

**Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting**

NEWS RELEASE
September 21, 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**

Sonya Meekins, President of the GEA, attended the School Board Meeting to let the Board Members know of their goals for the upcoming year, as well as their concerns from the past school year. She stated that one of their goals for this year was to increase communication with Dr. Arbogast, as well as the School Board Members. Mrs. Meekins told Board Members that the GEA was not happy with how the budget process went last year, particularly with how the salary information was handled. She stated that it disturbed them that teachers only received an average of a 4% raise last year. She also told Board Members that all five schools continue to be fully accredited and they want to be rewarded for their efforts by increasing teacher salaries. GEA members would like for Board Members to keep teacher salaries at the top of the list when it comes to budget items. Furthermore, GEA members will be working with Para-Professionals this year in an effort to have their salaries increased.

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2006
- Bills in the amount of \$122,054.69
- Payroll, August 31st and September 15th, 2006
- Revenue for August 2006
- Expenditure for August 2006
- Appropriation Request for October 2006
- 2006-2007 PAC & Calendar Advisory Committees
- Confirmation of Surplus Items

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: **Jackie Koch** – GHS Head Girls Varsity Basketball, **Jeremiah Tuggle** – GHS Head Girls 8th Grade Basketball, **Bill Mance** – GHS Head JV Girl's Basketball Coach

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements**: **Ron Masri** – GHS Athletic Trainer (Football)

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: **Bendy Shrader** - MMS

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

The School Board confirmed the following **2006-2007 MACC Coaches**: **GHS**: **Earl Ventry** – Science & All Around, **Diana Blanton** – Science & All Around, **Carolyn Painter** – English, **Lynn Williams** – Social Studies, **Karen Yolton** – Head, **Doris Lynch** - Math **NHS**: **Alleta Morrison** – Math, **Gary Hinson** – Science, **Sherry Miller** – All Around, **Marilyn Mustard** – Head, **Betsy Wood** – English

The School Board confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts**: **GHS**: **Cecilia McFaden** – Annual, **Rhonda Colavecchio** – SCA (Co-Sponsor), **Mitch Reed** – SCA (Co-Sponsor), **Michael Etzler** – Newspaper, **Karen Yolton** – Senior Class (Head) **NHS**: **Larry Greer** – Senior Class Sponsor

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

The Superintendent shared opening school information with board members which included enrollments for the first week of school: September 5th, 2006 – 2573; September 8th, 2006 – 2585; September 12th, 2006 – 2600.

The Superintendent shared with Board Members that each school has been able to purchase one additional SMART board thanks to the Celanese donation last year.

The Superintendent informed Board Members that the SOL writing tests will be conducted October 23rd – 26th.

The Superintendent informed Board Members that he anticipates that all 5 schools will be fully accredited.

The Superintendent told Board Members that the new Gifted Coordinator, Paula Tibbs, has jumped right in and has been doing a great job. She has been working with the PA program from Jefferson College of Health Sciences to implement a program called PALS. This program will meet once a month and is aimed at 5th graders. This program emphasizes understanding science concepts such as Cardiology, Respiratory Systems, etc.

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

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

A board member stated that they would like to maintain a good relationship with the GEA, as well as the Board of Supervisors.

A board member commented that the new school brochure looked great and said that it would be appreciated by lots of people.

The Superintendent informed Board Members that there are six architects who attended the mandatory pre-RFP meeting regarding the renovation of the Giles Tech Center, Eastern Elementary/Middle School, and the football fields for Narrows and Giles High School.

A board member commented that they were really excited to have the new full-time Gifted Coordinator for our schools.

A board member stated that as of September 5th, the enrollment at the Governor's School was 168, which included 26 from Giles and Narrows High School.

A board member stated that September 22nd is the end of the first six weeks at the Governor's School.

A board member shared that the open house for the newly renovated Governor's School was Sunday, September 24th.

A board member commented that it seemed to be a good opening of school this year.

Board members thanked the members of the GEA for coming to the meeting and sharing their concerns.

A board member told the GEA that they have and will continue to try to help them in any way possible.

The Superintendent stated that it had been an excellent opening of school this year.

The Superintendent commented that the guest speaker for the Pre-School Conference, Anne B. Crockett-Stark, was really enjoyed by all.

The Superintendent commented that he was excited about the possibilities of renovation and informed Board Members that the RFP's will be submitted on October 2nd.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved an Athletic Coaching Contract for Teddy Vaughn (GHS Head JV Baseball Coach).

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for Steve Wilson (GHS Assistant Girls Varsity Softball).

The School Board approved an Athletic Coaching Contract for Bobby Buchanan (GHS Head Varsity Softball Coach).

The School Board approved an Athletic Coaching Contract for Scott Keaton (GHS Head JV Soccer Coach).

The School Board approved the employment of two additional PAC Committee Members: Anne Wheeler (GHS) and Doris Lynch (GHS).

The School Board approved the employment of Kitty Martin (Bus Driver – NEMS/NHS), effective September 25th, 2006.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Budget Meetings.