustments include the following: 4/12 as an A Day; 4/13 as a B Day; 4/14 becoming an asynchronous day for all students; and 4/15 becoming a teacher work day. In addition, 4/16 would become a teacher work day and 4/19 would be the first day of the four day model of in person learning. The last day of school would become 6/16 instead of 6/15 and 6/17 and 6/18 would be teacher work days. Mr. Burak made a motion to approve the recommended adjustments to the calendar. Mr. Post seconded the motion, with members approving unanimously.

VIII. ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING CONSIDERATIONS – Bryan Hartley, Director of Operations and Tanya Deckard, Director of Transportation, explained the three options being considered for elementary redistricting. “Option 1” excludes rising 4th and 5th grade students and associated siblings, “Option 2” excludes rising 5th grade students and associated siblings, and “Option 3” has no exclusions. Discussion was held regarding the options, locations, impact on transportation, and school enrollment figures. Members asked to include a public hearing for this item at the April 13 regular meeting.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

A. Indoor Air Quality Mgt. Discussion – Mr. Post recommended staff compile a consolidated indoor air quality management plan for GCPS and determine where improvements may need to be made. Mrs. Rice indicated this item could be added to the June regular meeting to allow staff time to prepare. Mr. Post made a motion that the School Board request staff compile an indoor air quality management plan for GCPS to be included on the June monthly meeting agenda. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion with members approving unanimously.

B. VSBA Business Honor Roll – Mrs. Rice asked members to provide up to three nominations for the VSBA Business Honor Roll. Following discussion, Mr. Andersen made a motion to nominate Your Pie, Chick Fil A of Gloucester, and Sweet Frog of Gloucester. Mr. Burak seconded the motion, with members approving unanimously.

X. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Rice made the following public announcements:

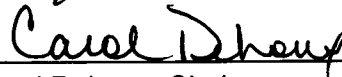
- A. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors @ 7:00 p.m. in the Gloucester High School Auditorium
- B. GCPS Educational Foundation Virtual 5K (March 20 – April 10, 2021)
- C. Monday, April 5 – Friday, April 9, 2021, Spring Break – Division Closed
- D. Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Monthly School Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. (Location – TBD)

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XI. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT At 7:54 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Burak, and unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session meeting of March 11, 2021, until the Joint School Board and board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gloucester High School Auditorium.



Robin Rice, Chairperson



Carol Dehoux, Clerk

Attachments (3):

1. FY22 Budget
2. Elementary Redistricting Map
3. Calendar Updates