

**Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
NEWS RELEASE  
February 16, 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.

**\*Special Presentations**

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Mark Hubbard– GHS Teacher/ARDT Specialist/Girls Cross Country Coach, Jackie Ballard – NHS Remedial Assistant, Forest Fowler – GTC Principal, Jeff Young – GTC Network Administrator, Brian Squibb – MMS PTO President, Dolly Sadler – NEMS Teacher Assistant, Lea Beth Bowers – EEMS PE/Health Teacher, and Martha Davidson – GHS Cafeteria Worker.

The GHS Girls Cross Country team was recognized for their accomplishment & dedication as they made State Level Qualification.

GHS Golf Team Individual, Bobby Davis, was recognized for his accomplishment and dedication due to his State Qualification for the 2005-2006 School Year.

Mr. Paul W. (Chappy) Baker, Giles County Board of Supervisors Chairman, attended the meeting to distribute certificates to School Board Members in honor of School Board Member Appreciation Month.

On behalf of the School Board, Amanda J. Price, School Board Clerk, was presented with a plaque by the School Board Members for School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

**\*Educational Feature**

Amy Rogers, NHS Guidance Counselor, and Tonya Vaden (Career Counselor), attended the meeting on behalf of Narrows High School. Amy and Tonya shared a PowerPoint presentation with the School Board on "Career Counseling." Tonya works with Amy, as well as the GHS Guidance Counselors, to begin the process for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and works with students throughout their senior year and on some occasions beyond high school. To begin, they conduct a 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders. By doing this, they "plant the seed", develop a course map, look at the students grades, attendance, and of course discipline. Next, they work with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders and perform the Career Scope Testing. During the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the students will get one-on-one counseling, review their Career Scope results, and develop a 2 year plan. They will also begin scheduling for their junior and senior years. During their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, the guidance and career counselor will use the Career Scope and "Kuder" in career guidance lessons. Amy and Tonya gave the Board Members and Superintendent two catalogs to review, entitled "Magic" and "RU Ready." These are two great catalogs for students and guidance counselors to view. They provide assistance with finding the right school, job descriptions and prospects, as well as other information. Finally, during the 12<sup>th</sup> grade year, there is group counseling provided during English classes by Ms. Vaden. There is also one-on-one counseling with Ms. Rogers. The counseling with Ms. Rogers consists of senior interviews, college counseling, discussing the path to industry option, and post-graduate plans.

Board members thanked Amy and Tonya for an enlightening presentation. This presentation gave them a better understanding on exactly what is done in "Career Counseling."

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Special Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2006
- Bills in the amount of \$ 115,646.29
- Payroll, January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Revenue for January 2006
- Expenditure for January 2006
- Appropriation Request for March 2006
- Additional Fields Trips 2005-2006
- Confirmation of Surplus Items

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations**: **Andrea Bullock** – MMS/NEMS Language & Speech Pathologist (Effective end of 2005-2006 School Year), **Angela Price** – MMS Kindergarten Teacher (Effective end of 2005-2006 School Year).

The School Board confirmed the following **Retirement**: **James Perkins** – Maintenance Worker (Effective June 30, 2006), **Stewart (Alan) Dean** – MMS Teacher (Effective end of 2005-2006 School Year).

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Contracts**: **Jackie Evans** – GHS Head 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Track, **Bill Mance** – GHS Head JV Girls Basketball, **Clyde Turner** – NHS Varsity Boys Baseball.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: **Mike Davidson** – GHS J.V. Baseball, **Denise Blakeney** – Giles Co. Bicentennial Art Project, **Rahn Binkley** – Giles Co. Bicentennial Art Project, **Ralph Harless** – GHS Girls J.V. Softball, **Robert Buchanan** – GHS Girls Softball.

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

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The School Board completed the semi-annual evaluation for Dr. Arbogast, Superintendent. The Board Chairman commented that the Board is extremely pleased with his performance thus far and that all evaluations by the Board either met or exceeded expectations. One member even went as far as writing up a page of positive comments on the Superintendent. They were all great evaluations!

**\*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 The Western Virginia Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, operating as Center in the Square. The Western Virginia Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, operating as Center in the Square, seeks applicants for the 2006-2007 John W. Hancock Jr. Scholarship Awards. One deserving student will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to recognize the many contributions made by Mr. John W. Hancock, Jr., to the establishment and operation of Center in the Square, which provides a free home to seven independent arts and sciences organizations in Roanoke, VA. Scholarship candidates must intend to enroll in a major in art, history, science, theatre, performing arts, museum studies or creative writing. Other majors relating to those listed above will also be considered. Applicants are expected to enroll in an academic institution on a full-time basis during each academic semester of support.

The School Board approved the executive summary of the Science textbooks that were selected by the committee for adoption. Select committees of teachers and parents have been reviewing textbooks to develop a recommendation for County adoption of Science for grades 9-12. The committee has spent many hours in textbook review and has finalized their recommendation. This recommendation was available for public review at the Giles County Board of Education Office February 8-14, 2006.

The Superintendent updated the School Board on a wonderful project that was completed by the World History and US/VA History I classes of Erin Yearout-Patton, History Teacher at Narrows High School.

The students had to form a team, make a world map, and label according to the instructions that were given to them.

The Superintendent updated the School Board on the "Preliminary" SOL Scores that were received regarding Narrows High School. They all looked to be above 70% in all areas, but as of now, these results are unofficial.

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

Amy Rogers (NHS Guidance Counselor) and Tonya Vaden (Career Counselor) were commended on the wonderful presentation that they showed the board about "Career Counseling." Great Job Amy & Tonya!

A board member commented that the School Board Retreat went really well! It was a great day and lots of things were learned!

A board member stated that students at the Governor's School who enter the science fair usually finish up a week early and this year, Pat Duncan, took that extra week away and replaced with instructional time. Students are usually given several weeks to complete this project.

There was a handout given out to board members regarding the January Math League Contest. Jared Brown from Giles High School was one of the top scorers and was commended for his hard work!

A board member stated that Floyd County is now interested in Governor's School.

A board member stated that it had been a very long, but informative day. It is always great to know what is going on in the schools.

A board member seen and commended the progress and work of the Bicentennial Art Project that the Elementary Schools are currently working on with Rahn Binkley (Artist), Denise Blakeney, and Nikki Pynn (Art Teacher). It was great to see the children using their imagination to make these tiles!

Congrats to those that were recognized at the meeting! Thanks for a job well done!!

The Superintendent recognized those individuals who worked on the retreat. Thanks for all of the hard work!

The Superintendent also recognized Tonya Vaden and Amy Rogers on a great presentation to the board. It was very informative and clearly stated what they work on with students.

The Superintendent stated that by the end of next week, over 750 tiles will be completed between Macy, Narrows Elementary and Eastern Elementary, for the Bicentennial Project. These tiles will be displayed sometime in May near the courthouse.

The Superintendent shared a letter with the board regarding Tonya Vaden. The letter was from Jennifer Pruett, a Career Coach at Patrick Henry Community College and Bassett High School. Ms. Pruett met Tonya at The Career Coaching Academy that was held in Roanoke this past January. Ms. Pruett stated that she was privileged to be placed with her for various activities. Ms. Pruett was enlightened by her experience with Tonya.

**\*In Other Action**

The School Board approved an **Athletic Coaching Contract** for **Brandon Hollie** – NHS JV Baseball Coach (2006).

The School Board approved the employment of **Kevin Davis** – **Garage/Maintenance Supervisor** (effective March 20, 2006).

**\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next School Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. and the Quarterly Dinner Meeting with Administrators will follow at GHS at 5:30.

