

**Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
NEWS RELEASE  
January 19, 2006**

*Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II*

*Division Superintendent*

**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**\*Organizational Meeting - 2006**

- JB Buckland was appointed as School Board Chairman for 2006.
- Ronald Whitehead was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2006.
- The Board set the third Thursday of each month as Board meeting day.
- Amanda Price was appointed School Board Clerk for 2006.
- Barbara Perkins and Dr. Terry Arbogast, II were appointed Deputy Clerks for 2006.

**\*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: Billy McCraw – MMS Custodian, Jane Hazelwood – MMS Custodian, James Meadows – MMS Custodian, Maurice Milton – GHS State Remedial Asst. /Teacher Asst., Jan Vittum – Title I Distinguished Educator Award (DOE)/NEMS Special Education Teacher.

The following individuals were recognized for their outstanding achievement (going to nationals) in the Giles County 4-H Agriculture Club: Amy Henderson, Rebecca Poe, Wyatt Hall, Josh McCann.

The following individuals were recognized for their community support and outstanding service to the Giles 4-H Agriculture Club: Dr. Mark McCann (Coach), Dr. John Hall (Coach).

The following students were recognized for their outstanding artwork and winning this year's Christmas Card Contest: Keeley Hagreen – EEMS, Hannah Johnson – MMS, Brandon Spangler – NEMS.

The GHS Varsity Football Team & Coaching Staff were recognized for their continued teamwork & dedication as they achieved their ultimate goal of being the 2005 Group A Division II State Champions. The Coaching Staff includes the following: Steve Ragsdale – Head Coach, Jack Ellison – Assistant Coach, Bryan Strader - Assistant Coach, Jeff Williams – Assistant Coach, Rusty Kelley – Assistant Coach, Jerry Huffman – Assistant Coach, Chris Bales – Assistant Coach, Dusty Stump – Assistant Coach, Byron Hurley – Assistant Coach, Maurice Milton – Assistant Coach.

**\*Educational Feature**

On behalf of the Giles County Technology Center, Leigh Anne Boothe, Cosmetology Instructor, and several of her senior students attended the meeting to do a PowerPoint presentation to the School Board on "Cosmetology." This presentation included information about what they study and what activities they perform during their cosmetology class. The students briefly went over and described all the topics studied in class, as well as all the skills that they have learned during the last two years. Some of the skills that they have learned include hair styling, hair cutting, hair color, permanent waves, manicures, artificial nails, facials, make up, and wig care. The senior students open the shop to the public from Wednesday – Friday at the Tech Center to perform hair cutting, hair color, manicures, facials, and much more. The students also participate in the "Locks of Love" program if anyone is interested. The students are now getting prepared for Skills USA, which is their district competition that will be held February 28, 2006. There will be four students who will compete in this competition.

On behalf of Narrows Elementary/Middle School, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers Pattie Tibbs and Sue Hyatt shared with the School Board their presentation that they had given at the SOL Expo in Roanoke this past fall. The Virginia Association of School Superintendents and the Virginia Department of Education allow highly successful teachers from highly successful schools the opportunity to share effective instructional strategies with other teachers from across the state. They spent many hours preparing this, but their third graders have really benefited from it. They have both increased their focus to visual learning for the students because they stated that 45% of students learn visually, as compared to 30% tactile, and the remaining 25% auditory. They focus on vocabulary words, adding charts and wall displays and are currently using this technique in their classrooms. They do visual displays on walls for Reading, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies and use these displays in correspondence with the SOL Objectives. The PowerPoint that they demonstrated to the School Board was put together with the help of Tammy Frazier, Elementary Instructional Technology Teacher.

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Bills in the amount of \$ 562,620.14
- Payroll, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Revenue for December 2005
- Expenditure for December 2005
- Appropriation Request for February 2006
- Additional Fields Trips 2005-2006

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations: Jean Law-Bottorf** – NEMS Teacher (Effective December 21, 2005).

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment: Transfer of Kimberly Mills** from Grade 5 Teacher at EEMS to a Grade 5/6 Teacher at NEMS, effective January 16, 2006.

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Contracts: Byron Hurley** – GHS Boys Tennis Head Coach.

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 Long and Foster for the 2006-2007 Academic Year. Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. established the Long & Foster Scholarship Program in 1993 to give back to the communities in which they operate. Long & Foster scholarships are offered to graduating high school seniors who live and/or attend school in Long & Foster's service area who are U.S. citizens wishing to attend a four-year college or university. They will award 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each in Spring of 2006 for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Scholarship Committee will be seeking academically strong, well-rounded students who demonstrate leadership and involvement in a variety of school activities.

The School Board approved a scholarship offered by The James Monroe Foundation & JamesMonroe.Org. The James Monroe Foundation & JamesMonroe.Org, with general support provided by James Monroe Bank, announce the 2006 James Monroe Scholarship Award. From North to South America, James Monroe's presidency echoed Jeffersonian support for independence and laid a foundation for a free hemisphere. This year, the James Monroe Foundation offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to win one of three scholarship awards by entering their Scholarship Award writing competition. The 2006 topic is James Monroe: Guardian of a Free Hemisphere. The applying student must be a junior or senior in a public, private or home-school high school program.

The Superintendent stated that SOL Testing was conducted over the last couple weeks at Giles and Narrows High School and the scores do look promising.

The Superintendent informed the board about receiving notification from the Virginia Department of Education stating that the 2005-2010 Local Gifted Plan was approved.

The Superintendent updated the board on a couple programs that Macy has been doing. The first program that he discussed was the "Macy Mediators", which involved 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, who work with other students having difficulty getting along. There are 6 students in this program and they were selected by the guidance counselor and classroom teachers. The other program that was discussed was the "Macy Mentors", which involves about 40 students who are interested in helping others. They work on doing things in the community. They have recently done luminaries at Birchlawn and made a visit to the Narrows Mission. These students sign an agreement to maintain passing grades and appropriate behavior.

The Superintendent informed the board about a picture that was in the Virginian Leader on Wednesday of students from Narrows Elementary/Middle School. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are working 3 days a week (Monday – Wednesday) from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on editing and writing skills. They work 30 minutes on each skill.

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

The GHS Football Team was again commended on their State Championship. The board members are very proud of them!

A board member commended the rest of the board members for the way they conduct business and the way they work with administrators.

A board member discussed the Grant Renewal Application with Carilion and stated that they were amazed at how we ever did without our school nurses. The school nurses were commended for all of their hard work and dedication.

A board member stated that the science fair competition at the Governor's School is this weekend and they were looking forward to some good projects. Pat Duncan, Director of the Governor School, praises students at GHS for all of their hard work.

A board member stated that hopefully there will be no raise in tuition for next year at the Governor's School and they hope to have enrollment up next year when they move into their newly renovated building.

The 4-H students were commended on all of their hard work. It was great to see them recognized!

The Macy Custodians were commended on taking pride in their school. The school looks great and their work is much appreciated.

A board member stated that all of the educational features are exceptional. Congrats to all that were recognized!

A board member commended NHS and the behavior of the students while attending the Band Concert and Athletic Assembly in December!

**\*In Other Action**

The School Board confirmed the employment of **Brenda Metro**, EEMS Elementary Teacher, effective January 30, 2006.

**\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next School Board Meeting will be held February 16, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., in conjunction with the School Board Retreat, which will begin at 11:00 a.m.