



service academies. He has been concerned and disappointed because over the last three years, there have not been any students from either Narrows or Giles High School apply. He stated that it is hard for him to accept the fact that maybe they are not qualified or interested in a free education, with some of the highest level of schools in the country and get paid for going to school. Once they graduate, they are assured of a good paying job. He asked the School Board if there is anything else he can do to get a little more interest in the service academies. It is too late for a 2014 and 2015 seniors; however, a 2016 senior would have time to start the application process. Dr. Webb stated that he had spoken to Mr. Meade about their conversation and he thought it would be a good idea to go into the history classes (10<sup>th</sup> grade) at the high schools and speak to the students. Mr. Mullins has been able to travel around the world and wouldn't trade his experiences for anything. For 26 years, it was a great life and provided him the opportunity to come back here and participate in county government. Mrs. McMahon recommends meeting with the guidance counselor and principal of the high schools and suggested talking with the two military gentlemen (Andy Houck and Michael Chidester) that have come out of Giles High School and have them discuss their experiences. Dr. Webb stated that more individuals may want to go through the process if they had a "mentor" or someone to help them with the application progress. All of the individuals that serve on the committee are military veterans. In closing, Mr. Meade is going to send an email out to principals and guidance counselors to help Mr. Mullins get the information out to 10<sup>th</sup> graders. As information, Mr. Mullins stated that there will be a service academy day on March 21<sup>st</sup> at New River Community College. The following day, there will be the same thing in Abingdon.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support:**  
Kevin Riley – EEMS, Natalie Fuentes – GHS, Jeff Young – GTC, Julie Kennett – NEMS, Rhonda Colavecchio – GHS, Lauren Green – GHS, Joel Bright – NHS, Josh Bowman – NHS, Marlene Bailey – NHS, Jeff Williams/GHS Varsity Football Team

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

**A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Regular – December 19, 2013

**B. Financial Data**

1. Payrolls to include December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014
2. Payment of Bills to include December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 & January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014
3. December 2013 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for February 2014  
TO: Christopher McKlarney  
Interim Administrator for Giles County  
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II  
Division Superintendent  
RE: February 2014 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of February 2014. This is for the eighth 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.

<b>Original Monthly Appropriation Request:</b>	\$ 2,114,156.00
<b>(Operating + Flow-thru)</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<u>\$ 2,114,156.00</u>

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.  
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### EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

On behalf of the Giles Tech Center educational feature, Mr. Fowler introduced Heidi Sizemore (Clinical Nursing Instructor) and student Lindsey

Mayo, who presented information about the nursing student organization, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America Association). The nursing program is thriving and succeeding with many accomplishments. She discussed some of the community projects that they do, as well as awards, goals, recognitions, competitions and conferences that the students have attended. Lindsey is the LPN HOSA class president for their student organization. HOSA is a student led organization of future health professionals. School Board members thanked Ms. Mayo and congratulated her on her awards and wished her luck this year.

#### **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 **Substitute Bus Driver**: Matt Lowe
  2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the updated 2013-2014 Substitute List.

#### **CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Gentry shared some experiences he had while campaigning. He stated that we live in a great place with good people and we have a great school system. These are comments that he heard while out campaigning. After the election, he talked with each principal and he stated that there were no real issues that came up. Seems like we have a good school system!

Mr. Gentry stated that he recently had the pleasure of helping his daughter with an egg drop experiment for one of her classes.

Mr. Gollehon stated that the Tech Center is doing a great job! New River Community College commends our students that further their education and attend college.

Mr. Gollehon discussed the potential changes from the new Governor regarding SOL testing. The potential changes could lower the amount of tests, which would be good for our teachers and students.

Mr. Gollehon commended the Giles Spartan football team on their 2A State Championship win.

Mr. Whitehead discussed Governor's School information. He stated that "Research project workdays are underway at the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. The SWVGS Science Fair will be held Thursday, January 30th, with awards the morning of January 31st. Examples of interesting research projects being completed by Giles County students are listed below:

- Molly Gusler, from Giles High School, is investigating the presence of bacteria in ice machines in local restaurants. She became interested in this topic when a study was published in England showing that restaurant ice machines can harbor more bacteria than toilets in the same business. Fortunately, initial results from Molly's projects indicate zero bacteria growth in the ice machines that she has tested.
- Alex Pennington, from Giles High School, is completing a continuation of her junior year project. Last year she evaluated types of symbols present on eye charts and how effectively pre-K students were able to identify and name those symbols. Her results suggested, that in order to obtain more accurate vision testing, some symbols on commonly used eye charts should be replaced with items that are more easily recognizable to young children. In this year's project, Alex is evaluating the effective use of colored symbols on eye charts with young children.
- Victoria Agud, from Giles High School, is investigating perceptions of teenagers towards ACL/PCL injuries.
- Louis Thomas, from Giles High School, is writing a program that will be capable of blocking computer viruses from accessing stored files. This will prevent viruses from being able to delete or obtain information from stored files.
- Nick Sink, from Narrows High School, is conducting an ambitious theoretical modeling project in which he aims to evaluate interactions of photosynthesis and aerobic cellular respiration in self-constructed biocubes. He is using oxygen and carbon dioxide sensors to continuously measure the production and consumption of those two gases by the crickets and plants placed in the biocubes.

Mr. Whitehead commended Mr. Gollehon on the recent article in the *Virginian Leader* about him and all the things he has done. Mr. Gollehon began at age 8 playing for veterans funerals.

Mrs. McMahon stated that she reads information from the VSBA daily updates and realizes how we are very fortunate to have all that we do with less money, compared to other school systems. Thanks to Dr. Arbogast and Mr. Meade for everything they do for our schools.

Mrs. McMahon commended the wonderful educational feature! It would be nice to use some of our students to promote nursing.

Mrs. McMahon thanked Dr. Webb for taking the responsibility of Chairman.

Mr. Whitehead stated that the day Delegate Yost went around to schools, he commended all that our school system has in place, compared to others.

Mrs. McMahon welcomed Mr. Gentry!

Dr. Webb stated that he appreciated the confidence shown by fellow board members to allow him to be Chairman.

Dr. Webb stated that he is confident that Giles County Public Schools will continue to staff our classrooms with the best possible teachers.

Dr. Webb stated that he knew the calendar committee was in the process of meeting. He stated that he was an advocate of starting school before Labor Day. Dr. Webb questioned what dual enrollment students would do if school started after Labor Day if NRCC classes started before? Dr. Arbogast stated that those students follow NRCC schedule and begin when the college does. Dr. Arbogast also stated that some of the classes are taught by our own teachers, so they would follow our school schedule. Even in the spring when NRCC finishes before school, those students would then continue to go to their classes at the high school.

Dr. Arbogast stated that, as of today, enrollment is 2446 (up 4 from last month). The ADM used for the 13-14 budget was 2455.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we held our first calendar committee meeting last Thursday. One representative from each school was in attendance and they were provided 2 copies/drafts (one pre-Labor Day and one after-Labor Day) to share and gain feedback from their faculties. Our next meeting will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we received results from our District History Bee. The top 4 scores in the district will move on to the next level of the Bee. The winners are as follows: Caleb Clemons – NEMS, MaKayla Yopp – NHS, Frank Cahoon – NEMS, Cale Daniels – EEMS. Congratulations and good luck as they go on to the next level next week (Friday 1/24/14)!

Dr. Arbogast stated that a discussion had been held about putting together a health insurance committee. As information, we have done this and have a representative from each school and one from GEA serving on this committee. We will begin meeting next week (Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>).

Dr. Arbogast stated that SOL testing began on Monday of this week at Narrows High School. Overall, results look good. He shared a copy of unofficial results so far with board members.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the hybrid system that started January 1<sup>st</sup> for new employees. At some point in time, he will be presenting a sick leave policy for those hybrid employees (hired after January 1, 2014). The Hybrid Plan combines the features of a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Eligible Plan 1 and Plan 2 members may elect to opt-into the VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan during a one-time election period from January 1 to April 30. An election to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan cannot be changed after April 30.

Dr. Arbogast thanked the Tech Center for the educational feature! Good luck to them as they continue their competitions and events in HOSA!

Dr. Arbogast welcomed Mr. Gentry to the board and he looks forward to working with him!

#### **IN OTHER ACTION...**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Coaching Contracts: Kayla Lively – NHS JV Softball Coach, Andi Guynn – NHS Asst. Girls JV Basketball Coach.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Field Trip: GHS Band (Natalie Fuentes) – January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup> – Concert – Bristol, VA (12 students).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk