

**November 16, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. No closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

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

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's November 16, 2012 School Board Meeting Agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments regarding the 2013-14 School Board Budget. There were no public comments. Mr. Whitehead, on motion of Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, closed the public hearing.

#### **EDUCATIONAL FEATURE**

Mrs. Tonya Vaden and welding student, Logan Merrix, attended the School Board meeting on behalf of the Giles Tech Center. Mrs. Vaden and Mr. Merrix explained a test that welding students have to take and pass prior to entering the welding shop. They take an online OSHA 10-Hour general industry class, which is through CareerSafe. The only classes through the technology center that do not have to take this class are nursing and cosmetology and this is due to those courses having their own tests/courses. Once a student successfully completes the OSHA 10-Hour General Industry or the OSHA 10-Hour Construction Industry course, the student will receive their OSHA 10-Hour wallet card from the OSHA Training Institute. Young workers develop a safety mindset and acquire marketable skills. Due to this class, they are hopeful to have fewer worksite accidents.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Regular – October 25, 2012

**B. Financial Data**

1. Payrolls to include October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012
2. Payment of Bills to include October 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012
3. October 2012 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Additional 2012-2013 Field Trips
5. Additional 2012-2013 Advisory Committees
6. Appropriation Request for January 2013

TO: Christopher McKlarney  
Interim Administrator for Giles County  
RE: January 2013 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of January 2013. This is for the seventh 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**

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.

#### 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 **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Alleta Morrison – NHS Assistant Soccer Coach
  2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Christopher Collins – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball, Michael Williams – GHS Varsity Boys Basketball, Catherine Cottone – GHS Band, Melanie Hart – MMS General Volunteer
  3. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the 2012-2013 Substitute Teacher list to date.
  4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved Newberry Ford as the provider of services specified in IFB 3-2012 (purchase of two garage/maintenance trucks).
- B. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

#### CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Gollehon commended the wonderful lunch at NEMS!

Board members commended the educational feature from Mrs. Tonya Vaden and Mr. Logan Merrix!

Mr. Whitehead gave an update on the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. "SWVGS students are settling on topics for their research projects. Everyone has had a statistical consult to discuss an appropriate method for data collection and statistical analysis. Students are also completing the necessary paperwork to have their projects approved by the Regional Fair SRC (Scientific Review Committee). In early December, the students will write project proposal papers detailing their plans for completing their projects in time to display their work at the annual SWVGS Science Consortium."

Dr. Webb stated that there were a lot of good things going on in Giles County, especially today. Giles High Girls Volleyball plays in Richmond for the State Semi-Finals. Good luck to them! Tonight, Giles High Football team plays John Battle for the regional playoffs. Good luck to them!

Dr. Webb and Dr. Arbogast commended Lisa James, Beth Ellis, and the students for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the elementary school category in the VSBA Student Video Contest. Students were recognized in the VSBA's first annual student video contest where the students were asked to create a 30 second video around the theme, "there is no app for that". The winners were announced at the Opening General Session of the VSBA Annual Convention. Congratulations to these two teachers and the students who participated in this contest!

Mrs. McMahon commended our schools for their leadership with the clubs and directing students toward community service involvement. There seems to always be community service projects going on in our schools with our clubs and organizations. This is so important for students to be focused in this direction.

Mrs. McMahon stated that so many parents have come to her in the last couple weeks to tell her how much they appreciate their child's teacher, school resource officers (Officer Teddy Vaughn) and the administration at each school. Also, she has received compliments about the leadership of Dr. Jill Hopkins, as well as teachers, Michelle Robertson and Carol Tawney. Parents have commented about what an excellent job those two teachers have done with their child.

Mr. Buckland commended the school tour at NEMS. It seems like the kids are so happy!

Dr. Arbogast stated that they had received an invitation from EEMS for a STEM community event on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Arbogast and Dr. Webb commended Pamela MacDonald, teacher at Macy, and Lisa James, teacher at NEMS, for being named as 2013 McGlothlin Award semi-finalists. Six finalists, three each at the elementary school level and secondary school level, will be notified in January 2013 and proceed to on-site observations by judges in the final round.

The Superintendent stated that 5 Students from Giles High School had successful auditions during the Jr. District choir auditions over the weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will represent GHS at the district choir event in March. Sydney Hawks and Sarah Church placed 1st and 2nd in the district, Max Riley placed 4th and Raheem Williams and Katie Whitehead also placed in the top 25. Congratulations to these students on this accomplishment!

Congratulations to the Giles drama team on their second place finish at the district theatre competition held at Floyd over the weekend of Nov. 3rd. They will be moving on to regionals at James River on the 17th. Special congratulations to Taylor McCroskey, Cati Journell, and Amber Stump on receiving outstanding actor's awards for their performances.

The Superintendent stated that GHS had 7 students successfully audition for Sr. High District Choir over the weekend of November 10<sup>th</sup>. These students were: Diamond Meadows, Parker Fields, Kacey Mann, Amber Bradley, Kyle Chafin, Seth Gautier, Marti Williams. Also, there were 2 students that were alternates and they were Tanner Martin and Chantry Pennington. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

Good luck to the Lady Spartan volleyball team while they compete in Richmond for the state semi-finals!

Good luck to the Giles Spartan football team as they play John Battle tonight in the regional playoffs!

The Superintendent stated that it was American Education Week and he thanked the teachers and staff for all they do for our students.

***\*Next School Board Meeting***

The next regular School Board meeting will be held **Thursday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.** and the Quarterly Dinner Meeting with Administrators will follow at 5:30 p.m. at Narrows Elementary/Middle School.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk

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