

February 22, 2011

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, February 22nd in the School Administration Office Building to discuss the Ten Commandments that is posted in all of our schools. Persons present were:

J. B. Buckland, Chairman
J. M. Gollehon, Jr.
Drema K. McMahan
J. L. Webb, Jr.
R. B. Whitehead

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Superintendent stated that we have been in communication with our attorney and with attorneys from Liberty Counsel. Based on the conversations with these individuals, it has been shared with us that the displays, as they are currently posted, should be removed from the school buildings. Liberty Counsel will not defend us if we leave the displays up in the current form. In addition, no further display containing the Ten Commandments should be posted in the schools without the approval of the School Board. As information, the last case that went all the way to the Supreme Court cost over \$300,000.

Mrs. McMahan stated that considering the report from Liberty Counsel and the Alliance Defense Fund, as well as our attorney, she is making a motion that we take the Ten Commandments down as they are posted in our schools. Dr. Webb seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

The Chairman, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk