

GLOUCESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

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

April 22, 2021

The Gloucester County School Board held a Work Session on Thursday, April 22, 2021 in the auditorium at Gloucester High School. 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 were recorded as present: Robin M. Rice, Chairperson, Elisa A. Nelson, Vice-Chairperson, Troy M. Andersen, George R. (Randy) Burak, Anita F. Parker, and Daren P. Post, Members. Brenda F. Mack, Member, was absent from the meeting.
- 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. Burak seconded the motion, with all members approving unanimously. Mrs. Mack was noted as absent.
- 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 addition of “Item IX – Page M.S. ballfield additional appropriation request to the county,” with subsequent item numbers changing accordingly. Mr. Burak made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Speakers were asked to state their name, the district in which they reside, and limit their remarks to 5 minutes or less.

No public comments were given in person or by the prerecorded call in option.
- VI. **2021-22 CALENDAR OPTIONS** – Mr. Bryan Hartley, Director of Operations presented the 2021-22 calendar options for both a pre and post Labor Day start. Both options maintain all holidays with the exception of Columbus Day and also includes a teacher work day between each quarter. With the pre-Labor Day calendar school would begin on Aug. 30 and end June 15. The post-Labor Day start would begin Sept. 7 and end on June 23. Following discussion, Dr. Clemons recommended the School Board adopt the pre-Labor Day calendar. A motion was made by Mrs. Nelson to adopt the pre-Labor Day calendar, seconded by Mr. Burak and approved unanimously.
- VII. **COMMENCEMENT 2021** – Dr. Clemons shared the calendar results from the commencement survey provided to senior students and parents. Graduation will be held on June 12, with rain dates of June 13 and June 14. The majority of seniors and parents who responded, prefer to have three separate ceremonies, allowing up to ten guests. Times will be determined and if restrictions are lifted prior to graduation, ceremonies could potentially be reduced to one or two and maintain up to ten guests.
- VIII. **FY’22 BUDGET DISCUSSION** – Dr. Clemons and the Executive Leadership Team presented the FY’22 operating budget of \$27,742,836, which is reflective of the final allocation from the Board of Supervisors of \$1,261,110 (\$986,469 less that requested). The CIP budget is \$52,521,426, which is \$34,246,725 less than the School Board requested with a full renovation of GHS. The amount approved, includes Option 2 for GHS (\$41,663,275) and

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would not include replacing parts of the roof currently under warranty. The total amended FY'22 budget is \$129,222,999. A motion was made by Mrs. Parker to adopt the budget as presented. Mr. Burak seconded the motion which was approved in a 5/1 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		

IX. PAGE BALLFIELD ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST TO BOS – In the CIP, \$400,000 is allotted for the Page baseball field. When Page M.S. was built, the field was estimated to cost \$285,000. However, the lowest current bid is \$555,000, with the highest over 1 million. Dr. Clemons asked the School Board to approve a request to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the difference between the funds available in the CIP and the lowest bid. Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve the request to seek the additional funds needed from the BOS. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, which was approved in a 5/1 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		

X. ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING – Mr. Hartley and Mrs. Tanya Deckard, Director of Transportation, displayed a map of the areas that could be redistricted, as presented at the meeting last month. “Option 1” was shown indicating enrollment numbers if rising 4th and 5th grade students and siblings remained at their current school, as well as “Option 2” for only rising 5th grade students and siblings remaining. “Option 3” would not include any exceptions. Following discussion, Mr. Burak made a motion to adopt “Option 2” of the elementary redistricting proposal. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, which failed in a 3/3 roll call vote as follows: *This item will be brought back on the May agenda.*

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

XI. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Rice made the following announcement:
A. Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – Next monthly School Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. – Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Auditorium)

XII. CALL FOR CLOSED MEETING
At 6:36 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Burak and unanimously approved to recess for a Closed Meeting pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711, (A), Subsection 1, for the discussion of personnel matters (monthly appointments, resignations, etc.).

Note: Dr. Chuck Wagner, acting clerk, recorded the remainder of the meeting. The acting clerk noted all members were present for the closed meeting with the exception of Ms. Mack.

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- XIII. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING/CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING** – At 6:52 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Nelson to reconvene the meeting into open session and certify that the Gloucester County School Board, while in closed session, discussed only public matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements provided in Subsection A of Section 2.2-3711; and that only public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered. Mr. Burak seconded the motion, which was approved 5/1 with Mr. Post being the opposing vote.
- XIV. PERSONNEL ITEMS** – A motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Ms. Nelson and adopted to approve the monthly listing of personnel appointments, resignations, etc. (**Attached to Minutes**)
- XV. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT** – At 6:55 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Mrs. Nelson and approved to adjourn the School Board Work Session of April 22, 2021 until the monthly School Board meeting on May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium.



Robin Rice, Chairperson



Carol Dehoux, Clerk



Chuck Wagner, Acting Clerk

ATTACHMENTS (2)

- 1) Agenda Packet for April 22, 2021 School Board Meeting
- 2) Approved Monthly Personnel Listing