

April 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on April 24, 2014 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. No closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

E. G. Gentry
J. M. Gollehon, Jr.
Drema K. McMahon
J. L. Webb, Jr., Chairman
R. B. Whitehead

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 April 24, 2014 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Christy Jones – EEMS, Crystal Ramos-McCall – EEMS, Jenny Hogan – EEMS, Margy Journell – EEMS, Christina Martin – EEMS, Ashley Bales – EEMS, Heather Munsey – EEMS, Lori Evans – EEMS, Cortney Tuggle – EEMS, Patience Sheetz – MMS, Eric Sheetz – MMS, Lora Cox – MMS, Debbie Faw – MMS, Janet Millirons – GHS

On behalf of the School Board, Carilion Giles Community Hospital (Richard Mastalski) was presented with a plaque as part of the 2014 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll. The School Board thanked Carilion/Mr. Mastalski for being such a great partner with the school system and all that they do for us.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – March 20, 2014

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include March 31st and April 15th, 2014
2. Payment of Bills to include March 19th, 26th and April 2nd, 9th and 16th, 2014
3. March 2014 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Additional 2013-2014 Field Trip Requests
5. Local Plan Update/Career and Technical Education Funds
6. Confirmation of Educational Technology Resolution
7. Confirmation of Surplus Items
8. Appropriation Request for May 2014

TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: May 2014 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of May 2014. This is for the eleventh 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.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

On behalf of the educational feature, Deputies Mark Wilburn, Chris Neice and Leon Billos attended the School Board meeting on behalf of the School Resource Officers. The School Resource officers continue to be busy with many programs at the schools, such as DARE, drug prevention programs, RAD, Halloween safety programs, etc. They also are very active with attendance and truancy issues at each school. Each resource officer discussed activities that they do at each of their schools and they stay very proactive in their schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. The board members are very appreciative and thankful for our resource officers.

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 Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignation:** Shelia Rice – GTC Nursing Instructor (effective end 13-14 school year), Kathy Pyles – MMS Cafeteria (effective April 3, 2014)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Sarah Perdue – GHS Track, Jacob Vaughn – GHS Trainer/MED BB Assistant
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts:** Gayle Kirby – NHS Yearbook, Teresa Lowe – NHS SCA, Larry Greer – NHS MACC Social Socials/Senior Class Sponsor, Janet Millirons – GHS Annual, Sarah Sells – GHS Senior Class, Barbara Scheid – GHS MACC English
4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirement:** Marcia Murray – MMS Special Education Teacher (effective end 13-14 school year), Judy Hartley – ITRT Teacher (effective end 13-14 school year), Sue Hyatt – NEMS Elementary Teacher (effective end 13-14 school year)
5. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment:** Transfer of Jackie Evans from Computer Systems Technology Teacher to ITRT Teacher (effective 14-15 school year)
6. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved, contingent upon receipt of notification of necessary state funding, all personnel appointments, non-reappointments, and transfers as recommended by principals and administration for the 2014-15 school year (except teachers, school board office and garage/maintenance/bus drivers – will be approved at a later date).

**Giles High School
 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
 Other Employees**

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
TEACHER ASSISTANTS			
Blankenship, Michele	Special Education	X	
Cecil, Sharon	Special Education		X
Dudding, Annissa	Special Education		X
Fields, Michele	Special Education		X
Lee, Paula	Special Education	X	
Meredith, Dee Ann	Special Education		X
Moore, Ruth Ann	Technology Assistant	X	
Perdue, Anita	Special Education		X
Perdue, Sarah	Special Education		X
Wilson, Steve	ISS/Athletics		X

SECRETARIES		
Jesse Glover	Nurse	X
McMahan, Crystal	Guidance Secretary	X
Songer, Whitney	Bookkeeper	X
Stump, Donna	Secretary	X
CUSTODIANS		
Martin David	Head Custodian	X
Payne, Chris	Custodian	X
St. Clair	Custodian	X
Tudor, Joseph	Custodian	X
CAFETERIA		
Billos Pam	Cafeteria	X
Dalton, Pam	Cafeteria	X
Collins, Darlene	Cafeteria	X
McGuyer, Kristi	Cafeteria Mgr.	X
Payne, Susan	Cafeteria	X
Williams, Edith	Cafeteria	X

**Macy McClaugherty School
 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
 Other Employees**

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
Burton, Tonya	Remedial Assistant	X	
Eaton, Marsha	Special Ed. Assistant	X	
Hall, Tami	Computer Lab Mgr	X	
Martin, Jeanette	KG Assistant	X	
McCraw, Billy	Head Custodian	X	
Meredith, Rene	Custodian	X	
Perdue, Kathy	Teacher Assistant	X	
Pyles, Danny	Custodian	X	
Quesenberry, Barbara	Special Ed./PreK Assistant	X	
Ratcliff, Lisa	Part-Time Pre-School	X	
Santolla, Beth	PreK Assistant	X	
Skidmore, Venita	Special Ed. Assistant	X	
Squibb, Kim	Remedial Assistant	X	
Taylor, Robyn	Special Ed. Assistant	X	
Trenar, Norma	Secretary	X	
Vaught, Linda	Special Ed. Assistant	X	
Weiss, Becky	School Nurse	X	
Yost, Thelma	Bookkeeper	X	

**Giles Tech Center
 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
 Other Employees**

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
BURTON, DONNIE	CUSTODIAN	X	
KIRK, BONI	SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER	X	
REYNOLDS, BUD	CUSTODIAN (Part time)	X	
MITCHEM, LAURA	COMPUTER TECHNICIAN	X	

**Eastern Elementary/Middle School
 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
 Other Employees**

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
TEACHER ASSISTANTS			
Barnett, Tammy	Nurse	X	
Johnston, Lisa	Special Education	X	
Kessinger, Marsha	Special Education	X	
Link, Teresa	Physical Education	X	
Powell, Darlene	Special Education	X	
Rice, Angela	Special Education	X	
Ryder, Dale	Computer Lab	X	
Sheetz, Patience	Special Education	X	
Williams, Dorothy	Special Education	X	
Wilson, Sharon	Special Education	X	
SECRETARIES			
Lester, Norma	Sec. /Office Clerk	X	
Meredith, Dottie	Sec/ Bookkeeper	X	
CUSTODIANS			
Corboy, Scott	Custodian	X	
Parks, Everette	Head Custodian	X	
Sadler, Joey	Custodian	X	

**Narrows High School
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Other Employees**

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
Bailey, Marlene M.	Head Custodian	x	
Bowman, Josh D.	Custodian	x	
Bright, Joel	Custodian	x	
Smith, Brenda W.	Guidance Secretary	x	
Wheeler, Constance M.	Administrative Secretary	x	
Brown, Rhonda F.	Bookkeeper	x	
Bailey, Cora P.	Teacher Assistant/Distance Learning	x	
Ballard, Jacqueline H.	Teacher Assistant	x	
Garrett, Jane P.	AEP Teacher Assistant	x	
Kantsios, Kim	Teacher Assistant	x	
Lawrence, Millie A.	Teacher Assistant	x	
Mosley, Stella D.	Teacher Assistant	x	
Patteson, William B.	Teacher Assistant/ISS Monitor	x	
Thompson, Lori L.	Teacher Assistant	x	
Akers, Barbara R.	Nurse	X	

**Narrows Elementary/Middle School
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Other Employees**

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
TEACHER ASSISTANTS			
Bogges, Marva	Remedial	X	
Frazier, Heather	Computer Lab Manager	X	
Green, Debbie B.	Special Education	X	
Lowe, Malinda H.	Special Education	X	
Martin, Penny	Special Education	X	

Mosley, Bonnie	Physical Education	X
Robertson, Jackie	Special Education	X
Smith, Carolyn	Special Education	X
Smith, Teresa M.	Special Education	X
Smithson, Theresa	Special Education	X
Williams, Kelsey	Special Education	X

SECRETARIES

McCroskey, Betty B.	Sec. /Office Clerk	X
Orey, Katrina	Sec. /Office Clerk	X

CUSTODIANS

Bailey, Amber	Custodian	X
Ratcliffe, Richard L.	Custodian	X
Wilson, Berly R.	Custodian	X

OTHER EMPLOYEES

Billos, Leon	SRO	X
Bronnenkant, Peggy	Nurse	X
Clark, Amy	Guidance	X

7. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved a one year rollover on the following bid (this is the last possible rollover):
IFB #14-2009 (athletic insurance) (Scholastic Insurors)

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA Policy Services and Administration.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Gentry stated that he had the opportunity to participate in the Career Day (5th graders) at Macy McClaugherty. He had a really good time!

Mr. Gentry stated that a lot of activities have started up for the spring. There is a full slate of sports in the evenings at the high schools. It is good to see support for our kids and all of the academic achievements.

Mr. Gentry stated that we need to discuss how we are going to support the agriculture lab at the high school. He would like this to be discussed at the next retreat. There is a possibility of a pumpkin patch and this can involve a huge amount of our kids if it is done right.

Mr. Gentry stated that Dr. Hopkins is very pleased with the mowing from John's crews.

Mrs. McMahon thanked Macy, Narrows Elementary/Middle and Eastern for their 2014 VSBA Showcases for Success entries. It makes our school system really stand out!

Mrs. McMahon stated that she did attend the GHS Varsity Football ring ceremony. She commended Coach Jeff Williams for the outstanding job he did as M.C. It was an excellent ceremony and the players were so excited about receiving their rings!

Mrs. McMahon thanked Mr. Etzler and the Spartanian staff for another great publication!

Mrs. McMahon stated that last month at our School Board meeting, Dr. Arbogast commended Mr. Gollehon for winning the outstanding DAR Veteran volunteer award. He was recognized in March for this award. She stated that she read the information about it and it was such a tremendous honor. Congratulations Mr. Gollehon!

Mrs. McMahon thanked the Autism Focus group for her scarf!

Mrs. McMahon thanked the Giles High School football players for going to Macy and reading to the students.

Mr. Whitehead gave information on the Governor's School. He stated "In February, students submitted their science fair project research papers to

the Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS). Those papers have been reviewed and 21 Southwest Virginia Governor's School students have been invited to present their research at this year's VJAS Research Symposium. Students will travel to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and present before a panel of judges on Wednesday, May 14. All students who present will have their abstracts published in the *VJAS Proceedings*. First place, second place, third place, and honorable mention awards will also be given in each category. Victoria Agud from Giles High School will present in the Medicine and Health Category. Nick Sink and Brandon Spangler from Narrows High School will each present in the Environmental Science category. Also, on Saturday, April 12, the Southwest Virginia Governor's School hosted the second annual Young Scholars Day for upper elementary and middle school students and their families. The successful event was free and participants were invited to take part in fifty different activities. Governor's School faculty and students guided participants through the activities which included column chromatography, cholesterol determination, waveform examination, phytoremediation, experiencing moment of inertia, creating DNA sequence bracelets, and making models of viruses, animal cells, brains, DNA, and reflex arcs. The goal of Young Scholars Day is to provide opportunities for students and their families to explore science, technology, engineering, and math through interactive and interesting activities at the Governor's School.”

Mr. Gollehon thanked Mrs. McMahon for recognizing him.

Mr. Gollehon stated that we are fortunate to have the School Resource Officers. There was a time when it was not needed, but it certainly is now.

Mr. Gollehon stated that in 1945, he made it to the second level of the Eiffel Tower, but this time on his trip, he made it all the way to the top!

Dr. Webb stated that everyone is “decked out” tonight in observance of Autism Awareness Month. He mentioned the Autism Walk that is going to be held on April 26th.

Dr. Arbogast stated that as of today, our enrollment is at 2427 students, which is a decrease of 12 since the end of March.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he had the opportunity to attend a reception for New River Valley Leading Lights where two of our students were recognized. **NRV Leading Lights** recognized Rebecca Kay Stephens, an 11th grader at Giles High and Shana Davis a 12th grade student at Narrows High for their voluntary service and community-changing activities at an Awards Banquet & Ceremony on Thursday evening, April 10th. Ms. Stephens, the overall winner of the High School Award was nominated by GHS Teacher, Mrs. Mattie Ward, and Ms. Davis was nominated by NHS Teacher, Mr. Dennis Kidd. This program began in 2007, prompted by the outpouring of voluntary service after the shootings at Virginia Tech. Congratulations to these exemplary students for their compassion and service to others! We are proud of all your accomplishments. It was a very nice evening. <http://leadinglightsnrv.org/>

Dr. Arbogast shared State SkillsUSA results. They are as follows:

FirstName	LastName	Contest	PLACE IN STATE
Zane	Martin	Engineering Technology/Design	
Leslie	Meadows	Engineering Technology/Design	1st
Tucker	White	Engineering Technology/Design	
Victoria	Wade	Cosmetology Technical Exam	1st
Leisa	Wall	Cosmetology Technical Exam	1st
Jena	Aistrop	Extemporaneous Writing	2nd
Rachel	Bowles	Occupational Scrapbook	
Leisa	Wall	Occupational Scrapbook	2nd
Cody	Collins	Precision Machining Technology	2nd
Tiffiney	Dunbar	Cosmetology Technical Exam	2nd
Zane	Martin	Technical Drafting Technical Exam	2nd
Leslie	Meadows	Technical Drafting Technical Exam	2nd
Jena	Aistrop	Essay	3rd
Jena	Aistrop	Technical Drafting Technical Exam	3rd
Breaunna	Lucas	State Pin Design	3rd
Breaunna	Lucas	Technical Drafting Technical Exam	3rd

Tucker	White	Technical Drafting Technical Exam	3rd
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Also, Leslie Meadows T-shirt design for Virginia SkillsUSA 50th year was selected for the state conference T-shirt.

Dr. Arbogast shared that at the end of March, we worked with Nanosonic (along with LATOS) to submit a proposed Department of Transportation 14.1-FH4 program grant to develop STEM curriculum involving intelligent transportation systems and Connected Vehicle Technologies. This program consists of 2 parts: Phase 1 is a 6-month period where STEM lesson plans would be developed and phase 2 is a 2-yr. long process where the lesson plans from phase 1 are implemented within the classroom and the results are evaluated. We are excited about this grant opportunity and we will share additional information as it become available.

Dr. Arbogast also congratulated and commended Macy, Narrows Elementary/Middle and Eastern for their submission to the 18th annual VSBA Showcases for Success. There were 119 programs from 62 divisions in the publication. Also, VSBA is putting together a hard print copy just to highlight a few and NEMS will be placed in the copy.

Dr. Arbogast shared an update regarding Performance Contracting. As information, we had 5 energy companies come in to the schools and reviewing them. They have all 5 submitted a “back of the envelope proposal”. He has given John Mills, John Ross and Kevin Davis a copy and we are currently working on a date with the companies to review everything. The dates will probably be in June.

The Superintendent congratulated our Teachers of the Year for each school. They are as follows: Laura Helvey – NEMS, Christina Martin – EEMS, Andrew Graham – MMS, Jack Ellison – GHS and Melanie Atkins – NHS. Mrs. Atkins was chosen as the Giles County Teacher of the Year. Good luck to her as she begins the next process for the state level!

The Superintendent thanked the School Resource Officers for their educational feature and for all of their hard work at our schools.

The Superintendent thanked the Giles County Autism Focus Group for the ties and scarves in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the Special Education Annual Plan. Dr. Webb thanked Mrs. Thompson for her submission of this every year.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved an additional field trip. It is as follows: Shelia Rice (GTC HOSA) – June 24-30 – Orlando, Florida.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved surplus from the School Board Office: Swintec Electronic Typewriter (Model 2640).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk