

**Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting
News Release
December 15, 2005**

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent

***Pledge of Allegiance**

The School Board Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Comments**

***Special Presentations**

The presentations were postponed until a later date due to the inclement weather.

***Educational Feature**

The Educational Feature was postponed until a later date due to the inclement weather.

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2005
- Bills in the amount of \$ 406,563.15
- Payroll, November 30th and December 15th, 2005
- Revenue for November 2005
- Expenditure for November 2005
- Appropriation Request for January 2006

***The School Board Approves/Confirms Personnel Items**

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations:** Melissa P. Conley - NHS Varsity Girls Softball Coach, Whitney Matlock – GHS Girls Basketball.

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment:** Transfer of Ruth Ann Moore from GHS Special Education Teacher Assistant to the Remedial Lab Teacher Assistant, Transfer of Annissa Dudding from NEMS Teacher Assistant to the GHS Special Education Teacher Assistant.

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Contracts:** Renee Jesse – NHS Varsity Girls Softball Coach, Chris Gautier – NHS J.V. Boys Basketball Coach (Head), Brandon Hollie – NHS Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Chris Webb – NHS J.V. Boys Basketball Coach, J.P. Griffith – GHS 8th Grade & Varsity Asst. Basketball Coach. Dr. Webb abstained.

The School Board confirmed all **Substitute Teachers to Date.**

***The School Board Hears Reports from the Superintendent**

The School Board approved policy changes as recommended by VSBA Policy Services and Administration.

The School Board approved a scholarship offered by Scholarship Management Services, a program of Scholarship America. Micron Technology Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that up to \$253,000 in scholarships will be awarded in the Micron Science and Technology Scholars Program. This program was established to recognize high school seniors in the states of Idaho, Utah, Texas, Virginia, and Colorado who have demonstrated excellence in academics and leadership. Students have to meet certain requirements to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America. Scholarship America is a national non-profit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and

assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement.

The School Board approved the Virginia Space Grant Consortium's (VSGC) 2006-2007 Scholarship and Fellowship Program. Each academic year, VSGC awards nearly \$300,000 to students who will attend, or who are attending Virginia universities. To encourage talented individuals to pursue studies leading to teaching certifications in the sciences, mathematics and technology education, VSGC established the Teacher Education Scholarship program. Awards are one-year, non-renewable \$1,000 stipends for students enrolled at one of the five VSGC universities. The Consortium provides a competitive scholarship program open to undergraduate and graduate education-degree seeking students who are U.S. citizens and will be enrolled in a full-time program of study at one of the five VSGC universities at the time of the award. Students eligible for support must be in a track that would qualify them to teach in a pre-college setting. Students enrolled full-time in a career-switcher program or a similar pre-service teacher licensure program are also eligible. Students may also apply during their senior year of high school or sophomore year of community college. Priority will be given to those majoring in technology education, mathematics or science, particularly earth/space/life/environmental science.

The School Board approved a scholarship from the Roy Stanley Miller Charitable Foundation. The Roy Stanley Miller Charitable Foundation intends to award each year a minimum of two one-time \$1,000.00 scholarships to seniors within the WDBJ Channel 7 viewing area (**primarily Western Virginia**) subject to requirements. Some of the following requirements are: The student must be a senior who will be accepted by an accredited college or university; The student must reside in the WDBJ 7 viewing area; Applicants must establish evidence of financial need; Applicants must desire to be a journalism or communications major, or be a deserving athlete; The applicant must submit a letter of application including: college he or she plans to attend and curriculum planning to pursue, address within the WDBJ 7 viewing area, evidence of financial need, reasons for wanting to attend college, numerical or class rank, grade point average, grades, extracurricular activities, if desiring to be a journalism major, a sample of a written or broadcast piece of journalism is encouraged, and parents' most recent federal income tax return.

The Superintendent stated that he has spoken with Secondary Principals and Trisha Young, the Testing Coordinator, concerning SOL testing in January because of the number of school days we have missed due to inclement weather.

***School Board and School Staff Present Comments and Mission Statement Accomplishments**
Board Members commended the GHS Football Team, Coaching Staff, Fans, and Administration for their State Championship and wonderful season.

Congratulations to Coach Ragsdale for receiving the honor of the Group A Coach of the Year.

The GHS football team and Coach Ragsdale were commended for their sportsmanship and the example set forth by Coach Ragsdale.

The GHS Band was commended for their great performance.

A board member stated that they were happy to see AED's put in all of the schools.

There was a concern of why some students are not staying in the Governor's School and there is going to be emphasis placed on staying at the Governor's School by Principals in the future.

A handout was given to each Board Member regarding the Governor's School Math League Top Scorers, with GHS student Davide Ceritano being one of the students recognized on the list. He was commended for this honor.

A board member spoke on the 2006-2007 School Calendar concerning the difference in the number of instructional days that are in the school calendar compared to other school divisions. It was stated that they would like to see the calendar incorporate the make-up days and become a 186 instructional day school year, with 6 undesignated make up days. The Superintendent is going to share this information with administrators and faculty at the ADM and PAC meetings on Monday, January 19th.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved a motion to join the VSBA Risk Management Services Pool.

The School Board approved the employment of Danny L. Havens as a GHS Custodian, effective January 2, 2006.

The School Board approved the employment of Ashley D. Harvey as a NHS Special Education Teacher, effective January 2, 2006.

The School Board approved a motion to extend the first semester from Wednesday, January 25th, 2006 to Monday, January 30th, 2006, making January 25th a regular school day and January 30th a four hour early release.

The School Board approved the 2006-2007 School Calendar.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The January School Board meeting will be held **Thursday, January 19, 2005** at 3:00 PM at the School Board Office, prior to the quarterly dinner meeting with administrators at 5:30 PM, which will be held at EEMS.