

**News Release
August 20, 2010
Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting**

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent

***Pledge of Allegiance**

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

***Public Comments**

Gloria Hurt, GEA President, spoke on behalf of the Giles Education Association. She stated that the last year has been full of a lot of highs and lows, as Dr. Arbogast can attest. She has decided to jump back in and continue being a representative again this year. As the new school year begins, the GEA has developed their year plans. One of their goals for this year is to continue working for its members by being active at the national, state, and local levels. They feel they must provide support when policymakers are making decisions about programs that positively affect their classrooms. Their organization diligently met with state legislators on how budget cuts would affect education. The NEA lobbying team, along with members, sent letters and emails to senators and house members to ask for their support of the jobs bill. Another goal of GEA is to keep communication open between GEA and School Board members. In addition, the open door policy that Dr. Arbogast has implemented for employees helps GEA members to share their concerns and work as a team to provide a positive work environment for all employees. She hopes their members will be in the process of what to do with funding from the jobs bill once all the wrinkles are out. She is looking forward to having a very successful school year for staff, students, and parents.

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2010
- Bills in the amount of \$ 760,118.93
- Payroll, July 15th and 30th, 2010 and August 13th, 2010
- Revenue for July 2010
- Expenditure for July 2010
- Appropriation Request for August 2010
- Additional 2009-2010 Field Trips

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations**: Karen Letts – NHS Math Teacher – effective July 20th, 2010 (contingent upon replacement), Beth Melton – NEMS Elementary Teacher – effective August 10th, 2010 (contingent upon replacement), Tammie Baker – MMS School Nurse – effective August 9th, 2010, Josh Palmer – NEMS Custodian (effective August 13, 2010), Jerry Hodges – MMS Custodian – effective August 13th, 2010

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment**: Re-instatement of Bud Reynolds – GTC Custodian/Bus Driver, Brandi Smith – MMS Elementary Teacher, Sarah Woods – EEMS/NEMS Title I Teacher, Krista Gautier – EEMS Elementary Teacher, Ashley Robertson – EEMS Elementary Teacher, Michael Grim – NHS Assistant Principal - effective July 28th, 2010

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements**: Kim Tilley – GHS Assistant Fall & Winter Cheerleading

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Beth Santolla – GHS 8th Grade Girls Basketball, Brandon Webb – GHS Head Girls Varsity Basketball, Mandy Havens – GHS Head JV Volleyball & Varsity Girls Tennis, Shelly Boggess – GHS Fall & Winter Cheerleading (8th, JV, & Varsity)

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Nancy Noble – GHS Accompanist, Sarah Brackenrich – NHS Assistant JV Volleyball, Donald Lowe – NHS Assistant Football

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

The Superintendent introduced 12 new teachers for the 2010-2011 school year, and the School Board joined them in a continental breakfast provided by the Giles County Chamber of Commerce and BB&T. New teachers are: Timothy Woolwine – NHS Band Teacher, Seth Davis – EEMS PE/Health Teacher, Dana Field – GHS Biology Teacher, Brandi Smith – MMS Elementary Teacher, Amy Cowen – MMS Speech Language Pathologist (Hired during 09-10 school year), Melanie Garland – NEMS Speech Language Pathologist (Hired during 09-10 school year), Ashley Robertson – EEMS Elementary Teacher, Krista Gautier – NEMS Elementary Teacher, Melissa Conley – MMS Special Education Teacher (Hired during 09-10 school year), Michael Grim – NHS Assistant Principal, Sarah Woods – EEMS/NEMS Title I Teacher, Cassie Chafin – NHS Math Teacher.

The School Board approved a new photography class at NHS, as proposed by Steve Brady and Joie Horton. Mrs. Horton, NHS Art Teacher, has provided a minimal projection of her vision for a basic photography course that includes classroom instruction as well as opportunity for practical application as with any art course. She is building on an 18 week overview that focuses on one aspect of photography each week. She will introduce the weekly topic, delve into it academically through use of my purchased books, library resources as well as internet resources, highlight specific photography-related artists and photographers, and finally complete the study with a practical application such as students creating their photos reflecting the learned application. Mrs. Horton will initially cover the general history of photography from beginning through today, teach related terms and camera basics, then introduce specific uses of photography in journalism, studio, art, etc.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for John Lawson (NHS 7th/8th Football).

The School Board approved the transfer of Krista Gautier from EEMS to NEMS Elementary Teacher.

The School Board approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for Mike Davidson (GHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach).

The School Board approved an Athletic Coaching Contract for Cindy Lang (GHS Assistant Track Coach).

The School Board approved the Resignation of Eric Widdoes – GHS Business Teacher (effective August 18th, 2010).

The School Board approved the 2010-2011 substitute list. All substitutes on the list completed all required paperwork and attended the substitute training on August 17th.

The School Board approved surplus items from Giles High School to include: 1 frig., 2 tv's, 1 science table, 20 computer monitors, 2 possibly repairable folding tables.

The School Board approved the transfer of Becky Weiss from SBO to MMS School Nurse.

The School Board accepted the bid from Marcell Martin in the amount of \$150 per year for a 5 year lease on the hay cutting right at Giles High School.

The School Board accepted the bid from Alvis Jamison in the amount of \$251.76 per year for a 5 year lease on the Eastern Elementary/Middle School property.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 16th at 4:00 p.m. and the Quarterly Dinner meeting will be at 5:30 at the Giles Technology Center.