

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

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent

***Pledge of Allegiance**

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

***Public Comments**

Sonya Meekins, President of the GEA, attended the board meeting to update the board on several items that the GEA has been working on since the last School Board meeting. She started off by thanking the Superintendent for meeting with her and Ms. McFaden at the beginning of the month to discuss some questions/updates that the GEA had for him. She shared with the Board that the GEA has distributed a survey to its members to determine the best way to support its members. Furthermore, she shared with the Board that the GEA had a scheduled meeting following their presentation and they will be able to update the School Board on the results of the survey at next month's board meeting. They will also share any comments/suggestions that the GEA members have included on their survey responses. The GEA compensation committee is working on a formal proposal to present to Board Members and will propose this at the November 6th budget meeting with Board Members.

***Educational Feature – School Resource Officers**

Major Steve Vinson from the Giles County Sheriff's Department attended the meeting to represent the School Resource Officers (SRO's) for our school system. Major Vinson thanked the SRO's for the wonderful job that they do in their respective schools. There were two School Resource Officers, Officer Neice (EEMS) and Office Gautier (NEMS), who could not attend the meeting because they were in DARE Training School. Officer Wilburn spoke on behalf of Giles High School. He stated that because of recent events in our nation, all schools have been on high alert. As far as Giles High School, they have been conducting intruder drills (Code Blue). All schools have a Crisis Management Chart and Crisis Management Plan in place, although the Crisis Management Plan will differ for each school. He stated that each school has a Crisis Management Team in place that meets to discuss options and scenarios to better protect the students and staff. Officer Wilburn stated that he would like to meet with all law official supervisors, School Resource Officers, and administrators so that each agency is familiar with the plans for each school in order to be prepared for any event that may occur. Officer Vaughn spoke on behalf of Macy McClougherty School. He informed the School Board and Superintendent that Macy completed a Code Blue drill on Monday and it went well. The drill that was conducted on Monday was announced, but Macy plans to have an unannounced drill coming up in the next couple weeks. Officer Vaughn stated that the school needed new locks and/or door stops for the doors in the school to better protect our students and staff from an intruder. The school plans to purchase a motion detector to put in the front lobby area so they can be sure that they can detect any individual that may enter the building. They would also like to purchase portable radios to be used by the teachers that take their children outside during the day. The radios would be used to communicate with the teacher, the administration, and/or the School Resource Officer in the event there was an emergency within the school. Also, an Internet Safety Course is being taught to the 6th and 7th graders at Macy with the help of Ann Hively and Tami Hall. They will hopefully have all the classes finished in two weeks. Officer Vaughn has been working on truancy in the school by following up with parents regarding the tardiness of their children. Officer Bowman spoke on behalf of Narrows High School. He thanked the Board Members and Superintendent for the new security cameras in the school, which he stated were very beneficial. He stated that all of the School Resource Officers are at the schools for the same reason, which is for the safety of the students and staff. Officer Bowman told Board Members that each school is in communication with one another on Crisis Management.

The board commended all of our SRO's for providing a safer environment for our students. They are very thankful that we have an SRO in each of our schools this school year.

***Presentations**

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Gail Vaught – EEMS, Joey Sadler – EEMS, Everette Parks – EEMS, Lois Clark – NEMS, Carolyn Hart – NEMS, Buford Tawney – NEMS, Charlie Sanders – NEMS, Teresa Neel – NEMS, Danny Johnson – NEMS, Dale Lloyd – NEMS, Margaret Clemons – NEMS, Dan Hines – NEMS, Dave Roberson – GHS, Sherry Miller – NHS, Gary Lowery – GTC, Craig Johnson – GTC.

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – Revised August 25, 2006 and September 21, 2006
- Bills in the amount of \$ 213,776.81
- Payroll, September 29th and October 13th, 2006
- Revenue for September 2006
- Expenditure for September 2006
- Appropriation Request for November 2006
- 2006-2007 Advisory Committees
- 2006-2007 Field Trip Requests

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment: Tammy McGuire** – EEMS Special Ed. Teacher Asst. (effective October 11th), **Melinda Clemons** – NEMS Kindergarten Teacher (effective October 2nd).

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations: Doris May** – NHS Custodian (effective October 13, 2006).

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements: Dina R. Anderson** – EEMS (Teacher/Library Support), **Michelle Jackson** – NHS (Assistant Cheerleading Sponsor)

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Substitute Custodians: Ben Woodyard** (All schools)

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

The School Board approved a scholarship offered by the Eggleston Ruritan Club. The Eggleston Ruritan Club is offering a \$600.00 scholarship to a Giles High School senior living within the club's service area. Any graduating senior who lives along Eggleston Road or its adjacent roads Rt. 100 and Rt. 460 is eligible to apply. These areas include Eggleston, Mountain View, Wingo Hill, Sinking Creek, Bear Springs, Trigg, and Green Valley.

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

A Board Member stated that it was great to recognize the 10th anniversary of EEMS being the first to use satellite technology.

A Board Member commended all the individuals who read to our students during the week of October 9th – 13th, which was "Read Aloud Week."

A Board Member thanked the Superintendent for the board updates that are prepared for them.

A Board Member informed everyone that there will be teachers from England coming to visit the Governor's School to see how they handle the dual enrollment process.

A Board Member stated that there have been other school districts interested in the Governor's School, such as the Superintendent from Floyd County, who plans to attend a Governor School Board Meeting to find out more information on the Governor's School and dual enrollment.

A Board Member stated that one student that attends the Governor's School from Giles High School attended the NCSSSMST, which was Annette Deveraux. NCSSSMST stands for the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science and Technology.

A Board Member informed everyone about Joseph Yost, a previous graduate from Giles High School that attended the Governor's School and has now started his own scholarship for a college bound student who plans on pursuing their criminal justice major.

A Board Member stated that they were glad to see the bus drivers being recognized from Narrows Elementary/Middle School. They also stated that they had an opportunity to ride on several buses last year and they were impressed with the driving abilities of the drivers and also their interaction with the students.

A Board Member stated that it was really nice to see the School Resource Officers here at the meeting and to see that they had a Crisis Management Plan in place for their schools.

A Board Member commended the 2005-2006 Career & Technical Education booklet that was put together by Tonya Vaden, Career Counselor at the Giles Tech Center.

A Board Member commented that budget meetings for this week have gone well. All requests that have been made have been for the betterment of our students.

The Superintendent commended the School Resource Officers on their educational feature.

The Superintendent stated that he had the pleasure of seeing the Internet Safety Course that was being taught at Macy to the 6th and 7th grade students. He hopes that eventually all schools will have this course taught to the students.

The Superintendent commended Tonya Vaden, along with Forest Fowler, for putting together the 2005-2006 Career & Technical Education booklet. He also commended Phillip Vaught of the "Country Current" for his assistance in putting these booklets together.

The Superintendent informed Board Members that the SOL Writing Tests were done this week.

The Superintendent informed Board Members that the Character Counts assemblies were beginning at the schools.

The Superintendent informed Board Members that the PAL's testing is being finished up this week.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved a **Volunteer Agreement** for **Ralph Harless** - GHS Girls Softball.

The School Board approved the **Resignation** of **Gail Vaught** – EEMS Custodian (Effective November 3, 2006).

The School Board approved **Vicki Vaught** as a **Substitute Custodian** for all schools.

The School Board approved the **Termination** of **Ladonna Lucas** – GHS Custodian (Effective October 19, 2006).

The School Board approved **OWPR** (Oliver, Webb, Pappas, & Rhudy) as the **Architect** for RFP 15-2006 (Architectural/Engineering Services).

The School Board approved **Professional Leave** for **Jessica Morris** to attend the 2006 Annual TASH Conference in Baltimore, Maryland as part of her graduate program at Radford University.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be **Friday, November 17th at 1:30 p.m.** in conjunction with school tours for National Education Week.