

**News Release
June 30, 2010
Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting**

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent

***Pledge of Allegiance**

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

***Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2010
- Bills in the amount of \$ 2,863,730.13
- Payroll, May 28th, June 15th & 30th, July 30th, and August 31st, 2010
- Revenue for May 2010
- Expenditure for May 2010
- Appropriation Request for July 2010
- Confirmation of Resolution Supporting Diana Blanton as 2010 Teacher of the Year
- Approval of Federal Program Title Applications
- Approval of Additional 2009-2010 Field Trips
- Confirmation of Surplus Items

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Resignations**: Terri Martin – EEMS Elementary Teacher (effective June 2010)

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment**: Reinstatement of Curtis Williams – Bus Driver (due to retirement of another bus driver), Seth Davis – EEMS PE Teacher (effective 2010-11), Steve Brady - NHS Principal (effective July 1, 2010), Dana Field – GHS Biology Teacher position (effective 2010-11)

The School Board confirmed the following **Retirement**: Bernice Davis – EEMS Elementary Teacher (effective June 2011), Lori Wilburn - EEMS Teacher Assistant (effective June 2010), Christina Collins – GHS Teacher Assistant (effective June 2010), Teresa Jones – EEMS Elementary Teacher (effective June 2010), Jerry Johnson – Bus Driver (effective June 2010), Donna Darnell – Bus Driver (effective June 2010), Kendra Lane – EEMS Teacher Assistant (effective June 2010), Jeff Johnson – GHS Custodian (effective June 30, 2010), Joseph James – EEMS Teacher Assistant (effective June 2010), Melinda Ogle – EEMS Teacher Assistant (effective June 2010), Amy Gervich – MMS Elementary Teacher (effective June 2010)

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Supplements (10-11 school year)**:

Giles High School			
<u>Employee</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
FALL SPORTS			
Munsey, Tim	\$0.00	Football, 8th	Volunteer
Roe, Randy	\$2,124.00	Football, 8th	Head
Hurley, Byron	\$1,859.00	Football, 8th	Assistant
Ratcliffe, Cooney	\$2,124.00	Football, JV	Assistant
Williams, Jeff	\$4,071.00	Football, Varsity	Head

Bales, Chris	\$2,390.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Evans, Jackie	\$2,390.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Stump, Dusty	\$2,390.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Strader, Bryan	\$2,390.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Jesse, Renee	\$1,062.00	Volleyball, 8th	
Matlock, Whitney	\$1,992.00	Volleyball, Varsity	Head
Johnson, W.R.	\$1,372.00	Golf, Varsity	Head
Hubbard, Mark	\$974.00	Cross Country Girls	
Hubbard, Mark	\$974.00	Cross Country Boys	
WINTER SPORTS			
Mance, Bill	\$2,213.00	Basketball, JV Girls	Head
Reed, Mitch	\$2,921.00	Basketball, Varsity Boys	Head
SPRING SPORTS			
Buchanon, Bobby	\$1,992.00	Softball, Varsity	Head
Harless, Ralph	\$0.00	Softball, Varsity	Volunteer
Frazier, Bruce	\$1,992.00	Baseball, Varsity	Head
Hubbard, Mark	\$3,320.00	Track, Varsity Girls	Head
Ratcliffe, Cooney	\$2,210.00	Track, Varsity Boys	Head
Hurley, Byron	\$1,328.00	Tennis, Boys	
Schmidt, Neil	\$0.00	Soccer, Varsity	Assistant/Vol.
Roe, Randy	\$1,992.00	Soccer, Varsity Boys	

Narrows High School			
<u>Employee</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
FALL SPORTS			
Garrett, Jane	\$0.00	Concession Stands	
Long, Bryan	\$0.00	All Athletic Events	
Lusk, Debbie	\$1,600.00	Cheerleading, Varsity	
Gautier, Sherry	\$1,400.00	Cheerleading	Assistant
Woodyard, Ben	\$0.00	Football, 8th Grade	
Guynn, Todd	\$1,337.50	Football, JV	
Turner, Clyde	\$1,337.50	Football, JV	
Turner, Jeff	\$0.00	Football, JV	
Woodyard, Ben	\$0.00	Football, JV	
Lowe, Kelly	\$3,900.00	Football, Varsity	Head
Bowman, Jon	\$3,000.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Lowery, Gary	\$3,000.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Mann, McCreery	\$3,000.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Blaker, Lee	\$0.00	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Lucas, Billie	\$1,000.00	Volleyball, 8th	
Gautier, Erica	\$1,600.00	Volleyball, JV	
McGlothlin, Sarah	\$2,100.00	Volleyball, Varsity	
Bowman, Tori	\$1,200.00	Volleyball, Varsity	Assistant
Webster, Stephanie	\$1,300.00	Cross Country	
WINTER SPORTS			
Lusk, Debbie	\$1,600.00	Cheerleading, Varsity	
Gautier, Sherry	\$1,400.00	Cheerleading, JV	

Gautier, Chris	\$1,600.00	Basketball, 8th Boys	
Gautier, Erica	\$1,600.00	Basketball, 8th Girls	
Patteson, Bryan	\$0.00	Basketball, JV Boys	
Guynn, Todd	\$2,800.00	Basketball, JV Girls	
Lusk, Todd	\$4,100.00	Basketball, Varsity Boys	
Gautier, Wayne	\$4,100.00	Basketball, Varsity Girls	
SPRING SPORTS			
Gwaltney, Jessica	\$1,800.00	Softball	
Webster, Stephanie	\$1,200.00	Softball, JV	Assistant
Woodyard, Ben	\$0.00	Baseball, JV	
Patteson, Bryan	\$0.00	Baseball, Varsity	
Gautier, Chris	\$2,300.00	Track, Varsity	Boys & Girls
Gautier, Erica	\$1,300.00	Track, Varsity	Assistant
Lusk, Todd	\$1,500.00	Tennis, Boys	
Lusk, Debbie	\$1,500.00	Tennis, Girls	
Kidd, Dennis	\$2,300.00	Soccer, Varsity	
Morrison, Alleta	\$1,200.00	Soccer	Assistant

The School Board confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Neil Schmidt – GHS Asst. Varsity Soccer (2010-11), Ralph Harless – GHS Asst. Varsity Softball (2010-11), Jeff Turner – NHS JV Football (2010-11), Bryan Patteson – NHS JV Boys Basketball/Varsity Boys Baseball (2010-11), Bryan Long – NHS Athletic Events (2010-11), Jane Garrett – NHS Cheerleading/Football Concessions/Basketball/Baseball Concessions (2010-11), Lee Blaker – NHS Asst. Football (2010-11), Ben Woodyard – NHS 8th Grade/JV Football/JV Baseball (2010-11), Bret Nicholson – GHS Asst. JV Soccer (effective 2010-11), William Grady Spiegel – GHS JV Soccer (effective 2010-11)

The School Board accepted the bid from Alvis Jamison for the Hay Lease at Eastern Elementary/Middle School. There were not bids submitted on the Giles High School property.

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

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

The School Board approved Mr. Buckland and Mr. Whitehead as the VSBA delegate and alternate respectively to the 2010 Annual Convention in Williamsburg.

Mr. John Ross, Energy Education Supervisor, spoke on behalf of the Energy Education program for Giles County Public Schools. He stated that it had been a good year thanks to the great people we work with and he is glad to be able to work with this program. He tries to get into each building at least once a week to check on the status of different items, such as lights left on, air conditioning left on, etc. This year has been difficult to track savings due to the two renovation projects that are going on, so the figures he gave the board do not include Eastern Elementary/Middle School or the Giles Technology Center. Total program savings to date from March 2003 to May 2010 is \$914,214.05, which comes out to 23.38%. From June of last year until now, there have been a savings of \$154,557.13, which comes out to 24.11%.

The Board approved a resolution to honor the Virginian Leader so that they will be a part of the 2010 VSBA Media Honor Roll. Reporters have the power to shape community attitudes about public schools, and the Media Honor Roll is a way to recognize fair and balanced reporting about our schools. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives in three categories: print, radio, and television. A school district can add a name to the Honor Roll by passing a resolution and submitting a form to the Virginia School Boards Association. Later this year, VSBA will publish the Media Honor Roll in the VSBA Newsletter and issue a news release about those honored through this program.

The School Board approved Mr. Whitehead for a two year term (2010-2011 & 2011-2012) as the School Boards representative on the Governor's Schools Board of Directors. Mr. Whitehead served in this capacity over the past two-years.

The School Board approved a resolution from the Virginia Retirement System that acknowledges that Giles County Public Schools elects to pick-up some or all of the 5 percent member contributions as detailed in the duly approved resolution. Giles County Public Schools desire to pick up and pay its Plan 2 Employees member contributions to VRS as an additional benefit not paid as salary in an equal amount of 5 percent of creditable compensation.

The School Board approved a scholarship from the Giles Life Saving & Rescue Squad. The Giles County Lifesaving and Rescue Squad would like to present 4 scholarships totaling \$1000.00 to upcoming Phase II applicants to assist in the cost of their nursing education. All applications will be reviewed by local squad members and Nursing Instructor, and a decision will be made according to requirements and needs.

The School Board waived competitive sealed bidding or the competitive negotiation process for cafeteria/kitchen renovation, pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the School Board hereby determines that an emergency exists with regard to the modernization and renovation of the cafeteria/kitchen area at Eastern Elementary/Middle School precluding the award of the contract for such work through the competitive sealed bidding or the competitive negotiation process. The School Board bases this decision on the fact that it has been advised that the cafeteria/kitchen area is in need of modernization and renovation and that it will take at least 10 weeks after a contract is awarded to complete the modernization and renovation of the cafeteria/kitchen area. It will take at least 7 to 10 days to prepare the specifications necessary to seek bids or proposals, advertise the specifications, and complete the bidding process. Teachers and school personnel are scheduled to return to work at the school on August 23, 2010 and students are scheduled to return on August 30, 2010. It is imperative that work begin as soon as possible and to continue to insure that there is ample time to complete the scope of this project, including time for any contingencies which may arise, before employees and students return. In the School Board's opinion, use of competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation will not allow sufficient time to complete the modernization and renovation of the cafeteria/kitchen area at Eastern Elementary/Middle School prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year. The School Board has awarded the contract for this project to Amber Contracting Company, Inc. on June 28, 2010 because this contractor has already been awarded a separate contract and has mobilized its forces to make renovations to the Eastern Elementary/Middle School. Therefore, it is advantageous to the school system to have Amber Contracting Company, Inc. also do the cafeteria/kitchen project.

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

A board member stated that it had been a good school year with the great test scores!

A board member commended the SOL scores and gave a special thanks to the teachers and staff for all of their hard work!

A board member questioned whether the longest bus route would still be 82 minutes. The Assistant Superintendent stated that 82 minutes would be the worst case scenario, if all students would ride. There may be some "bugs" in the routes, but after a week, they hope to have everything worked out. Any suggestions that the drivers have on the new routes are encouraged to talk to Mr. Meade or Mr. Houck. Safety is always the first priority in the routes. They have addressed some issues that have been brought to their attention from drivers.

A board member stated that our current school board has a combined total of over 100 years of board experience. This budget year has been the most difficult year and the board members have really agonized over the decisions that had to be made this year. The decisions that had to be made were in the best interest of Giles County Public Schools.

A board member stated that he hoped for great test scores next year as well.

A board member stated that the governor school had one summer camp last week for about 120 students from the 5th-7th grades. Some Giles students were involved in that camp. He stated that this week they are having a second summer camp for 8th-9th graders. Parents thought it would be a good idea for the 8th-9th graders to have something to do this summer.

The Superintendent stated that the unofficial results for the SOL's look very promising. He shared some of the unofficial results for each school and based on these unofficial results, the hard work put forth by both the teachers and students is evident. Preliminary SOL scores from the schools are as follows:

Eastern Elem/Middle School

English 85%
Math 92%
Science 89%
History 89%

Macy McClaugherty School

English 87%
Math 83%
Science 90%
History 91%

Narrows Elem/Middle School

English 89%
Math 93%
Science 96%
History 92%

Giles High School

English 86%
Math 84%
Science 89%
History 92%

Narrows High School

English 82%
Math 90%
Science 88%
History 83%

The Superintendent commended Jonathan Light from Narrows High School for receiving first place in the state-wide Virginia Educational Media Association's Student Media Festival for the 9-12 grade division. He filmed, edited, and produced a short film answering the question, "The Future of Libraries." He will receive an achievement award and a \$100 cash prize. He will also be formally recognized at the author banquet at VEMA's fall conference on October 29, 2010. In addition, the NHS Library will receive a trophy recognizing his achievement.

***In Other Action**

The School Board approved policy IKF-R as an additional policy change from VSBA.

The School Board approved RFP #2-2010 from Carilion Giles Community Hospital for Physical and Occupational Therapy. Only one other proposal was received from Staffing Options & Solutions. Prices from Carilion Giles Community Hospital are the same for this year as last year.

The School Board approved the June 2010 Revenue and Expenditure Reports.

The School Board approved three additional check runs for June 25th, 28th and 29th, 2010. The total of these three check runs are \$765,646.42.

There was discussion with the board members about two policies regarding personal leave and sick leave pay at retirement. Information was given to them at May's school board meeting regarding changing these policies. The Superintendent asked whether this was something they wanted to act on or wait until the next meeting. The board agreed that they needed to wait until they have a full board to act on these two policies. Gloria Hurt, GEA President, spoke regarding her thoughts about these two policies. She stated that the staff members would be very appreciative of either or both changes. The teachers and assistants have been stressed this year due to the budget cuts. They have been successful with SOL scores this year and continue to work hard in the classroom, without any pay raise. Faculty and staff members are thankful for the two new renovation projects. Having the ability to accumulate 5 personal days as opposed to 3 would be very helpful to teachers in the event they need to take a full week off for an emergency, special event, etc. Teachers rarely ever use sick days because it is much easier to be at school with the students. The GEA would appreciate changes to either one or both policies.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held *Friday, August 20, 2010 at 7:30 AM* prior to the new teachers coming in for orientation, where School Board members will have the opportunity to meet new staff members.