

October 24, 2013

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on October 24, 2013 at 4:30 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.
J.L. Webb, Jr.
R.B. Whitehead
Drema K. McMahon

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

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 October 24, 2013 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Giles County Autism Support group, to include Becky Thomas, Keri Kublnick, Leslie Sharp, Catherine Petch, Marie Keller (not present) and Cathy Webb, attended the School Board meeting to present IPAD's to both Giles and Narrows High School. Dr. Jill Hopkins and Mr. Kevin White attended the meeting to accept this donation. This group works hard to promote autism awareness in Giles County. Last year, the group purchased IPAD's for each elementary school and several for the FOCUS group at Macy McClaugherty from the proceeds from the autism walk last year. This year, the group held another walk on May 5th and purchased an IPAD for both Narrows and Giles High School. In addition, they purchased a subscription to the scholastic early learning books for the FOCUS class at Macy McClaugherty. Mrs. Webb accepted this donation. The group is planning to do another walk in 2014.

Mrs. Rebecca Phillips and Mrs. Sherry Pugh from the Southwest Virginia Governor's School attended the School Board meeting to discuss the possibility of extending the program at the Governor's School. Mrs. Phillips talked with School Board members on the current SWVGS program, the opportunity of expansion, consideration of expansion, proposed concept and proposed timeline. The Virginia General Assembly allocated funds to encourage governor school program to explore the feasibility of program expansion either in terms of day length or number of grade levels. SWVGS received a \$100,000 grant from the VDOE to conduct a Feasibility Study to consider expansion. If SWVGS intends to expand, a second \$100,000 grant will automatically be awarded to aid implantation of expansion. She stated that she wants to consider this because there has been a lot of changes in education since the governor's school was established in 1990. They are also considering the needs of gifted students. If they expand their program, they want students to be able to be a part of their "community" and "culture" and still be able to have some electives such as band, drama and other extracurricular activities. They have looked for a partner to help consider this expansion to help with other classes, such as History and English, but teach them with a math/science concept. Mrs. Phillips discussed specialized curriculum in collaboration with Northwestern University and their gifted learning links system. She stated that the students would still graduate from their own high schools and still remain a part of the school divisions ADM. The board members decided to implement a committee, consisting of teachers, parents, and students from both high schools to discuss this opportunity and report back to the board the first of next year. Mrs. Phillips would like to have feedback on the program and if liked, how could it be "shaped" to our students and school system?

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Dale Ryder – EEMS, Pam Malabad – GHS, Michael Etzler – GHS, Sonya Meekins – GHS, Jack Ellison – GHS, Lynn Williams – GHS, Diana Blanton – GHS, Brenda Stephan – GTC.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

On behalf of the Eastern Elementary/Middle School (EEMS) educational feature, Mr. Greg Canaday, Mrs. Heather Munsey and Ms. Melissa Blankenship attended the school board meeting to discuss strategies for reading and cross-curricular reading. Last May/June, after the SOL testing, they (Title I, Language Arts Teachers) felt it was very important to sit down and brain storm ideas on ways to improve reading at EEMS, as well as to improve SOL scores. They come up with three universal strategies that they could use through 7th grade. Ms. Blankenship explained the "Stop & Summarize" technique, which is used in all curriculum areas. The next technique she discussed was the "Prefix & Suffix" strategy. She discussed the activities they do with this technique. Next, Mrs. Munsey discussed the next strategy, called QAR, which stands for Question, Answer, and Relationship. This is a way to dividing the questions in categories to answer them. A couple students from EEMS attended to help with the presentation. She demonstrated this technique to the School Board and had them help answer questions.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – September 26, 2013

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include September 30th and October 15th, 2013
2. Payment of Bills to include September 25th and October 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 2013
3. September 2013 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. 2013-2014 Advisory Committees
5. 2013-2014 Field Trip Requests
6. Appropriation Request for November 2013
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
RE: November 2013 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of November 2013. This is for the fifth 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.

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. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Timothy “Scott” Potter – GHS PE/Health Teacher
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Patricia B. Fullen – EEMS Library Support, Helen M. Bowles – NEMS Classroom
 3. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Billy Lucas – NHS 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts**: Larry Greer (2012-2013) – MACC Social Studies/Senior Class Sponsor
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Substitute Teacher list to date.
 6. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Substitute Bus Driver: Barbara Meredith.

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

The Superintendent stated that the roof at NEMS is still progressing and almost complete. The walkthrough/site inspection is scheduled for next Wednesday. As information, the roof dedication is October 30th, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Christopher Jacob Ballard from Narrows High School for being recognized as a commended student for the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Kory Wilson from Giles High School for finishing 5th in the state at the 2A golf tournament.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Celanese for their work and assistance at our schools during their Global Impact Week.

Dr. Arbogast discussed a Media Relations workshop that WVPEC is sponsoring if any board members are interested. The date of this is November 7th.

Dr. Arbogast discussed enrollment figures. As of today, the enrollment is 2451.

Dr. Arboast thanked Rebecca Phillips from the Southwest Virginia Governor's School for coming to speak to the School Board.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Greg Canaday, Heather Munsey, Melissa Blankenship and the students for presenting the educational feature.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Becky Thomas and the Autism Support Group for the presentation, donation of IPADS, and the books to the FOCUS program

Mrs. McMahon commended the anti-bullying presentation at Macy. She enjoyed it very much!

Mr. Buckland has enjoyed the school visits and hospitality during the budget meetings.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved a resolution from VASS concerning high stakes, standardized testing. (Attachment A)

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Coaching Agreements: Scott Potter – GHS Head 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Dennis Kidd – NHS Head Soccer Coach.

The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreements: Bryan Patteson – NHS Varsity Baseball Head Coach.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the following field trip: MMS 7th Grade Trip – May 30, 2014 (Washington, DC).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreement: Jo Ann Craven – Technology Support.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignation: Bryan Patteson – NHS JV Boys Basketball.

***Next School Board Meeting**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Friday, November 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk