

the following **Employment:** Greg Lee – Substitute Bus Driver, Beth Harris – NEMS VPI Preschool Teacher (14-15 school year), Transfer of Sarah Woods from MMS to EEMS (14-15 school year), Chastity Fontaine – GTC Nursing Instructor (effective 14-15 school year), Sarah Stoots – NHS Special Education Teacher (effective 14-15 school year), April Hutton – Central District Bus Driver (14-15 school year)

3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts:** Andrew Simmons – GHS Head JV Soccer Coach
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreements: Austie Miller – NEMS (Various Events), Harriet Fletcher – NEMS (Various Events)
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, accepted the proposal from Greenbrier Contract Services for services specified in RFP #5-2014 (drug/alcohol testing services).
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved policy changes as recommended by VSBA Policy Services and Administration, with the exception of policy JHCD. Policy JHCD will be further reviewed during the summer. Mrs. McMahon commented on the dress code policy. She would like to ask that the administrators follow and adhere to this policy. Mrs. McMahon asked whether we were following the concussion policy? Mr. Meade stated that the policy was being followed.
- C. Mr. John Ross, Energy Education Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Energy Education program for Giles County Public Schools. He stated that the savings from the year is \$105,197. He stated that this is lower than before, but this is mainly because of the harsh winter we had. Total program savings from 2003 – present is \$1.46 million. He thanked the schools (maintenance, principals, students, teachers, etc.) for all of their hard work with this program. Mr. Ross mentioned how partnering with Enernoch last year has helped with energy load. When the power becomes overloaded, they partner with them to help shed some of the “overload.” John Ross, John Mills, Kevin Davis, Jamie Burton and Dr. Arbogast met with 5 different contractors regarding Performance Contracting and heard information that was prepared by each for the Back of the Envelope (BOE) audit. The committee has narrowed the selection down to two contractors and hopes to notify them in the near future. The committee hopes to go into further detail with the 2 chosen on how each company can save money on energy costs.
- D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved Dr. Webb and Mr. Whitehead as the VSBA delegate and alternate respectively to the 2014 Annual Convention in Williamsburg. Dr. Webb and Mr. Whitehead abstained.
- E. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the textbook adoption for Science (Grades 6-12) and Health/Driver’s Education as recommended by the textbook adoption committee. The recommendations were available for public review at the School Board Office June 16-20, 2014.
- F. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved and appointed Mr. Whitehead to serve as the representative for the Southwest Virginia Governor’s School in the upcoming two year term for 2014-15 & 2015-2016.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mr. Gollehon stated that the board has had a favorable year!

Mr. Whitehead shared information with the school board about the governor’s school. SWVGS held its annual Science and Creativity in Motion Summer Camp for rising fifth, sixth, and seventh graders last week. Classes feature hands-on activities and are designed to give students the opportunity to explore a specific field of interest while learning in a fun and exciting way. A total of 102 students attended this year’s camp. There were 3 students were from Giles County and they had the opportunity to register for up to 4 classes

from many different offerings.

Mr. Whitehead thanked the board for allowing him to serve another term on the Governor's School. He appreciates the confidence!

Mrs. McMahan thanked Jason Mills from GHS for dealing with the issue of graduation and the kids at state competition. It was dealt with successfully!

Mrs. McMahan thanked Dr. Arbogast, Mr. Meade and the School Board Office staff for all the office has done for the students and staff of Giles County Public Schools and the School Board.

Mrs. McMahan thanked John Ross for all that he does with energy education. He has many hats to wear and does a great job!

Mrs. McMahan asked about the cash balance for the school cafeterias. She wanted to know what happens to this at the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Arbogast stated that some of it will roll over or they will use it to purchase things for the cafeteria (i.e. – equipment, tables, etc.). She wanted to know if we could increase the kitchen staff's salaries. Dr. Arbogast stated that some of the money will go towards their salaries and health insurance. She then asked if we could give the kitchen staff and custodians an increase in salary with the cash balance. Mr. Meade stated that the money can be given to individuals who help with the cafeteria. Dr. Webb asked if there should be a cap on some of the cash balances. In other words, he wanted to know if we could have a "central" fund to use if some other schools needed things and didn't have the money to purchase them. Mr. Meade discussed the possibility of doing a CD. Mrs. McMahan stated that she would really like to see the money used to increase the cafeteria and custodial salaries.

Dr. Webb complimented John Ross again for his hard work on energy education!

Dr. Webb also thanked Dr. Arbogast, Mr. Meade and clerk for navigating us through the unusual budget season.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he had originally talked to the board about the possibility of approving a certification of intent to participate in the state employee health plan because it was included in the state budget language. However, the language is no longer included in the state budget, so unfortunately, he will not be asking you to approve this.

Dr. Arbogast distributed some unofficial SOL test results to the School Board.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we received a publication last Friday called "At the Picnic Table." In this edition, there is an article in there on Virginia school districts innovation endorsed as a best practice and talks about our summer food program. This is a nice article!

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahan, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the transfer of Amber Nelson from NHS to MMS General/Gifted Art Teacher position (effective 14-15 school year).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, approved the Employment of Melissa Horning – MMS Elementary Teacher (effective 14-15 school year)

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahan, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved us joining the food service consortium with Pulaski County, Floyd County, and Radford City effective school year 2014/15. This would be for the purchase of food service items. We did send out a bid (IFB #7-2014); however, due to both companies deviating from our bid specifications, we are requesting to not award the bid and join the nearby consortium.

Dr. Arbogast stated that at some point, we need to get together to discuss the Joint Services Agreement. Dr. Webb asked if we could get a list of our employees that would fall under this agreement.

Dr. Arbogast stated he and several others met with 5 energy companies to discuss possibilities of savings and their scope of what we could do to save energy. The committee met for 3 days and he would like to verify with the board that they are okay with the committee narrowing it down to 2. The committee would like to bring 2 back to ask them further questions. If we start "digging further", it may cost a little bit, so he wants to make sure the Board is comfortable with this. Mrs. McMahan asked whether he

thought the benefits outweigh the expense. Dr. Arbogast stated that our guys could do it, but not sure if they could handle the volume of the work, on top of everything else that they do. At this point, there has been no cost for the work conducted by these contractors on the BOE information.

Dr. Arbogast stated that once he speaks to the county, he should have a better idea of what we need to do with our budget. He stated that we will also need to discuss and approve the final budget in the next couple weeks. After this is done, he hopes to get out new contracts to employees.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held *Friday morning, August 22, 2014 at 7:30 AM* prior to the new teachers coming in for orientation, where School Board members will have the opportunity to meet new staff members.

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

Chairman

Clerk