

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

**June 23, 2021**

A Gloucester County School Board Called Work Session was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 in the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium. 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 Mack, Anita F. Parker, and Daren P. Post, Members.
  
- II. **MOTION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** – Not needed. All members were physically present.
  
- III. **CALL FOR CLOSED MEETING** – At 5:30 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.) and **Subsection 7** for **consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation** (Cares Act Purchases).  
  
Note: Dr. Chuck Wagner, acting clerk, recorded the closed meeting. The acting clerk noted all members were present for the closed meeting.
  
- IV. **RETURN TO OPEN MEETING/CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING** – At 5:58 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Andersen 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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mack and approved unanimously.
  
- V. **PERSONNEL ITEMS** – Not discussed during closed session prior to the open meeting. An additional closed session was called at the end of the work session meeting.
  
- VI. **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.
  
- VII. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Dr. Walter Clemons, Superintendent, recommended moving Public Comments prior to Public Announcements and add Approval of the School Board Retreat on Thursday, Aug. 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the TCWEC Cafeteria as an item below the recommended change of the July meeting. Mr. Post requested to vote separately on the recommendation to move public comments.

Mr. Post made a motion not to move public comments. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, which failed 4/3 in a poll vote as follows:

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

Mr. Burak made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes. Ms. Mack seconded the motion, with members approving 6/1. Mr. Post was the opposing vote.

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(CITIZEN COMMENT PEORIOD – Moved to the end of the agenda prior to public announcements.)

**VIII. REMOTE LEARNING APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR** – Dr. Chuck Wagner, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction provided information regarding requests made for remote learning. Forty-three applications have been received for review. Notification will be given July 1, with registration on July 15, and classes beginning on August 24 through Virtual Virginia.

**IX. GRANT APPLICATION : YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PLANNING/UNFINISHED LEARNING** – Dr. Wagner informed members Gloucester County Public Schools was selected to receive the \$50K planning grant to research year-round school. The grant requires a 20% local match to proceed. GCPS was also awarded the Unfinished Learning Grant, which was part of the application for the year-round school grant. Through this grant, \$1,446,251 was awarded to support mediation and intervention, with funds to be expended through the 2022-23 school year. Principals will begin development of before/after school remediation intervention programs.

**X. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATE** – Mr. Bryan Hartley, Director of Operations provided updates regarding Gloucester High School and HVAC projects. Other scheduled projects include lighting; paving; Page baseball field; Achilles Bus Loop; transportation facility; Achilles Roof Project; and playgrounds.

Mr. Andersen, CIP Board Liaison, said the GHS roof plan is complete and construction documents will be updated to reflect the changes and bids obtained. Discussion was held regarding the current market and potential scale backs. Scott Shorland, Construction Manager, said the architect will be responsible for designing based on the budget and will do cost estimates periodically.

**XI. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS ABOVE \$50,000** – Mrs. Heather Lucas, Chief Financial Officer asked the board to approve additional purchase orders above \$50,000 for expenses that need approval (Honeywell annual comprehensive service agreement). Mr. Burak made a motion to approve the purchase orders above \$50,000 indicated. Ms. Mack seconded the motion, which passed unanimously in a poll vote as follows:

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

**XII. RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO MOVE THE JULY 20, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO JULY 13, 2021** – Dr. Clemons proposed moving the July 20 School Board meeting to July 13. Mr. Burak made a motion to approve the recommended change. Ms. Mack seconded the motion, which passed in a 6/1 vote. Mr. Post was the opposing vote.

Mr. Post moved to amend the agenda to add the discussion of the Town Hall in the month of July. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, which passed 5/2 in a poll vote as follows:

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

The Town Hall will be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the TCWEC Auditorium following the regular monthly meeting on July 13. Mr. Post requested to move the Town Hall to the end of July. After discussion, Mr. Post made a motion to hold the Town Hall on July 27 at 7:00 p.m. The

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motion did not receive a second. Motion died.

Mr. Post made a motion that the School Board affirm that two weeks is sufficient notice for a Town Hall meeting. The motion did not receive a second. Motion died.

- XIII. SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL RETREAT DATE** – Dr. Clemons proposed holding the annual retreat on August 12 in the TCWEC Cafeteria beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Burak made a motion to approve. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, with all in favor.

- XIV. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD** – Mrs. Rice asked speakers to state their name, the district in which they reside and limit their remarks to items on the agenda. Each speaker was given three minutes (non-deferrable).

Mr. Post moved to extend the time allowed for each speaker to five minutes. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, with all members in favor.

Lawrence Cohen/York – Spoke regarding advertising of the Town Hall and that it be an open forum with responses.

Don Mitchell/York – Spoke regarding the Town Hall and the Comprehensive Plan.

Howard Mowry/Petsworth – Referenced Federal elections and citizens looking forward to a signed resolution that CRT and Equity Virginia will not be included this school year.

Dorothy Bayford/Abingdon – Spoke regarding the Town Hall.

Catherine Carter/Abingdon – Spoke regarding Critical Race Theory and the Town Hall providing information.

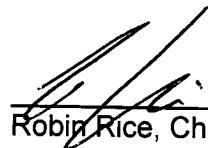
Mr. Post asked if the comprehensive plan would be adopted prior to the Town Hall meeting. Dr. Clemons indicated it would be discussed at the retreat in August, which follows the Town Hall meeting.

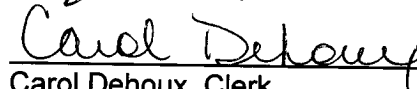
There were no call in comments.

- XV. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mrs. Rice made the following public announcement:  
A. Monday, July 5, 2021, Independence Day Observed – Division Closed
- XVI. CALL FOR CLOSED MEETING**  
At 7:33 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Post 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.).
- XVII. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING/CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING** – At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Andersen 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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mack and approved unanimously.
- XVIII. PERSONNEL ITEMS** – A motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Ms. Mack and adopted to approve the monthly listing of personnel appointments, resignations, etc.

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- XIX. **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:49 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Ms. Mack and approved to adjourn the School Board Work Session of June 23, 2021, until the regular monthly meeting on, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center auditorium, with closed session at 5:00 p.m. and a Town Hall meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Robin Rice, Chairperson

  
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Carol Dehoux, Clerk

  
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Chuck Wagner, Acting Clerk

**Attachments (4):**

1. Bound Agenda for June 23, 2021 Monthly Meeting
2. Approved Personnel Agenda
3. Approval of Purchases over \$50K
4. Capital Projects Update