



## Gloucester County School Board & Board of Supervisors Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 / 6:00 p.m.

(following tour of GHS held at 5:00 p.m.)

T.C. Walker Education Center – Auditorium/ 6099 T.C. Walker Road, Gloucester, VA 23061

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(Please note: The minutes of the Board of Supervisors for this meeting will be posted to Escribe as the official minutes.)

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Chris Hutson (BOS chairperson) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken for the Board of Supervisors by Ms. Carol Steele, County Administrator, with Chris A. Hutson, Chairperson, Ashley C. Chriscoe, Vice-Chair, Kenneth W. Gibson, Michael W. Hedrick, Kevin M. Smith, J.J. Orth and Phillip Bazanni recorded as present.

Mr. Troy Andersen (School Board chairperson) asked Ms. Carol Dehoux, clerk to call the roll for the School Board with the following persons recorded as present: Troy M. Andersen (chairperson), George R. (Randy) Burak, Karen Espinoza, Nicole McPherson, Darren P. Post and Robin M. Rice, members. Carlton Drew was absent.

### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ashley C. Chriscoe (BOS vice chairperson) led in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda – Mr. Chriscoe made a motion to move “Item F” *Gloucester County Public Schools Capital Improvement Projects Update* to “Item B.” Mr. Gibson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda – The consent agenda was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors in a motion that was seconded by Mr. Chriscoe (*Unable to hear who made the motion*).

- a) Designation of Voting Credentials for the Virginia Association of Counties 2023 Annual Business Meeting – Carol Steele – County Administrator

### 5. Matters Presented by the Boards – Mr. Chriscoe thanked Mr. Hartley, Dr. Vladu and the School Board for the tour of the in progress renovations at GHS.

### 6. County Administrator – Ms. Carol Steele said the Harmful Waste Collection will occur this Saturday 9-3 at the Guinea Road Convenience Center.

**Superintendent Items** – Dr. Vladu stated the 2023 SOL results in Gloucester were much better than the overall state results. Virginia schools will receive a grant for the state-wide *All in Tutoring* program to help students who are struggling academically. Additional information will be provided at the next School Board meeting. Dr. Vladu plans to invite board members to shadow a principal for a day during the second part of the school year.

### 7. Citizens’ Comment Period – (*limited to topics on the Work Session agenda only*)

Howard Mowry (York) – Referenced the GCPS attendance record compared to last year; school capacity figures being included on the membership report; how membership expectations are determined and the CIP.

Susan Austin (Ware) – Referenced inappropriateness of a GHS employee.

8. **Work Session Agenda**

- a) **Presentation of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) Re-accreditation to the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office** Joe McLaughlin (Sheriff, New Kent County) presented Darrel Warren (Sheriff, Gloucester County) with the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission award received by the GCSO. This is a voluntary program for the department and requires several accreditation bullets to accomplish along with a several day audit.
- b) **Gloucester County Public Schools Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update** – Bryan Hartley (Director of Operations) provided the CIP presentation for 2023-28. Projects include HVAC replacements; restroom renovations; bus replacement cycle; bus a/c retrofit (2024); TCWEC brick and soffit work (2026); Botetourt 1973 wing renovation/ADA issues (2025); Achilles security vestibule (2023) with matching grant which was completed; lockset replacement (2024); and a proposed GHS sports complex option. Asphalt sealant and roof work will be necessary at some point, but are currently not in the plan.

**Added to the Agenda** - Mr. Hudson asked Ted Wilmot to come forward to receive a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of dedicated services.

- c) **Virginia Recreation & Park Society Awards Recognition** – Katey Legg (Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism) shared slides showcasing the four areas Gloucester received awards at the VRPS conference recently held in James City County. Over one hundred twenty five applications were submitted and forty-eight awards given.
- d) **Joint Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Gloucester County, Gloucester County Public Schools and the Community Services Board for Substance Use Prevention and Counseling Services** – Steve Wright (Deputy County Administrator) provided information regarding the proposed position of a substance abuse counselor partially funded through the opioid crisis grant. The prevention program is the principal facet of trying to negate the opioid crisis. The Community Services Board also agreed to leverage funds to supplement the grant to have a fulltime dedicated prevention and treatment specialist. This position will be in place with the available funding through June 2025 with the possibility of continuing. Mr. Chriscoe made a motion for the Board of Supervisors to approve the memorandum of agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Gibson and unanimously passed in a roll call vote.

Mr. Bizzani	<u>AYE</u>	Mr. Chriscoe	<u>AYE</u>	Mr. Gibson	<u>AYE</u>	Mr. Hedrick	<u>AYE</u>
Mr. Hudson	<u>AYE</u>	Dr. Orth	<u>AYE</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>AYE</u>		

Mr. Post made a motion for the School Board to approve the memorandum of agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Burak and passed in a 6/0 roll call vote.

Mr. Burak	<u>AYE</u>	Mr. Drew	<u>AYE</u>	Ms. Espinoza	<u>AYE</u>		
Ms. McPherson	<u>AYE</u>	Mr. Post	<u>AYE</u>	Ms. Rice	<u>ABSENT</u>	Mr. Andersen	<u>AYE</u>

- e) **Gloucester County Public Schools Enrollment Update (September 30 ADM)** – Dr. Anthony Vladu (Superintendent of Schools) indicated the division is currently ninety-seven students below the projected enrollment and homeschooling numbers are approaching those seen during the pandemic. Dr. Vladu plans to reach out to parents of homeschooled students. The March 31 Average Daily Membership (ADM) report will provide additional details and is the enrollment date used to determine funding. Mr. Gibson asked about the renovation at GHS and how the quality of the facilities impact the enrollment. Dr. Vladu believes the more pride taken in the facility, the more students we will have enrolled.
- f) **Gloucester County Public Schools Accreditation Update** – Dr. Vladu discussed data available on the school quality profile which compares three years of different third grade students in math and

reading (20-21/21-22/22-23). Data was also shown following a cohort of students. Other areas shared were grades 6 and 8 as well as economically disadvantaged students and those with disabilities. The Virginia All In Tutoring approach is designed to support students in grades 3-8.

- g) **Discussion of the Proposed Calendar for the 2024 Joint Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and School Board** – Dr. Vladu indicated March 19, 2024 and October 15, 2024 are the proposed dates for the 2024 joint meetings. These will be approved by the School Board with the annual meeting calendar.
  - h) **Resolution Setting the FY2025 Gloucester County Budget Calendar** – Ms. Steele proposed Town Hall dates to the Board of Supervisors with March 21, 2024 selected.
  - i) **Discussion of Gloucester County Public Schools Legislative Priorities for the 2024 General Assembly Session** – Dr. Vladu discussed budget strategies and the JLARC study which indicates Virginia is severely underfund in education and provided examples. State guidelines do provide for some flexibility in teacher licensure.
  - j) **Discussion of and Request for Input on County’s Legislative Priorities for the 2024 General Assembly Session** – Ms. Steele shared legislative requests and priorities to include state parks; cameras on Rt. 17 and restoration of the recreation tax. Discussion was also held regarding the Coleman Bridge toll and broadband issues.
  - k) **Discussion of State Budget Changes** – Ms. Steele indicated a 2% salary increase will be proposed for county employees next month and will apply to all county employees except the Sheriff’s Department who were taken care of last year. Dr. Vladu indicated the state funding received by the school division was only for Standards of Quality positions and the budget is being reviewed to make a recommendation to the School Board at the next monthly meeting.
9. **Supervisors / School Board Members Discussion** – Mr. Chriscoe thanked Ms. Rice and Mr. Burak for their service to the students, teachers and citizens of Gloucester County. Mr. Bizzani also thanked Mr. Hedrick who will not be returning on the Board of Supervisors and to Dr. Vladu for the opportunity to meet and discuss his plans.

Adjournment: At 7:49 pm, Mr. Post made a motion for the School Board to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Espinoza. Mr. Chriscoe made a motion for the Board of Supervisors to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Gibson.

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Troy Andersen, School Board Chairperson

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Carol Dehoux, School Board Clerk