

**Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting
NEWS RELEASE
August 21, 2009**

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent

***Pledge of Allegiance**

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

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2009
- Bills in the amount of \$ 2,875,184.98
- Payroll, July 15th and 31st, 2009
- Revenue for July 2009
- Expenditure for July 2009
- Appropriation Request for August 2009
- Appropriation Request for September 2009

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations**: Sarah Woodyard – NHS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant (effective July 10, 2009), Sara Tate – NEMS Title I Assistant (effective July 24, 2009), Ann Hively – MMS Guidance Counselor (effective August 10, 2009), Denise Osborne – GHS School Nurse (effective July 29, 2009).

The School Board confirmed the following **Terminations**: Danny Havens – NHS Custodian (effective July 8, 2009).

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment**: Melinda Ogle – EEMS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant (effective beginning of the 09-10 school year), Sharon Cecil – MMS Teacher Assistant (effective beginning of the 09-10 school year), Chris Mitchell – NEMS Title I Teacher (effective beginning of the 09-10 school year), Laura Helvey – NEMS Title I Teacher (effective beginning of the 09-10 school year), Tonya Martin – NEMS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant (effective beginning of the 09-10 school year).

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Billie Lucas – NHS 8th Grade Girls Volleyball, Erica Gautier – NHS J.V. Volleyball, Erica Gautier – NHS 8th Girls Basketball, Erica Gautier – NHS Assistant Varsity Track, Chris Gautier – NHS 8th Boys Basketball, Chris Gautier – NHS Varsity Track, Sherry Gautier – NHS Fall/Winter Cheerleading.

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Sandra Spangler – NHS/NEMS.

The School Board accepted the bid from Powers Fence Company for services specified in IFB #18-2009 (fencing for Ragsdale Field area).

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

The Superintendent introduced 10 new teachers for the 2009-2010 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: Emily A. Ricketts – EEMS Guidance Counselor, Stephine Link Webster – NHS/GHS PE/Health Teacher, Lindsey L. Carlson – EEMS Elementary Teacher, Rebecca Herman – NEMS Special Education Teacher (Itinerant), Christopher R. Gautier – NHS AEP Lead Teacher, Rebecca G. Wagner – EEMS Elementary Teacher, Shelia D. Rice – GTC LPN Instructor, Robbie J. Spiegel – MMS Elementary Teacher, Christopher B. Mitchell – NEMS Title I Teacher, Laura L. Helvey – NEMS Title I Teacher.

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

The School Board approved the joint services agreement made between the County of Giles, the Giles County Public Service Authority, and the Giles County School Board. The Giles County Board of Supervisors, the Giles County Public Service Authority, and the Giles County School Board share a common goal of ensuring the efficient use of local, state, and federal government funds. These three separate political entities desire to work together in an equitable, fiscally sound, and mutually supportive manner. The County, PSA, and School Board have determined that combining departments and offices providing functional services in the areas of staffing for certain vehicle operators, vehicle and building maintenance, public works labor, capital project management and Day Reporting Center, will result in more cost effective administration of a portion of the functions of the County, PSA and School Board and will achieve long term savings and enhanced productivity.

The School Board approved the recommendation to appoint Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II, as the executive member for the School Board for the joint staffing agreement.

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

The Superintendent informed board members about AYP. He stated that two schools, Macy McClagherty and Eastern Elementary/Middle School, met the NCLB requirements and made AYP.

The Superintendent stated that based on preliminary information, all 5 schools will be fully accredited again this year.

The Superintendent stated that the Eastern Elementary/Middle School and Giles Tech Center projects are moving along.

The Superintendent stated that the final walk through has been done on the football facilities. There were just a few minor items that need to be worked on and addressed.

A School Board member distributed handouts from the Governor's School. He also stated that there were four juniors this year from Narrows High School attending Governor's School.

School Board members commended all the staff for their hard work on the renovation projects. There were so many individuals involved in these projects.

School Board members commended the appearance of the high school football stadiums.

The Board Chairman and Superintendent stated their thanks to both boards, School Board and Board of Supervisors, for their support of the renovation projects.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved two additional check runs for August 7th and 18th, 2009.

The School Board approved payrolls for August 15th, 2009.

The School Board approved surplus items from Macy McClagherty School.

The School Board approved additional **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements**: Jane Garrett – NHS Cheerleading, Chris Bales – GHS Baseball Assistant, Mike Davidson – GHS Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach, Chris Hughes – NHS Strength & Conditioning, Jeff Turner – NHS Football, Lee Blaker – NHS Volunteer Asst. Football, Bryan Hughes – NHS Strength & Conditioning, Ben Woodyard – NHS 8th grade & JV Football and Varsity Baseball.

The School Board approved Ben Woodyard as NEMS PE Teacher Assistant, effective for the 09-10 school year.

The School Board approved Rhonda Gusler as GHS School Nurse, effective for the 09-10 school year.

The School Board accepted the proposal from Vaught Septic for services specified in RFP #17-2009 (cleaning of grease traps).

The School Board approved the Substitute Teacher List to date. All substitutes on the list completed all required paperwork and attended the substitute training on August 18th.

The Superintendent distributed a brochure to School Board members regarding the new FOCUS program. The FOCUS program was created to provide preschool through second grade students with specialized instruction in the areas of language development, behavior management, academic and social skills training. The center based program will provide ongoing assessment and instruction using researched based methods. The FOCUS program provides for intensive one to one and small group instruction while also allowing students to have daily inclusion opportunities with age appropriate peer groups at their home school.

The School Board approved the 2009 July Revenue & Expenditure reports.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m. and the Quarterly Dinner meeting will be at 5:30 at Narrows High School.