

**Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
NEWS RELEASE  
September 20, 2007**

*Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II*

*Division Superintendent*

**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**\*Special Presentations**

Mrs. Kay Lucas, along with the School Board Chairman and Superintendent, presented an award to Mr. James Tyler, Administrator of Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital. This award represents the support and contributions that Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital has provided to our health career programs at the Giles County Technology Center. This award represents the support shown by Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital when it comes to sponsoring career fairs, providing health screenings, and educating the community. Mrs. Lucas nominated Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital for this award. An organization can be nominated by any nursing program within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mrs. Lucas stated that she feels very fortunate to have such strong support from the hospital staff and administration from Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital.

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2007
- Revised Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2007
- Bills in the amount of \$ 140,208.19
- Payroll, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 14, 2007
- Revenue for August 2007
- Expenditure for August 2007
- Appropriation Request for October 2007
- 2007-2008 PAC & Calendar Advisory Committees

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations: Bill Mance** - GHS Girls JV Basketball Coach.

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment: Anthony Gray** – EEMS Custodian (effective August 30<sup>th</sup>).

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts: Beth Santolla** – GHS JV Head Girls Basketball Coach, **Bill Mance** – GHS Varsity Head Girls Basketball Coach.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements: Cindy Lang** – GHS Assistant Girls Track, **Anne Wheeler** – GHS Assistant Girls Track, **Jennifer Butler** – GHS Assistant Girls Track, **Bret Nicholson** – GHS Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements: Sandy Fisher** – EEMS Class/Library Support, **Amy Maxey** – EEMS Teacher Support/PTA .

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

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

The School Board confirmed the following **2007-2008 MACC Coaches: Diana Blanton** – GHS (All Around, Science, Head), **Earl Ventry** – GHS (Science, All Around), **Carolyn Painter** – GHS (English), **Pam Malabad** – GHS (Math).

The School Board confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts: Rhonda Colavecchio** – GHS (SCA), **Michael Etzler** – GHS (Newspaper), **Cecilia McFaden** – GHS (Annual, Head Senior Class), **Mitch Reed** – GHS (SCA).

### **\*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. The enrollment as of September 11, 2007 was 2532, which was the same as the ending enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year.

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

The board members discussed the school calendar for next year. There was discussion on possibly starting before Labor Day in 2008 since the first day of school next year would actually be September 8<sup>th</sup>, which is later than when we usually start school. The calendar committee will be discussing this option when their meetings begin. A board member commented that most all school divisions usually start several weeks before then.

The Board Chairman commended the Central Office Staff for a good opening of school.

The Board Chairman stated that it was a good effort in combining services with the County.

A board member stated that the Director of the Southwestern Virginia Governor's School commented on how there was such a super group of students from Giles County.

A board member stated that the total enrollment for the Governor's School was 158.

A board member stated that it was very encouraging to see the enrollment numbers go up.

A board member commended the Marching Virginians on their performance at halftime during the Narrows football game several weeks ago.

A board member stated that while attending a NRCC meeting, there were comments that Tonya Vaden, Career Counselor located at the Giles Tech Center, was doing a wonderful job.

A board member stated that they had heard comments from several parents about how the staff at each of the elementary schools made parents and Kindergarten students feel very welcome on the first day of school.

A board member commended the appearance of the Giles High School football field.

The Superintendent informed the board members that the new roof at Macy was now complete. A final inspection was made on the roof several weeks ago.

The Superintendent informed the board members that there were new smart boards added to the schools.

The Superintendent commented on Accreditation, stating that he is anticipating that all five schools will be fully accredited this year. Final word will come next week from the Department of Education.

The Superintendent commended the publication put together by the Country Current and the Giles Tech Center for Career and Technical Education during the 2006-2007 school year.

The Superintendent commended the opening of school. He informed board members that Jerry King spoke at the pre-school conference and he has heard nothing but wonderful comments regarding his presentation.

The Superintendent commented that he would like to recognize the Marching Virginians at the next board meeting for their performance several weeks ago at a Narrows High School football game. The Board Chairman thought this would be a great idea. They will be working to try to see if someone can be in attendance at the next board meeting.

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

The School Board approved the **Employment** of Robin Haga – EEMS Special Education Teacher (effective 9/26/07).

The School Board approved a **Volunteer Agreement** for William Greer (GHS Band).

**\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with the budget meetings.