

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

July 13, 2021

A Gloucester County School Board monthly meeting and Town Hall was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium. Robin Rice, Chairperson called the monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken by the acting clerk, and the following persons 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 Mack arrived at 5:32 p.m.
- II. **ADDITONS/CHANGES** – Mr. Burak made a motion to add consultation with legal counsel regarding rules of order for the Town Hall meeting under Subsection 7 of the closed meeting. Mrs. Parker seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mrs. Mack was not present for this motion.
- III. **CALL FOR CLOSED MEETING** – Mrs. Rice called for a closed meeting at 5:01 p.m. Pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711, (A), Subsection 1, for the discussion of personnel matters (monthly appointments and resignations) and Subsection 7, for consultation with legal counsel regarding Grimm vs. Gloucester County School Board and rules of order for the Town Hall meeting.
- IV. **RETURN TO OPEN MEETING/CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING** – At 6:00 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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mack and approved unanimously.
- V. **PERSONNEL ITEMS** – A motion was made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mrs. Nelson and adopted to approve the monthly listing of personnel appointments, resignations, etc.
- 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, had no recommended changes to the agenda. Mr. Post made a motion to add citizen comments regarding the Town Hall. The motion was not seconded. Mr. Burak made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Mack and approved 6/1 in a poll vote. Mr. Post was the opposing vote.
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA** – Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Burak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously in a poll vote.
 - A. Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2021 School Board Meeting
 - B. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2021 School Board Work Session
 - C. Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2021 School Board Meeting

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- D. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2021 School Board Work Session
- E. Informational Central Food Service Financial Report as of May 31, 2021
- F. Informational Membership Report as of June 30, 2021
- G. Informational Visiting Teachers Report for June 2021
- H. Informational Discipline Report for June 2021
- I. Approval of VSBA Membership Dues for 2021-22
- J. Approval of 4th Quarter Fundraisers
- K. Approval of 2021-22 Pay Plan Supplements
- L. Approval of Federal Program Applications - Title Grants 2021-22
- M. Informational Instruction Monthly Departmental Report
- N. Informational Budget and Finance Monthly Departmental Report
- O. Informational Operations Monthly Departmental Report
- P. Informational Human Resources Monthly Departmental Report

IX. **SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS**

- A. Public Health Order Requiring Masks in Public Schools through July 25 – Dr. Clemons informed members a resolution will be required for the 2021-22 school year regarding mask wearing. The current public health order, which expires on July 25, requires masks indoors when in an instructional setting. Dr. Clemons expects additional guidance from the State Health Commissioner to be forthcoming and will provide those updates.

X. **BUDGET AND FINANCE ITEMS**

- A. Financial Report for May 2021 – Heather Lucas, Chief Financial Officer indicated the FY'21 budget is 98.79% complete as of the end of May. The majority of the CIP budget of 4.6 million, will roll into FY'22 for GHS and other projects.
- A. Acceptance of Donations – Mrs. Nelson made a motion to approve the monetary donations for the month in the amount of \$750.00. Mr. Burak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously in a poll vote.

XI. **OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A. Air Quality Management Plan Update — Mr. Bryan Hartley, Director of Operations informed members of updates to the air quality management plan that was initially presented at the June meeting. Minor spacing updates were made to the table of contents and language was adjusted to state "Director of Facilities or Designee" in appropriate areas. A motion was made by Mr. Post to accept the air quality management plan with updates. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- B. Approval of 2021-22 Student Code of Conduct Changes – Mr. Hartley and Mrs. Katina Keener, Student Services Coordinator apprised the Board of language changes made under discipline codes in the code of conduct, which follow state guidelines. A vote was not required.

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- C. Policy Revisions/Deletions (1st or 1st/2nd Reading) – Mr. Burak made a motion to accept the policy revisions and deletion presented by Mr. Hartley as 1st and 2nd readings, which was seconded by Ms. Mack and approved unanimously.

Policy Revisions

- 1) CBG Evaluation of the Superintendent
- 2) CH Policy Implementation
- 3) EFB Food Services
- 4) EBCB Safety Drills

Policy Deletion

- 1) IHA Grouping for Instruction

XII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS – Mrs. Rice

- A. VSBA Media Honor Roll – Mrs. Parker made a motion to table the VSBA Media Honor Roll selection until the August regular meeting. Mr. Burak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- B. CIP Liaison Update – Mr. Andersen informed the Board of an August 30 expected completion date for the Achilles bus loop. The Page baseball field contract is complete and Moseley Architects are in the process of completing the design for GHS. The transportation design is complete and currently being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and Department of Transportation.
- C. Town Hall Rules of Order – Mr. Post made a motion to add two minutes to each speaker's allotted time during the Town Hall meeting and 30 seconds for a follow-up question to Board member responses. Ms. Mack seconded the motion, with all members approving unanimously. Mr. Post made a motion to eliminate the speaker sign-up at the Town Hall meeting. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, which was approved in a 4-3 poll vote. (Mack/Nelson/Rice were the opposing votes.) Mr. Post made a motion to require non-Gloucester citizens to identify that they do not live in the county. The motion was not seconded. Mr. Post made a motion to permit citizens to return to ask a second question during the Town Hall meeting. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion, which failed in a 5-2 vote, with all other Board members opposing. Mr. Post made a motion to amend the current rule #3 to allow citizens to direct their question to either their district representative or an at-large representative. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. After discussion, Mr. Post amended the motion to state to allow the citizen to choose whether the question is directed to the district representative or an at-large representative. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andersen and approved unanimously in a poll vote. The board then voted on the original motion to allow either district or at-large members to respond, which was approved unanimously in a poll vote.
- D. Committees/Boards/Commissions Updates from Board Members – Mrs. Parker informed members the Educational Foundation will be holding an in-person 3K/8K during the 2021-22 school year. All proceeds support initiatives for GCPS students and teachers.

XIII. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Rice read the following public announcements:

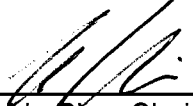
- A. Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Monthly School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Auditorium)
- B. Thursday, August 12, 2021, School Board Annual Retreat at 9:00 a.m. at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Café)

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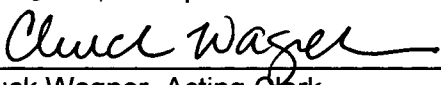
- XIV. **CALL FOR RECESS** – Mr. Andersen called for a recess until 7:00 p.m. when the Town Hall would begin. Mr. Burak seconded the motion.
- XV. **TOWN HALL** - Mrs. Rice began the Town Hall portion of the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, which was followed by a citizen requesting a moment of silence. A presentation was shown regarding rules of order for the Town Hall; the GCPS Comprehensive Plan; Treatment of Transgender Students; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Critical Race Theory; Communication from the GCPS School Board Chair dated May 21, 2021; EdEquity VA; Standards of Learning and Curriculum information; Culturally Responsive Teaching and Teacher Evaluation; African American History elective; Gifted Program; Mask Wearing in Schools; Immunization/Vaccination Requirements; and Social/Emotional Learning.

Thirty-six citizens addressed the Board regarding the aforementioned topics as well as enrollment; systemic racism; WHRO curriculum; VDOE framework; civility; body cameras; inappropriate video by a School Board member; School Board working together; diversity vs. equity and equality; process for parent complaints; extending the school year; VDOE guidelines/requirements; and student withdrawals.

- XVI. **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:08 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Ms. Mack and approved to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting and Town Hall meeting of July 13, 2021, until the regular monthly meeting on, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center auditorium.



 Robin Rice, Chairperson



 Chuck Wagner, Acting Clerk

Attachments (3):

1. Bound Agenda for July 13, 2021 Monthly Meeting
2. Town Hall Meeting Proposed Procedures
3. Approved Monthly Personnel Agenda