

November 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on Friday, November 22nd, 2013 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	Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
J. M. Gollehon, Jr.	Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Drema K. McMahon	D. Scott Meade, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum
J.L. Webb, Jr.	
R. B. Whitehead	

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's November 22, 2013 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments regarding the 2014-15 School Board Budget. There were no public comments. Mrs. McMahon, on motion of Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, closed the public hearing.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Paula Tibbs, Dr. Jill Hopkins, Emily Dwoyer and several students, attended the School Board meeting on behalf of the Gifted Education educational feature. Mrs. Tibbs discussed some AP and Virtual class opportunities that students have on a daily basis. Students are offered remarkable opportunities and she stated that students are able to earn college credit through these classes that we are able to offer. One of these opportunities is through Virtual Virginia. Several students attended to discuss what they do in their courses and how it works out in their life.

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 24, 2013

- B. Financial Data**
 - 1. Payrolls to include October 31st and November 15th, 2013
 - 2. Payment of Bills to include October 23rd, 30th and November 6th and 12th, 2013
 - 3. October 2013 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
 - 4. Appropriation Request for December 2013
 - TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
 - RE: December 2013 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of December 2013. This is for the sixth 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

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 Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Debbie Lusk – NHS Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, Robert Buchanan – GHS Girls Softball (Volunteer), Jon Bright – NHS Head Softball Coach, Alleta Morrison – NHS Asst. Soccer Coach, Brian Spangler – NHS Head JV Baseball Coach, Greg Canaday – GHS Varsity Boys Basketball (Volunteer)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Joel Bright – NHS Custodian (effective 11/11/13), Transfer of Michele Fields from MMS to GHS (Special Education Teacher Assistant)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the 2013-2014 Substitute Teacher list to date.
 4. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, accepted the proposal from Unifirst for services specified in RFP #9-2013 (uniforms for garage/maintenance).

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mrs. McMahon stated that she and Dr. Webb were at NHS interviewing applicants for the HOBY leadership training. She was so impressed with all the students. They spoke well and interacted well. Their presentations were exceptional. She wishes we could have sent all of them.

Mrs. McMahon thanked Narrows Elementary/Middle School for the invitation to the roof dedication. It was nice to meet with the workers and to see the job that was completed there.

Mrs. McMahon thanked Narrows High School for their newsletter they received. Also, the newest Spartonian was very good! She enjoyed reading both newsletters.

Mrs. McMahon stated that one interesting thing that came out in the VSBA newsletter was that one northern county school with a much higher tax base than ours discussed sagging hallways, stained carpets, etc. This makes us appreciate our schools even more than what we already do. Our staffs take so much pride in the appearance of our schools.

Dr. Webb also discussed information on the VSBA updates. It stated that 60% of school facilities in Virginia are 40 years or older. We have some schools that are in that category, but our schools have been well maintained.

Dr. Webb stated that about 3 weeks ago, some members from the School Board and Board of Supervisors traveled to New River Community College to look at the programs that they offer. Also, the CCAP program (Community College Access Plan) was discussed. In December, the Superintendent and Mr. McKlarney, along with a couple individuals from New River Community College are going to discuss the CCAP program in more detail, as it pertains to the possible participation of Giles County. He thinks that the CCAP program looks like a “win-win” situation.

Mr. Whitehead discussed Governor School information. “As the fall semester comes to a close, seniors are completing the *Spotlight Speakers: Mentoring through Narrative* seminar series that is a component this year of the senior Science and Technology Seminar and Project Course. In this series, invited speakers talked with students about their strengths and how they discovered them, their passion(s) and how they found it (them), failures and their importance as learning opportunities, significant people and/or events/experiences that impacted them, “aha” moments, and ways in which they have reinvented themselves through their careers. Speakers included: Rhett Herman, Professor of Physics, RU, Stephanie Adams, Department Head, Professor, Engineering Education, VT, Kathleen Alexander, Associate Professor, College of Natural Resources, VT, Dave Carroll, Instructor, College of Natural Resources, VT, Dennis Dean, Director, Life Sciences, VT, Michele James-Deramo, Founding Director, Service-Learning, Center for Student Engagement, VT, Keri Swaby, Scieneering Program Manager, VT, Adam Mills, junior, Physics Fulbright Scholar, VT, Mitzi Vernon, Professor, School of Architecture and Design, VT, Ashley Taylor, senior,

Mechanical Engineering, VT (a SWVGS alum).

Mr. Gollehon stated that he is always amazed with the different ways that subjects are taught. In his days, there was no way to get college credit. It is so hard to believe what all is offered now!

Mr. Buckland thanked the Narrows High School students, Mrs. Dwoyer and Dr. Hopkins for the educational feature. He is impressed at the college credit that is now offered.

Mr. Buckland commended the roof at Narrows Elementary/Middle School. It went very smooth and there were no problems!

Mr. Buckland introduced Mr. Gentry, our new board member.

Dr. Arbogast discussed enrollment information. As of today, the enrollment is 2,450, which is only one student down from the October 31st enrollment.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the career day at Eastern Elementary/Middle School. There were 13 members from our community that attended and spoke to the 6th & 7th grade students. Thanks to Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Whitehead for their help. This was a great opportunity for our kids. Thanks to the businesses and individuals who came to speak to our kids!

Dr. Arbogast discussed the parent/teacher conference numbers and stated he had a copy of the report if anyone wanted to see it.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the Giles County Youth Adult Partnership held an art contest and the theme of the contest was "Give Respect, Get Respect." They received several submissions, with three students from both Giles and Narrows High School being recognized. The following were winners:

GHS: 1st Place – Tristan Gilvary, 2nd Place – Caitlin Calderon, 3rd Place – Kassandra Holman

NHS: 1st Place – Jackson Blankenship, 2nd Place – Levi Galford, 3rd Place – Megan Yopp

Lamar Advertising has been sent high resolution digital photos of the students' artwork and they are currently creating the billboard image. The billboard location is the lighted sign across from Patrick Enterprises on 460 East in Pembroke.

Dr. Arbogast stated that during the first two weekends in November, Giles High had 25 students try out for district choir. They had 22 students from GHS make district choir this year! There were 13 individuals who made Jr. High Choir and 9 made Sr. High Choir. GHS had the highest percentage of students make it from an individual school. Congratulations to Mr. Woolwine and his students!

Dr. Arbogast stated that the Shelor Motor Mile talent show will be held tomorrow evening.

Dr. Arbogast stated that on October 28th, Giles High School held their talent show. The fan favorite award of \$73 went to Tierra Henderson. The 5th place award of \$50 went to Sydney Hawks. The 4th place award of \$75 went to Tierra Henderson. The 3rd place award of \$100 went to Sophie Steele. The 2nd place award of \$125 went to Rachel Ingram. The grand prize 1st place award of \$200 went to Colin Dalton. Both Colin and Rachel will go on to compete in the regional talent show on November 23rd at Blacksburg High School. Congratulations to all the talent show winners!

Dr. Arbogast commended the 4 individuals who competed in the state cross country meet (Jacob Stubbs, Logan Merrix, Luke Munsey and Katie Whitehead).

Dr. Arbogast commended Emily McBeth and Carrie Orey as they were selected to represent Narrows High School at the annual Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference this year.

Dr. Arbogast commended Shana Davis for receiving the NHS DAR Good Citizenship Award!

Dr. Arbogast stated that Narrows Elementary/Middle School held a breakfast for Veteran's on Veteran's Day and there were 98 veterans in attendance.

Dr. Arbogast commended Paula Tibbs and Narrows High School for the educational feature today!

Dr. Arbogast stated that the GEA president, Melissa Conley, sent him a link to VEA's legislative agenda for this year. He has copies for the school board members to review.

IN OTHER ACTION

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the Employment of Katrina Shockley – Special Education Teacher Assistant – MMS (effective December 2nd).

The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreements – Lyndsey Jackson – GHS Women's Basketball, Gerald Eaton – EEMS Popcorn.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the resolution from VLDP. (Attachment A)

RESOLUTION

Irrevocable Election Not to Participate in Virginia Local Disability Program

WHEREAS, by enacting Chapter 11.1 of Title 51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Virginia General Assembly has established the Virginia Local Disability Program ("VLDP") for the payment of short-term and long-term disability benefits for certain participants in the hybrid retirement program described in Virginia Code § 51.1-169; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of VLDP administration, an employer with VLDP-eligible employees may make an irrevocable election on or before September 1, 2013, requesting that its eligible employees not participate in VLDP as of the VLDP effective date of January 1, 2014, because it has or will establish, and continue to maintain, comparable employer-paid disability coverage for such employees that meets or exceeds the coverage set out in Chapter 11.1 of Title 51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, with the exception of long term care coverage, by January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Giles County Public Schools, 40135, to make this irrevocable election to request that its eligible employees not participate in VLDP;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Giles County Public Schools irrevocably elects not to participate in VLDP because it has or will establish, and continue to maintain, comparable employer-paid disability coverage for such employees; and it is further

RESOLVED that, as an integral part of making this irrevocable election, Giles County Public Schools certifies that it has or will establish, and continue to maintain, comparable employer-paid disability coverage for such employees.

Adopted in Pearisburg, Virginia this 22nd day of November, 2013.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held **Thursday, December 19th at 4:00 p.m.** and the Quarterly Dinner Meeting with Administrators will follow at 5:30 p.m. at Eastern Elementary/Middle School.

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

Chairman

Clerk