

December 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on Thursday, December 19th, 2013 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 19, 2013 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Dottie Meredith – EEMS, Heather Frazier – NEMS

The following students were recognized for their outstanding artwork and winning this year's Christmas Card Contest: Ryane Broyles – MMS, Abbie Cook – EEMS, Mason McCroskey – NEMS

On behalf of the School Board, Mr. Buckland was presented with a plaque for 33 years of service and dedication to the students and citizens of Giles County.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Chrissy Dunn, Mrs. Donna Ralph and Mrs. Sarah McGlothlin attended the school board meeting to present the NEMS educational feature. These ladies applied for the Trails to Every Classroom program through the Appalachian Trail Conservancy last year and they got approved. They have participated in two weekend trainings and a week-long training this past summer. The program is developed to encourage students to engage in their local communities. They are taking their classrooms and doing project based education in the community. They are learning and also covering SOL objectives at the same time. This is an Appalachian Trail workshop program, but they decided to do Mill Creek in Narrows. What they have found is that most of their students had no idea that Mill Creek was in Narrows. The program starts in 5th grade and continues through 7th grade. For more information about this wonderful educational project, please visit <http://narrowsmillcreek.weebly.com/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Melissa Conley attended the school board meeting on behalf of the GEA. She stated "I just wanted to take a moment for this month's meeting to let you know how grateful GEA is to have supportive board members and central office staff of education. We would like to thank you for hearing our concerns and giving them consideration. We would also like to thank you for making CPR training available and free of charge to employees. As you probably know, the state has made a budget proposal, however, with the new governor taking office in January, we are still unsure of what might happen. Dr. Arbogast and I have discussed GEA's concerns for raises for its employees and hopefully, with new information in the near future we can come back and revisit our concerns more fairly. Our teachers are continuing to do a fantastic job for our students to make us one of the best school systems in the state and we would love to see them rewarded for their efforts." In closing, she said a big thank you to Mr. Buckland. "Thank you for sacrificing your time and energy for your community and for education. You have spent many years on the Giles County School Board and giving of yourself for others." On behalf of GEA, Mrs. Conley presented Mr. Buckland with a plaque for his service and dedication.

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 22, 2013

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include November 29th & December 13th, 2013
2. Payment of Bills to include November 25th, December 4th and December 11th, 2013
3. November 2013 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for January 2014
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: January 2014 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of January 2014. This is for the seventh month of the fiscal year 2013-14. 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:	\$ 2,114,156.00
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
Total:	\$ 2,114,156.00

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. Confirmation of Surplus Items

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. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Brittany Moye – GHS JV Girls Basketball
2. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Dennis Kidd – NHS Head Soccer Coach, Scott Potter – GHS Head 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Jessica Hare – NHS Girls Basketball Assistant
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the **Termination** of Steve Songer (effective 12/4/13).
4. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following **Supplemental Contracts**: Larry Greer – NHS MACC Social Studies, Sherry Miller – NHS MACC Head Coach/MACC All Around, Ryan Mason – NHS MACC Math, Gary Hinson – NHS MACC Science, Melanie Atkins – NHS MACC English
5. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the updated **2013-2014 Substitute List** to date.

B. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved VACoRP/Standard as the Short Term/Long Term disability carrier for hybrid plan employees (employees hired starting January 1, 2014 and into the future).

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

The Superintendent asked Mr. Meade to share with board members information from the committee involving the Governor's School. He stated that at this time, the committee felt that it was best to keep the classes as they are currently being offered for our students at the Governor's School. On motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved to keep the governor's school classes as they are currently.

Mrs. McMahon stated that she appreciates the leadership of Mr. Buckland and for all of his time he has put into the board and Giles County Public Schools. We will never know what you have done for Giles County Public Schools.

Mrs. McMahon thanked Shelor Motor Mile for their second annual talent show on November 23rd. GHS and NHS were well represented! The entire talent show was great!

Mrs. McMahon commended the GHS Drum line for their presentation during the intermission of the Shelor Motor Mile talent show.

Mrs. McMahon commended our Assistant Track Coach, Colin Munsey, for being the AAU Masters Nationals First Place Winner.

Dr. Webb echoed Mrs. McMahon's comments about Mr. Buckland. "I'm not sure you realize what legacy you have left behind in Giles County as far as what you have done for our students these last 33 years. You have been such a mentor to each and every one of us that has come along through the years. We appreciate every moment of what you have done."

Dr. Webb congratulated the GHS Football Team for being state champs. He heard it was one terrific high school football game!

Dr. Webb commended the educational feature! It was one of the finest that we have had in a long time!

Mr. Whitehead gave out a new brochure on the Governor's School that was created to represent the governor's school programs. He also stated that he echoed what the other two board members said about Mr. Buckland. "I'm going to miss you!"

Mr. Gollehon stated that he was certainly proud to have served with JB on the School Board. He has known him for a long time. "I appreciate you so much, JB!"

Mr. Gollehon stated that the educational feature was very informative this evening.

Mr. Buckland congratulated the Giles High School football team! He thanked the School Board for their kind remarks, but he couldn't have done it without them!

Dr. Arbogast thanked J.B. for the opportunity to work with him. "It has been an honor to work with you and the rest of the board members for the betterment of our schools, students and staff members. I appreciate everything you have done for me and the school system."

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment is at 2444, as of 12/18/13, which is down 6 from the end of November.

Dr. Arbogast stated that they had some student winners (Tristan Gilvary – GHS & Jackson Blankenship – NHS) from both Giles and Narrows High who won the art contest for the Giles Youth Adult Partnership. Their artwork is now on display on the billboard across from Patrick Enterprises.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Coach Williams, his staff and all the boys on the football team for winning the 2A State Championship this past Saturday. Also, congratulations to Coach Williams for being Coach of the Year and the football team for being Team of the Year! Mr. Mills shared several emails and comments from the principal of Brunswick with Dr. Arbogast

regarding the sportsmanship of our boys! Very positive comments!

Dr. Arbogast thanked NHS faculty, staff and students for going around the county doing Christmas caroling on Tuesday evening. They did an outstanding job and it was very much appreciated!

Dr. Arbogast thanked NHS for their country breakfast on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Arbogast commended the Eastern and Macy combined choir concert, as well as NEMS for their concert (band and choir)! Thanks to Ms. Fuentes, Mr. Riley, Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Spade for their work with our students!

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Morgan Ralph for being 1st in the MLK Jr. Essay contest and to Melanie Garcia for being 2nd place in the MLK Jr. Poster contest. Also, congratulations to Hannah Shuff, who made the all-middle school band after trying out.

Dr. Arbogast stated that this past weekend, there were tryouts at John Battle High School for the All District Jr. Band and some students from EEMS attended. Congratulations to Abbey Stone, who made Symphonic Band and Callie Link who made Concert Band. Both students are in the 7th grade.

Dr. Arbogast commended students from MMS and EEMS who made All District Choir. Macy students were Isaiah Black, Elana Dao and Coleton Yopp and the Eastern student was Adellaide Nielson. Congratulations to the students on their accomplishment!

Thanks to the NHS and GHS choir groups for visiting the school board office today to do some Christmas caroling. They did an awesome job and thanks for coming!

Thanks to Sarah McGlothlin, Chrissy Dunn and Donna Ralph from NEMS for the wonderful educational feature!

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved and passed a resolution to honor Mr. Buckland. Mr. Buckland abstained. The resolution states:

Resolution Honoring
MR. J.B. BUCKLAND
School Board Member, Giles County Public Schools

Whereas, Mr. J.B. Buckland served as a dedicated member of the Giles County School Board since his appointment to the School Board on February 26, 1980; and

Whereas, During his tenure, he served as School Board Chairman since July 16th, 1985; and

Whereas, His career in public education has spanned 33 years of committed service to the students and staff of Giles County Public Schools, including the School Board Office, Giles Technology Center, Giles High School, Narrows High School, Narrows Elementary/Middle School, Eastern Elementary/Middle School and Macy McClagherty School; and

Whereas, He is well respected by fellow Board members and his colleagues in the education community for his strong personal and professional commitment to improving education for all students in Giles County; and

Whereas, His tenure will end with Giles County Public Schools on December 31, 2013 as a Board Chairman with Giles County Public Schools after a long, illustrious career dedicated to advancing public education opportunities in Giles County; now therefore be it

Resolved: That the Giles County School Board honors its colleague and friend, J.B. Buckland, for his exemplary service to education on behalf of the citizens of Giles County, and wishes him the best of luck in future endeavors.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held **Thursday, January 16th 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