

**Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
NEWS RELEASE  
August 24, 2007**

*Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II*

*Division Superintendent*

**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**\*Public Comments**

The Superintendent began by stating that everyone was informed on Monday about the school system and the county combining services in regards to the maintenance of the schools and county facilities. He then introduced Mr. John Mills, who will be responsible for supervising the maintenance of both the county and school system facilities. Mr. Mills stated that there was a unique relationship between the School Board and Board of Supervisors and he wanted to continue this wonderful working relationship. He stated that we are all here to provide our children with the very best education that we can afford. In addition, he believes that we have a talented group of people in our organization. He went on to say that the word "change" can be frightening, but it will be a wonderful thing once everyone realizes the end goal and he expects positive results in the future. Dr. Webb commented that this change will be a good continuation of the strong relationship between both boards and he welcomed Mr. Mills. Mrs. McMahon stated that she was very excited for him to be here!

**\*Special Presentations**

On behalf of the School Board, **Celanese** was recognized for their donation of laptops to the Giles County School System. We appreciate this generous donation and we look forward to the possibilities that these laptops will provide us for our students.

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2007
- Bills in the amount of \$ 179,367.18
- Payroll, July 13<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Revenue for June 2007
- Revenue for July 2007
- Expenditure for July 2007
- Appropriation Request for September 2007
- Confirmation of Surplus Items

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations**: **Danny Dent** – NHS Head Custodian (effective August 17<sup>th</sup>), **Todd Lusk** – NHS Golf Coach, **Angela Parker** – NHS Special Education Teacher (effective July 25<sup>th</sup>), **Amy McCroskey** – MMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Jacob Williams** – NEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Erica L. Gautier** – EEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant (effective July 2<sup>nd</sup>), **Anna McCroskey** – NEMS Teacher Assistant (Effective August 10<sup>th</sup>)

The School Board confirmed the following **Terminations**: **Beth Frazier** – NEMS Elementary Teacher (July 3<sup>rd</sup>)

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment**: Transfer of **Barbara Quesenberry** from MMS to NEMS – Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Stacie Bolen** – EEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Robbie Spiegel** – MMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Tori Bowman** – NHS Special Education Teacher, **Julia "Dawn" Duncan** – MMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, **Beth Frazier** – NEMS Elementary Teacher, **Joel Fraley** – NHS Special Education Teacher, **Ashley Bales** – MMS Elementary Teacher, **Beth Frazier** – NEMS Elementary Teacher (Rehired), Transfer of **Paula Parsell** from EEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant to NEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant, Transfer of **Rhonda Brown** from NEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant to NEMS Physical Education Teacher Assistant, Transfer of **Tammy McGuire** from MMS Special Education Teacher Assistant to EEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: **Mike Biggs** – NHS Golf, **Ashley Bales** – GHS Head Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Basketball, **Steve Ragsdale** – GHS Head Varsity Football Coach, **Randy Roe** – GHS Head 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football, **Sarah Woodyard** -NHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, **Jody Bragg** – NHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball, **Julie Hoeksema** – NHS Cross Country, **Anna Swenty** – NHS Cross Country

The School Board confirmed the following **Additional Athletic Coaching Contracts from NHS**:

**FALL SPORTS**

Lusk, Debbie - Cheerleading, Varsity  
Gautier, Sherry - Cheerleading  
Turner, Clyde - Football, JV Assistant  
Taylor, Dan - Football, JV Assistant  
Guynn, Todd - Football, JV Assistant  
Lowe, Kelly - Football, Varsity Head  
Lowery, Gary - Football, Varsity Assistant  
Bowman, Jon - Football, Varsity Assistant  
Mann, McCreery - Football, Varsity Assistant  
Fleeman, Melinda - Volleyball, JV  
Morrison, Alleta - Volleyball, Varsity

**WINTER SPORTS**

Lusk, Debbie - Cheerleading, Varsity  
Gautier, Sherry - Cheerleading  
Taylor, Dan - Basketball, 8th Boys  
Patteson, Bryan - Basketball, JV Boys Head/Volunteer  
Guynn, Todd - Basketball, JV Girls  
Lusk, Todd - Basketball, Varsity Boys  
Mann, McCreery - Basketball, Varsity Boys Assistant  
Fleeman, Melinda - Basketball, Varsity Girls  
Gautier, Wayne - Basketball, Varsity Girls

**SPRING SPORTS**

Boyd, Brad - Softball, Varsity Head  
Lusk, Todd - Tennis, Boys  
Kidd, Dennis - Soccer, Varsity  
Morrison, Alleta - Soccer, Varsity Assistant

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements**: **Tammy Brown** – GHS Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Coach, **Jodi Conley** – GHS 8th Girls Cheerleading Coach

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: **Lee Blaker** – NHS School Volunteer

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

The School Board confirmed the proposal from Pembroke Stop-N-Save for services specified in RFP #8-2007 (petroleum products for buses in the Eastern District). Their proposal was the only one received and their quoted price was a 10 cent mark-up.

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

The Superintendent introduced 15 new teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, and the School Board joined them in a continental breakfast provided by the Giles County Chamber of Commerce with Barbara Stafford, Executive Director, hosting the event. New teachers are:

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*Kristen A. Smith*  
Guidance Counselor - Giles High School

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*Meagan T. Jones*  
Math Teacher - Narrows High School

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*Brandon M. Webb*  
Math Teacher - Giles High School

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*Randall L. Weddle*  
History Teacher - Giles High School

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*Kristin R. Radford*  
English Teacher - Giles High School

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<i>Erin "Corey" Mawby</i> <i>Special Education Teacher - Giles High School</i>
<i>Suzanne J. Baker</i> <i>Guidance Counselor - Narrows High School</i>
<i>Lisa Bowers Frazier</i> <i>Elementary Teacher - Macy McClaugherty School</i>
<i>Alicia L. Johnson</i> <i>English Teacher - Giles High School</i>
<i>Cecilia K. Peyton</i> <i>Title I Teacher - Macy McClaugherty School</i>
<i>Ashley M. Bales</i> <i>Elementary Teacher - Macy McClaugherty School</i>
<i>Joel E. Fraley</i> <i>Special Education Teacher - Narrows High School</i>
<i>Tori T. Bowman</i> <i>Special Education Teacher - Narrows High School</i>
<i>Emily D. Moye (Hired during the 06-07 school year)</i> <i>Elementary Teacher - Narrows Elementary/Middle School</i>
<i>Melinda G. Clemons (Hired during the 06-07 school year)</i> <i>Elementary Teacher - Narrows Elementary/Middle School</i>

The School Board approved the revised 2007-2008 Organizational Chart.

The School Board approved policy revisions as recommended by the VSBA Policy Services and administration.

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

A School Board member commented on Mr. Mills and how our School Board members have such a great relationship with our Board of Supervisors. They also stated that it was great that we could work this agreement out with the county. This agreement will save several thousand dollars and probably should have been done years ago.

A School Board member questioned whether there was a need for carbon monoxide detectors in our schools.

A School Board member commented on the New River Connection newsletter that was prepared by several staff members at the School Board Office. A lot of information was learned from the newsletter.

A School Board member commented the individuals who did the 5K run and 2 mile walk at the Narrows Community Fair last Saturday.

A School Board member wished the Superintendent a Happy Belated Birthday!

A School Board member commented that Pat Duncan from the Governor's School stated that we had a super group of students from Giles County this year. The group is made up of 13 juniors and 9 seniors.

A School Board member stated that there was now a new Superintendent in charge at the Southwest Virginia Governor's School, which is Dr. Terry Arbogast, II.

A School Board member commented that the new position that John Mills fulfilled will be helpful to both sides, the School Board and Board of Supervisors. They also stated that change is always difficult, but it will turn out for the best.

School Board members commented that it is always nice to see new faces for the upcoming school year.

A School Board member commented that the football teams and bands have now gone to work and they are making lots of good preparation.

A School Board member stated that the new roof at Macy McClaugherty is now complete.

A School Board member commented that the Marching Virginians from Virginia Tech will be present at the Narrows High School football game tonight to perform at halftime.

The Superintendent shared the Adequate Yearly Progress results that were released yesterday. He stated that 4 out of 5 schools had made AYP for the coming school year. The division met 83% of the applicable target goals and additional information on how the schools did can be found on the SBO website.

The Superintendent told Board Members that he certified with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services that the School Board members have received and reviewed the school crisis plans.

A Board Member commented that they had concerns regarding what to do after the crisis, in the event that a crisis would occur. They recommended having someone from Virginia Tech come and address our administrators regarding this issue.

The Superintendent told Board Members that the new roof was now completed at Macy and he commended Helmet Keiner, Clerk of the Works, for helping with this process.

#### **\*In Other Action**

The School Board approved the **Resignation** of Kenneth Ratcliffe – EEMS Custodian (effective 8/16/07).

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

The School Board approved the **Employment** of Paul Johnson – NHS Head Custodian (Effective August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007).

The School Board approved the **Employment** of Joseph James – MMS Special Education Teacher Assistant (Effective 07-08 school year).

The School Board approved the **Employment** of Penny Martin – NEMS Special Education Teacher Assistant (Effective 07-08 school year).

The School Board approved **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements** for Dow Hall Jr. (NHS Strength and Conditioning), Bryan Long (NHS Manager), Bryan Hughes (NHS Strength and Conditioning), and Chris Hughes (NHS Strength and Conditioning).

The School Board approved the recommended changes in calculating a students GPA for weighted classes/grades for the upcoming school year. The scale that was approved for weighted classes was the scale that was recommended during the administrators August ADM meeting (A=5, B=4, C=3, D=1).

#### **\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and the Quarterly Dinner meeting will be at 5:30 at Narrows High School.