

**News Release  
June 30, 2011  
Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting**

*Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II*

*Division Superintendent*

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**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**\*Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2011
- Bills in the amount of \$ 1,930,877.27
- Payroll, June 15<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- Appropriation Request for July 2011
- Approval of Federal Program Title Applications
- Confirmation of Surplus Items

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

The School Board confirmed the following **Employment**: Melissa Blankenship – EEMS Middle School Teacher (effective 11-12 school year), Renee Meredith – MMS Custodian (effective 6/13/11), Reinstatement of Penny Martin – NEMS Teacher Assistant (effective 11-12 school year)

The School Board confirmed the following **Athletic Supplements (11-12 school year)**:

**Giles High School**

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<b>FALL SPORTS</b>		
Munsey, Tim	Football, 8th	Volunteer
Huffman, Jerry	Football, JV	Head
Williams, Jeff	Football, Varsity	Head
Stump, Dusty	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Evans, Jackie	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Strader, Bryan	Football, Varsity	Assistant
Matlock, Whitney	Volleyball, Varsity	Head
Johnston, W.R.	Golf, Varsity	Head
<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>		
Epperley, Don	Basketball, JV Boys	Head
Davis, Seth	Basketball, Varsity Boys	Head
<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>		
Harless, Ralph	Softball	volunteer
Jones, Mark	Track	Assistant
Galyen, Kylie	Soccer	
Schmidt, Neil	Soccer, Girls	volunteer

**Narrows High School**

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<b>FALL SPORTS</b>		
Garrett, Jane	All Athletic Events	volunteer
Long, Bryan	All Athletic Events	volunteer
Lusk, Debbie	Cheerleading, Varsity	
Gautier, Sherry	Cheerleading	assistant
Lowe, Don	Football, Assistant	assistant
Lawson, John	Football, Assistant	volunteer
Lowe, Kelly	Football, Varsity	head
Bowman, Jon	Football, Varsity	assistant
Guynn, Todd	Football, Varsity	assistant
Lowery, Gary	Football, Varsity	assistant
Lucas, Billie	Volleyball, 8th	
Gautier, Erica	Volleyball, JV	
McGlothlin, Sarah	Volleyball, Varsity	
Bowman, Tori	Volleyball, Varsity	assistant
Burton, Erin	Volleyball, Varsity	volunteer
<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>		
Lusk, Debbie	Cheerleading, Varsity	
Gautier, Sherry	Cheerleading, JV	
Gautier, Chris	Basketball, 8th Boys	
Guynn, Andi	Basketball, 8th Girls	
Guynn, Todd	Basketball, JV Girls	
Gautier, Wayne	Basketball, Varsity Girls	
<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>		
Gautier, Chris	Track, Varsity	
Gautier, Erica	Track	assistant
Lusk, Todd	Tennis, Boys	
Lusk, Debbie	Tennis, Girls	
Morrison, Alleeta	Soccer	assistant
Kidd, Dennis	Soccer	

The School Board confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts (11-12 school year)**: Gary Hinson – NHS MACC Science, Teresa Lowe – NHS SCA Sponsor, Sherry Miller – NHS MACC Head Coach & MACC All Around

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

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

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. It's been a good shutdown already for the summer. EEMS and GTC are both coming together and he really hopes to see some significant reductions in those two sites this coming school year. "The program is basically running itself now. Everyone knows what to do. The program to date (April 2003-April 2011), we have saved \$1,038,379 with this program. That's a total of 23.17% cost savings. Just this year (April 2010 – April 2011), we have saved \$111,537 with these measures. With the cost of energy going up, we keep looking for ways to save. There are a couple issues we have had with water bills, but we hope to have this taken care of by the fall. We talk about money with this, but environmental impact is also important. We have saved with our CO2 emissions, enough CO2 to have

taken 567 cars off the road in one year. That is a pretty big impact!" Mr. Ross works approximately 10 hours per week on this program, but it varies from week to week.

The Board approved a resolution concerning Regulatory Relief for America's Schools. A sample resolution from the AASA/NSBA was provided regarding regulatory relief from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. They have asked all school divisions served by VASS, VSBA and NSBA if they so feel to do the resolution and send a signed copy to our congressman and senators at the federal level, to hopefully get heard when reauthorizing ESEA (No Child Left Behind). This year, English is 86%, Math is 85%. It continues to go up from there. It is 91% for reading and 90% for Math in 2012. In 2013, it will be 96% for reading and 95% for math.

The Board approved a resolution concerning the Narrows Annex and declaring it surplus property, pending any further action by the Narrows Town Council on an agreement between the town and the school system. Also, this resolution is pending that it is turned back over to the Town of Narrows. A resolution was provided concerning the Narrows Annex and declaring it surplus property. The School Board desires to transfer the Property, including the land that forms the footprint of the Property, but not the land surrounding the Property, to the Giles County Board of Supervisors pursuant to § 22.1-129A of the Code of Virginia.

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

A board member stated that we had an overall good school year. Thanks to the administrators for all of your hard work this year! Also, thanks to the hard work of the school board for all of the things that have come up this year.

It's really nice to have someone looking over our energy and saving the money that has been saved!

Mr. Whitehead distributed handouts regarding the Science and Creativity camp held at the Governor's School.

It's hard to believe that we have finished another school year and another one preparing to start.

A board member thanked the Virginian Leader for all of their hard work in getting school events and great articles in the paper regarding our schools!

A board member thanked John Ross for his hard work with Energy Education! It saves us a lot of money!

Thanks to Mr. Whitehead for being a representative on the Governor's School board and keeping everyone up to date on the Governor's School. He is a real attribute to the county!

The Superintendent shared information regarding several students in Mrs. Young's and Mr. Johnson's business classes at Giles High. There were 45 students certified in Word 2010 and 44 students certified in PowerPoint 2010. Also, 4 students were successfully certified in CIW-SDF (Certified Internet Webmaster - Site Development Foundations). Those students were Nicole Brown, Codey Mohler, Zack Muncy, and Gina Modica.

The Superintendent received information back on students that went to the SkillsUSA National competition. Thomas Hart placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Technical Drafting and Chelsea Barnett placed 35<sup>th</sup> in Promotional Bulletin Board. Congratulations to these students!

The Superintendent shared unofficial SOL scores with the School Board members. Overall, scores look pretty good and it appears that all schools will be fully accredited again. It will probably be August before we get official results.

#### **\*In Other Action**

The School Board approved the Retirement of Joyce Marion - MMS Secretary (effective June 30, 2011).

The School Board approved the Employment of Jami Ross – MMS Teacher (effective for the 11-12 school year).

The School Board approved 2 additional check runs in the amount of \$753,711.04.

The School Board approved the transfer of Emily Moye from NEMS to the preschool teacher position at MMS (effective for the 11-12 school year).

The School Board approved an adoption agreement with VRS regarding voluntary long term care program. This agreement would be with VRS and the employee. This needs to be approved in order for them to offer this to the employee. The employee would be responsible for the cost associated with this insurance.

The Superintendent stated that the tomatoes were now ready in Mrs. Layton-Dudding's greenhouse at Giles High School.

**\*Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held *Friday, August 19, 2011 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.