

December 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on Thursday, December 13th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

J. B. Buckland, Chairman
R. B. Whitehead
Drema K. McMahon
J.L. Webb, Jr.
Joe Gollehon

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
D. Scott Meade, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's December 13, 2012 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Rhonda Colavecchio – GHS, Martha Davidson – EEMS, Mae Wilson – EEMS, Angie Martin – EEMS

The following students were recognized for their outstanding artwork and winning this year's Christmas Card Contest: Adyson Stafford – MMS, Cara Newbill – EEMS, Alyssa Smith – NEMS

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Lisa James, Mrs. Beth Ellis, Mrs. Tara Johnson and Mr. Rick Franklin attended the school board meeting on behalf of the NEMS educational feature. Mrs. James, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Johnson had the opportunity to participate in a grant funded project called, "Leading in Reading". This project was in cooperation with the reading departments from Virginia Tech and Radford University. This project gave the teachers many different strategies to help the children learn to read in the classroom and these strategies have helped keep the children motivated. The teachers are very thankful for the opportunity to participate in this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Sonya Meekins attended the school board meeting on behalf of the GEA. She stated that she wanted to reiterate some of the budget proposals for next year. They would like the support staff to be on a salary scale based on their years of service. Also, they would like for the teacher salary scale to remain unfrozen, hold all employees' salaries harmless against VRS increase, and continue to pay single subscriber insurance. If it is not possible to continue to pay the single subscriber insurance, they are requesting to only pay a percentage of the increase for their premium. On a different note, they have met with several legislators, including Delegate Yost. He is in support of the state fully funding education. He is working to draft a bill that would put school employees on a statewide insurance plan. This would save localities millions of dollars if implemented. He also supports their positions on saving the continuing contract. The GEA has spoken with the school board about endorsing the resolution to help save the continuing contract. There are other localities that have already "signed on" with this resolution.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following consent items:

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – November 16, 2012

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include November 30th & December 14th, 2012
2. Payment of Bills to include November 20th, November 28th and December 5th, 2012
3. November 2012 Revenue and Expenditure Reports

4. Appropriation Request for February 2013
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: February 2013 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of February 2013. This is for the eighth month of the fiscal year 2012-13. I would appreciate the Board's consideration of this request. The request for the operating budget is consistent with the approved operating budget submitted by the School Board.

Original Monthly Appropriation Request:	\$2,106,708.92
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
Total:	\$2,106,708.92

This request is one-twelfth of the operating budget and includes the anticipated monthly expenditures in the flow-thru account. Our year to date appropriation and expenditures are contained in the monthly summary. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

5. Additional 2012-2013 Field Trips

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:
1. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Angelo Thorne- GHS Softball, James Fisher – GHS JV Softball
 2. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations:** Anthony Ratcliffe – GHS Boys Assistant Track/Field Coach (effective December 3rd), Kelly Davis – NHS Varsity Softball Coach (effective November 19th)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the updated **2012-2013 Substitute List** to date.
- B. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Dr. Webb congratulated Briana Massaro and Logan Kantsios for being named the DAR recipients this year.

Dr. Webb stated that he was shocked to hear some of the statistics provided by Narrows Elem/Middle School teachers regarding reading levels of children with different socioeconomic backgrounds.

Mrs. McMahon commended all the teachers in the schools who put in all the extra effort and work during extra-curricular activities. The salary scales are not where they need to be. You are much appreciated!

Mr. Whitehead gave information on the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. "Students will finish the fall semester at SWVGS on Friday, 12/14. They are taking cumulative course exams this week and submitted research proposal papers on 12/10. A research proposal is a plan for why and how a scientific research investigation will be conducted. The proposal includes a detailed description of everything students will do in their investigation. The proposal paper serves as a guide or roadmap for completing the project. The proposal lays out the plan of progression so that students are prepared to conduct their studies. The proposals describe, explain, and define in a step by step sequence what, why, and how the research will be completed. The

proposal papers serve as a general framework for conducting investigative research projects in January so that students can use the research project workdays effectively. SWVGS is pleased that nearly 80 students have signed up to take the Math Kangaroo contest on March 21, 2013. It is an international mathematics competition and this is the second year that SWVGS will serve as a host testing site. Students compete on grade level in grades 1-12. Five students from Giles are registered, 54 from Montgomery County, six from Radford, three from Roanoke, as well as others from several hours away. The deadline for registration is December 15, information is available at <http://www.mathkangaroo.org>.”

Mr. Gollehon congratulated the Christmas card winners this year.

Board members commended the breakfast at Narrows High School this morning, which was prepared by the Appalachian Culture Class.

Mr. Buckland stated that he would like to have a good comparison of salaries for divisions around us with similar enrollment. “I feel like we have some catching up to do!”

The Superintendent informed School Board members of a press release from Governor McDonnell. He stated that it was only part 1 and calls for a 2 percent pay increase for all teachers, which is the First in 5 Years, incentives for teachers in STEM-H subjects, strategic compensation grants for teachers, and other measures to recruit, retain and reward excellent teachers.

The Superintendent stated that about a year ago, we went through an OCR review. A letter was received this week stating that we had fully complied with this review and our file would be closed with satisfactory compliance in all areas. Thanks to our maintenance department, John Mills and Forest Fowler for all of the work put forth in completing these projects.

The Superintendent stated that during the weekend of November 17th, Giles High School drama team went to the regional competition and they received 3rd place out of 17. Congratulations to them! Also, congratulations to Caitlin Journell, who received an honorable mention actor award and to Taylor Williams who received 5th place overall.

The Superintendent stated that he went to the NHS band performance on Tuesday afternoon and they did a very good job. There were two students who made all district band, which include Jason Simmons (baritone) and Sierra Ogden (clarinet).

The Superintendent commended the football and volleyball teams at Giles High School for their wonderful seasons. Coach Williams received TRD coach of the year for football, Ian Mann received TRD player of the year for football, as well as WSLs player of the year, and Coach Matlock received TRD coach of the year for volleyball.

The Superintendent shared the new lunch menus with the school board members as information.

The Superintendent and School Board members thanked Mrs. James, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Franklin for the NEMS educational feature!

IN OTHER ACTION...

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held **Thursday, January 17th at 4:00 p.m.**

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

Chairman

Clerk