

March 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on March 20, 2014 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

J. L. Webb, Chairman
J. M. Gollehon, Jr.
Drema K. McMahon
E. G. Gentry
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. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's March 20, 2014 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Molly Odell from the Virginia Department of Health attended the School Board meeting to present a certificate to Giles County Public Schools for being selected by the USDA as a Summer Food Service Program Champion. She stated "50% of students in Giles County receive free/reduced meals during the school year. All over the country it is a huge challenge to get food to children during the summer months. Every year, communities face that challenge and usually that money goes unspent. Giles County Public Schools in 2013 was able to solve this issue in a very innovative way and is now endorsed by USDA as a best practice. By charging adults a minimal fee to cover the cost of food for the parents to bring the children to be fed, they were able to have a family meal. Also, other community groups paid for seniors to be able to come for free. Businesses and churches were involved and even incorporated some activities for the children and it became a community building event. Each year, the USDA identifies at least one best practice in every state and on behalf of the Virginia Department of Health and USDA, I am happy to award this certificate of appreciation to Giles County Public Schools for recognition of their community wide success of feeding children food in the summer time. "

Mr. Lane Mann attended the school board meeting to discuss the proposed 2014-2015 school calendar. He stated that he was speaking solely on behalf of himself. "I understand that we have a calendar and the proposal is that we start after Labor Day. He does not think that it is a good idea. It essentially takes a week of instruction away at the beginning when we really need it. It is important, especially for NHS. It takes time away from the SOL's and adds those days that we would normally have to the end of the year, after the SOL testing window. I would really wish you would strongly consider changing the calendar and keeping it the way it has been working because it will hurt the kids in the long run. "

Dr. Webb stated that he wanted to address the issue. "As one school board member, it is refreshing to hear that coming from an educator. I feel the days spent in the classroom in late August are far more valuable than the add on days at the end of the school year, but that being said, it has been a calendar committee decision through the years. Although we have come a long way with the thought process, it seems to be getting closer and closer to 50% (thought process). We do like to support what the calendar committee says. We even went one step further this year and polled the teachers, and it was very close."

RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support:

Joey Sadler – EEMS, Everette Parks – EEMS, Scott Corboy – EEMS, Bobby Fisher – Maintenance, Jamie Burton – Maintenance, Todd Evans – Maintenance, Wayne Perkins – Maintenance, Jimmy McCroskey – Maintenance, Kevin Davis – Maintenance, Jason Burton – Maintenance, James Perdue – Maintenance, Sonny Frazier – Maintenance, Larissa Wurtz – MMS, Chelle Mosley – NHS, Lori Thompson – NHS, Dennis Kidd – NHS.

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 – February 20, 2014

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include February 28th, 2014 and March 14, 2014
2. Payment of Bills to include February 12th, 20th, 26th and March 5th and 12th, 2014
3. February 2014 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for April 2014
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II

Division Superintendent
RE: April 2014 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of April 2014. This is for the tenth 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

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

Mr. Jason Mills, Mrs. Diana Blanton, Mrs. Barbara Scheid and several MACC students attended the School Board meeting on behalf of GHS to do a presentation on MACC (Mountain Academic Competition Conference). MACC was founded in 1982 and allows students of area high schools an opportunity to compete with peers in academic areas. It also provides an opportunity for member schools and communities' within the region to share and celebrate academic accomplishments within a broad confederation. Furthermore, it supports and enhances the established curriculum within member schools and encourages recognition of academic efforts and achievement among member schools' students. A couple students (Joseph Nielson and Zach Burch) spoke on why they like participating in MACC. The MACC students then competed in a "sample" match with School Board members. After a close match, the GHS MACC students won!!

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. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirement**: Kim Farmer – EEMS Teacher (July 1, 2014)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignation**: Eric Widdoes – NHS Assistant Principal (effective 3/19/14), Brock Lusk – NHS Boys Tennis Coach
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the Substitute Teacher List to date.
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Substitute Bus Drivers: Billy Farrier
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Neil Schmidt – GHS Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, McCreery Mann – NHS Boys Tennis
 6. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Robbie Spiegel – GHS J.V. Soccer
 7. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved RFP #2-2014 (Speech services) to be awarded to Heartland Rehabilitation Services of Virginia for a rate of \$64 per hour (Ardor Health Solutions is unable to fulfill the RFP dated 2-12-14 for a rate of \$63 per hour).
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by Administration (G CBD-R-1 - Sick Leave for VRS Hybrid Retirement Participants).
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and voting (AYES: Dr. Webb, Mr. Gollehon, Mr. Whitehead; NAYS: Mr. Gentry, Mrs. McMahon), approved the 2014-2015 school calendar. The calendar committee met several times and

brought information back from their staff. Mr. Gentry asked how close it was as far as the percentage for before and after start date. Dr. Arbogast stated that it was very close; 51.9 to 48.1. There were over 100 people that did not respond. Mr. Gentry asked Mrs. Conley if she knew how GEA stood on the issue. Mrs. Conley stated that they have not surveyed their members. Mrs. McMahon stated that she discusses this every year and those earlier days in September and later days in August are very valuable to the education of our children. Dr. Webb stated that he feels we should start prior to Labor Day, but he also feels like we should honor what the calendar committee chose for at least this year. Mr. Whitehead stated that he agreed.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Dr. Arbogast commended Mr. Meade, Mrs. Lawson, Dr. Hopkins, the cafeteria workers and all of the volunteers who helped make the 2013 summer food service program happen!

Dr. Webb stated that the School Board has recently gone through the evaluation of our Superintendent. He has passed with “flying colors.” He has received overall very high marks, reflecting his leadership in a high quality and exceeds expectations demonstrating through his performance and accomplishing his objectives.

Mr. Gollehon stated that we had an interesting program tonight from GHS. It was very enjoyable. It is such a very good thing that they are doing!

Mr. Gollehon stated that it has been a long, hard day, but very profitable for the board retreat.

Mr. Whitehead shared information from the Southwest Virginia Governor’s School. Joshua Stump, a junior from Giles High School, was one of the top scorers at SWVGS on the February Math League contest. Students from across the state compete in six, six-question math tests each year as part of this contest. In February, all SWVGS students participated in the American Mathematics Competition's AMC-12 test. This is an annual 25-question multiple choice test to be taken without calculators. The contest organizers' goal is to promote problem solving. Emilee Cardin, Joshua Stump, and Louis Thomas (all juniors from Giles High School) were among the top scoring students at SWVGS on the AMC-12. On March 7-8, 21 SWVGS students competed in the Blue Ridge Highlands Regional Science Fair held at Radford University. Brandon Spangler, a junior from Narrows High School, received a 2nd place award in the Earth and Planetary Science / Environmental Sciences category. Brandon is now preparing to compete in the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair on March 27-28 at VMI in Lexington.

Mrs. McMahon thanked NHS for her visit a couple weeks ago. She was invited for lunch, received flowers and a very nice poem!

Mrs. McMahon was invited to be at NHS for a climate committee meeting. She stated that she really enjoyed that!

Mr. Gentry thanked Mr. Canaday and staff for his visit and lunch at Eastern Elementary/Middle School.

Mr. Gentry stated that the baseball practice field at GHS received red brick dust and it looks really nice!

Mr. Gentry thanked the school system as a whole for allowing the JO Volleyball team to practice in the schools.

Dr. Webb stated that the School Board has had 3 retreat days. Thanks to everyone who has participated and give them a lot of great information! It will take weeks to simulate everything they have heard.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today was 2,439. This is down 4 from the end of February.

Dr. Arbogast commended spelling bee winners from each of our school (Frank Cahoon – Narrows Elementary/Middle, Haley Hansen – Eastern Elementary/Middle, Andrea Shaver – Giles High School, Grace Shockley – Macy McClaugherty School and Felena Pack – Narrows High School). Haley Hanson won the Spelling Bee in the 36th round. Congratulations to the school winners and Good Luck to Haley as she travels to Roanoke for the next level of competition!

Dr. Arbogast commended winners from the HOSA state conference. The results are as follows:

*Nursing Assistant – Delanie Cook (1st place)

*Health Education – Sylvia Shipman and Kinsey Grose (1st place)

*Physical Therapy – Tessa Spencer (1st place)

Pathophysiology – Lindsey Mayo (2nd place)

Medical Math – Tina Palmer (2nd place)

Public Health – Jacob Vierling and Kaylee Moore (3rd place)

Medical Terminology – Cynthia Tate (4th place)

The Giles County Technology Center HOSA Chapter was recognized as an “Outstanding HOSA Chapter”.

*These students are eligible to attend National HOSA Conference in Orlando, FL in June.

Dr. Arbogast commended winners from the SkillsUSA District Competitions. They are as follows:

Name(s)	Category/Award
Jena Aistrop	Prepared Essay – 1 st Place Extemporaneous Writing – 1 st Place
Rachel Bowles & Leisa Wall	Occupational Scrapbook – 1 st Place
Jarrold Cook	Poster – 1 st Place
Karina Marquez	Poster – 3 rd Place
Zane Martin	Spelling – 2 nd Place Architectural Drafting – 3 rd Place
Leslie Meadows	Technical Drafting – 1 st Place
Logan Merrix	Welding – 2 nd Place
Thomas Robbins	Metals – 2 nd Place
Steven Scott	Computer Maintenance Technology – 2 nd Place
Victoria Wade with model Leisa Wall	Nail Care Technology – 1 st Place
Samantha Weatherly	Cosmetology – 1 st Place
Brett Whitlow	Technical Drafting – 2 nd Place
Jena Aistrop, Jarrod Cook, Breaunna Lucas, Tucker White, Brett Whitlow	Quiz Bowl – 1 st Place

Dr. Arbogast commended Christina Martin, EEMS teacher, for being nominated for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She was nominated by Tiffany Drape, lead coordinator from STEM (from Virginia Tech). This award is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12th grade mathematics or science (including computer science) teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Giles High School (Mr. Mills, Mrs. Scheid, Mrs. Blanton, and the GHS MACC Students) for the educational feature.

Dr. Arbogast wished the schools good luck as they work on SOL writing tests the next couple weeks.

IN OTHER ACTION...

Dr. Arbogast discussed graduation dates and the last day of school with board members. This past Monday (March 17th) was a make-up day and we missed that day due to weather. We have to make up the first 5 missed days. Dr. Arbogast discussed having graduation for NHS on Friday evening (June 6th) and Saturday morning (June 7th) for GHS. At this point, June 9th would be the last day (4 hour early release) because we have to make up the first 5 days. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved graduation dates for Friday, June 6th and Saturday, June 7th.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved 3 insurance policies (Vantage 500 deductible, Vantage 1000 deductible and Equity Plus 2500 deductible) from Optima Health. The School Board will pay up to \$503 for any plan chosen. Dates are scheduled for each facility to discuss these plans and open enrollment. Information did go to a couple other providers and they could not compete with the rates for these policies.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreements: Dr. Vera A. Wade (NEMS – Various Activities), Corey Lowe (NHS Varsity Basement Assistant).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignation: Heather Mann – NEMS Teacher (end of 13-14 school year), Chris Gautier – NHS Varsity Track.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Retirement: Alvin Jones – GTC Machine Technology Instructor (end of 13-14 school year), Wayne Perkins – Maintenance (July 1, 2014).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, accepted the proposal from Berglund Ford (Salem) for services specified (Driver’s Ed car) in IFB #3-2014.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved a one year rollover on the following bids (this is the last possible rollover):

RFP #4-2009 (auditing services) (Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates)

- IFB #5-2009 (wrecker services) (Lee's Body Shop)
- IFB #8-2009 (pest management) (Dodson Brothers Exterminating)
- IFB #9-2009 (water treatment) (Water Chemistry)
- IFB #15-2009 (grease traps) (Vaught Septic Tank Cleaning)
- RFP #21-2009 (fire protection services) (VSC Fire & Security)

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Coaching Contract: Joe Fraley (NHS Varsity Track).

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved a resolution for Carilion Giles Community Hospital as part of the 2014 VSBA Business Honor Roll. Local businesses have the power to shape community attitudes about public schools, and the VSBA Business Honor Roll is a way for local school divisions to recognize local businesses for their support. Later this year, VSBA will publish the Business Honor Roll in the *VSBA Newsletter* and issue a news release about those honored through this program. They will also mail personalized recognition certificates and letters of congratulations for each business to division superintendents in time for boards to present to them at the boards' May meetings.

**2014 Virginia School Boards Association
Business Honor Roll**

- WHEREAS,** public schools and local businesses are an integral part of this community; and
- WHEREAS,** many local businesses play a crucial role in supporting our schools; and
- WHEREAS,** the economic health of our community, state and nation depends on a strong public school system; and
- WHEREAS,** collaboration between local public schools and local businesses strengthens schools and the business community alike by providing a well-trained and highly educated workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** an excellent public school system is vital to the quality of life in this community and fundamental to preserving a strong democratic society now and in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Giles County School Board names Carilion Giles Community Hospital to the 2014 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll, showing appreciation for their ongoing support of this community's public schools. Your work has aided this community in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child who attends them.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved to maintain 20 seats for the Southwest Virginia Governor's School for the next two years.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 24, 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