

**Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting
NEWS RELEASE
November 20, 2009**

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent

***Pledge of Allegiance**

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

***Public Comments**

There were no general or budget public comments.

***Recognitions**

On behalf of the School Board, the Giles High School Golf Team was presented a plaque and recognized for their accomplishments during their season. They were the Champions in the Three Rivers District Regular Season, Champions in the Three Rivers District Tournament, Second in the Region C Tournament, and the 2009 State Single A Champions. Congratulations to the GHS Golf Team!

***Educational Feature**

Mrs. Mary Henderson, School Health Coordinator, and Mrs. Becky Weiss, LPN/Medicaid Specialist, attended the School Board meeting on behalf of the Giles County School Nurses. Mrs. Henderson began by showing a Power Point of each nurse and sharing what our nurses do on a daily basis, which includes monitoring blood pressures, assessing students, giving medication, managing diabetes, etc. Nurses see just about everything on a daily basis, including diabetes, asthma, seizure disorders, cardiac disorders, hearing impaired students, ADD/ADHD students, allergies, and so much more! In addition, the nurses help educate our students about things such as proper nutrition, germ control, and dental care. Fortunately, the Health Department, with the help of Mrs. Henderson and many staff members, were able to administer 1,039 H1N1 vaccines to our elementary children. Once we receive more vaccinations from the Health Department, the school system plans to have the Health Department come back to administer these to the high school students, as well as a second round to the elementary schools for the children that are 9 and under. After the nurses do all of their documentation from the day, Mrs. Weiss then makes sure that the information goes into a program called SNAP. SNAP is the nursing documentation program the nurses use to keep accurate records. This program promotes and transfers students, adds new students and staff, edits, reports, and deletes/removes items that are no longer needed. Mrs. Henderson shared some statistics with the board that included information showing that in just less than 12 weeks into our 2009-2010 school year, our nurses have had 5,758 clinic visits. The nurses work so hard on a daily basis and are very appreciated by the Superintendent and School Board members!

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2009
- Special Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2009
- Bills in the amount of \$ 1,294,980.19
- Payroll, October 30th and November 13th, 2009
- Revenue for October 2009
- Expenditure for October 2009
- Appropriation Request for December 2009

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Ben Woodyard – NHS JV Baseball

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements:** Brad Whitehead – GHS Assistant 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts:** Cindy Lang – GHS 8th Grade Girls Track, Bryan Pruett – NHS Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball, Debbie Lusk – NHS Girls Tennis, Don Epperley – GHS Head JV Boys Basketball

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

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**

Due to time constraints to finish out school tours for the day, the School Board members did not present comments.

The Superintendent thanked Mary Henderson, Michele Thompson, Sharon Farmer, Paula Tibbs, Shannon Douthat, and Trisha Young for all their help with the H1N1 vaccines at the elementary schools a few weeks ago.

The Superintendent stated that the school tours went very well!

The Superintendent commended the wonderful Thanksgiving meal from Narrows Elementary/Middle Schools.

The Superintendent stated that we had a total of 2,027 parent/teacher conferences this year. This number increased from 88 last year.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved an Athletic Coaching Contract for Randy Roe – GHS Boys Varsity Soccer.

The School Board approved a Volunteer Agreement for Mark Brutus – GHS Assistant JV Boys Soccer Coach.

The School Board approved the list of CDL Class Participants as Sub Bus Drivers (pending final written and driving tests).

The School Board approved the Special Meeting minutes for November 16, 2009.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. The Quarterly Dinner Meeting with Administrators will follow at 5:30 p.m. at Eastern Elementary/Middle School.