

Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
NEWS RELEASE  
November 17, 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.

**\*Educational Feature – Eastern Elementary/Middle School**

On behalf of the Educational Feature, Mrs. Sherry Kelley, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Eastern Elementary/Middle School, attended the School Board meeting, along with 9 of her students. Mrs. Kelley, along with her students, demonstrated how they play the game “Jeopardy,” which helps them prepare for their SOL tests. The game can be displayed on a T.V. screen and the students have controllers that are used to buzz in when they are ready to answer the question. These controllers are linked to a box that displays which team has buzzed in first and also displays the scores for each of the teams. Mrs. Kelley has spent a lot of time developing questions to use for this game. The questions used in the “Jeopardy” game are written using the same “language” as questions on the SOL tests. The students thoroughly enjoy playing this game because it is not only fun for them, but it is also very beneficial in preparing for their SOL tests. The game was purchased for each school and Mrs. Kelley appreciates having the game as a resource.

Mr. Buckland stated that technology has really come a long way and he’s glad to see that Mrs. Kelley is using it.

**\*Presentations**

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: **Amy Templin-Miller** - EEMS, **Kristi Gordon** – EEMS, **Patricia Fullen** – EEMS, **Heather Waselchalk** – EEMS, **Teresa Lowe** – NHS, **Jane Hazelwood** – MMS, **James Meadows** – MMS, **Billy McCraw** – MMS, **Theresa Blevins** – NEMS, **Teresa Smith** – NEMS.

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Bills in the amount of \$ 135,701.31
- Payroll, October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Revenue for October 2006
- Expenditure for October 2006
- Appropriation Request for December 2006

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment: Vicki Vaught** – GHS Custodian (Effective November 13<sup>th</sup>), **Rodney Croy** – NEMS Custodian (Effective November 13<sup>th</sup>), **Ean Arnold** – EEMS Custodian (Effective November 20<sup>th</sup>), Transfer of **Marlene Bailey** (Custodian) from NEMS to NHS (Effective November 6<sup>th</sup>).

The School Board confirmed the following **Retirement: David Roberson** – GHS Guidance Counselor (Effective at the end of the 06-07 school year).

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements: Angela King** – EEMS Classroom Support, **Charlene Sharpe** – EEMS Classroom/Teacher Support, **Kendra Lane** – EEMS Classroom Support/PTA, **Terri Stevers** – EEMS Classroom/Teacher/Staff Support, **Margy Journell** – EEMS Classroom Support, **Mae Wilson** – EEMS Classroom/Teacher Support, **Jeanette Duncan** – EEMS Library Support, **Amy Maxey** – EEMS Teacher Support, **Lisa Mahaney** – EEMS.

The School Board confirmed the following ***Athletic Coaching Contracts: Melinda Fleeman*** – NHS Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball.

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

The School Board confirmed the agreement between *The El Group, Inc.* and Giles County Public Schools for environmental services.

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

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

**\*In Other Action**

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for Bryan Patteson (NHS Boys J.V. Basketball).

The School Board approved the Standards of Quality Six-Year Plan for 2006-2012.

The School Board approved old band uniforms from Giles High School as surplus items.

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for Seth Davis (GHS Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach).

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for Cortney Tuggle (GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Assistant).

The School Board approved a field trip for the Women's Chorus at Giles High School, which is directed by Larry Marion.

**\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be ***Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.*** The Quarterly Dinner meeting with Administrators will follow at NEMS at 5:30 p.m.