

**Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
NEWS RELEASE  
August 25, 2006**

*Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II*

*Division Superintendent*

**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**\*Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2006
- Bills in the amount of \$ 807,413.77
- Payroll, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Revenue for June 2006
- Expenditure for June 2006
- Appropriation Request for September 2006
- Confirmation of Surplus Items

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Retirements**: **Robert Dalton** – GHS Bus Driver (Effective August 1, 2006).

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations**: **Vicky Johnson** – MMS Elementary Teacher (Effective end of 2005-2006 school year), **Melissa Hall** – NEMS Special Education Teacher (Effective June 30, 2006), **Todd Lusk** – Golf Coach.

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment**: **Elisabeth Melton** – NEMS Elementary Teacher, **Michele Fields** – Eastern District Bus Driver (Transfer from Western District), **Jacob Williams** – NEMS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant, **Melissa Light** – NEMS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant (Transfer from GHS), **Paula Tibbs** – Gifted Coordinator, **Paula Parsell** – EEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant (Transfer from MMS to EEMS), **Tammy Riggs** – MMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Brenda Hayes** – Instructional Technology Resource Teacher (Transfer from MMS Teacher), **Jackie Koch** – MMS Elementary Teacher, **Christina Trent** – NEMS Special Education Teacher (Transfer from Classroom Teacher), **Jeff Williams** – GHS Bus Driver (Transfer from EEMS), **Eric Widdoes** – GHS Admin. Activities Coordinator, **Jeremiah Tuggle** – GHS History Teacher, **Cortney Mann** – EEMS Elementary Teacher, **Kathleen Ward** – NEMS Elementary Teacher, **Don Lowe** – NHS Admin. Activities Coordinator, **Shellie Austin** – MMS Elementary Teacher, **Scott Corboy** – NHS Custodian (Transfer from SBO), **Tammy Frazier** – NEMS Elementary Teacher (Transfer from Technology Resource Teacher), **Jason D. Mills** – GHS Assistant Principal, **Ann Hively** – MMS Guidance Counselor, **Amy R. Gervich** – MMS Elementary Teacher, **Tabitha Young** – GHS Business Teacher, **Teresa Neel** – NEMS/NHS Bus Driver, **Amy Jo Hill** – GHS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant, **David Perkins** – SBO Custodian, **Julie Hoeksema** – NEMS Elementary Teacher, **McCreery Mann** – NHS AEP Lead Teacher.

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: **Jody Bragg** – NHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball, **Chris Bales** – GHS Assistant JV Football, **Wayne Gautier** – NHS Varsity Girls Basketball, **Brandon Hollie** – NHS Golf, **Alleta Morrison** – NHS Varsity Volleyball, **Amy Pennington** – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> & JV Assistant Cheerleading, **Kara Meadows** – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> & JV Assistant Cheerleading, **Todd Meredith** – NHS JV Boys Basketball, **Todd Meredith** – NHS JV Volleyball, **Sherry Gautier** – NHS Cheerleading.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements**: **Jackie Evans** – GHS Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football, **Mandy Havens** – JV Assistant Volleyball.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: **Sally Shupe** – EEMS (School

activities).

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

The School Board confirmed the proposal from Advance Drug Testing II for services specified in RFP #14-2006 (drug & alcohol testing services for CDL holders).

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

The Superintendent introduced 21 new teachers for the 2006-2007 school year, and the School Board joined them in a continental breakfast provided by the Giles County Chamber of Commerce with Barbara Stafford, Executive Director, hosting the event. New teachers are:

**EASTERN ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Kevin Riley – Music  
Cortney Tuggle – 6/7 Grade

**MACY MCCLAUGHERTY SCHOOL**

Patricia Tolley – Speech Therapist  
Sean Sowers – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Tracey Yates – Title I  
Julie Sargent – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Amanda Deane – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Ann Hively – Guidance  
Jackie Koch – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Shellie Austin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Amy Gervich – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**NARROWS ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Heather Ursano – Special Education  
Kathleen Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Elisabeth Melton – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Julie Hoeksema – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**GILES HIGH SCHOOL**

Jeremiah Tuggle – History  
Tabitha Young – Business

**NARROWS HIGH SCHOOL**

Elizabeth Mould – Special Education  
Laura Wickham – Guidance  
Todd Meredith – Social Studies  
Anna Swenty - Science

The School Board approved the 2006-2007 Organizational Chart.

The Superintendent told Board Members that the Celanese donation that the school system received toward the end of last school year was spent on purchasing an additional Smart Board for each school.

The Superintendent told Board Members that the security cameras in the schools have been upgraded with the last school hopefully receiving this upgrade within the next couple weeks.

The Superintendent shared information with Board Members regarding unofficial testing results.

The Superintendent shared information with Board Members regarding the FFA State Convention results. 11 students competed in the VA State FFA Convention. The State Champion Horse Judging Team consisted of Kala Smith, Tara Hughes, Shelley Patton, and Josh McCann. Those individuals will represent Giles/Virginia at a variety of contests this summer/fall including The Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration, American Quarter Horse Congress, and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Shanan Worrell won the Job Interview Contest and will represent Giles/Virginia at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN as well. The Livestock Judging Team came in as State runner-up and consisted of Wyatt Hall (top individual in the state), Amy Henderson (5<sup>th</sup> highest individual), Courtney Price and Josh McCann. This team will be representing Giles/Virginia at the "Big E" in September in Massachusetts. Josh McCann won the zoology portion of the Agriscience Fair with his project titled "Do Age and the Sire have any effect on Haemonchus contortus Susceptibility in Ovis aries?" His project will go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Cody Atkins and Tyler Jones competed in the Talent show and although they did not place in the top 3, they were invited to perform on the main stage during an evening session in front of Burruss Hall.

**\*School Board and School Staff Present Comments and Mission Statement Accomplishments**

Board members commented that although it has been a quiet summer, the administration/staff have been very busy hiring new Teachers and employees for the upcoming school year.

A board member commented that she would like to see the schools assist on the adherence of the dress code.

A board member commented that she would like for the guidance counselors at the high schools to make students aware of the availability of scholarships.

A board member commended the FFA and Jeannie Layton for all of their success.

A board member commented that he has seen lots of preparation in the schools as far as sports, band, etc.

**\*In Other Action**

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for **Maurice Milton** – GHS Football.

The School Board approved the employment of **Anna Swenty** – NHS Science Teacher.

The School Board approved the July 2006 Summary of Expenditures and the July 2006 Revenue (Consent Items).

The School Board approved an additional check run dated August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and the Quarterly Dinner meeting will be at 5:30 at the Giles Tech Center.