

August 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on August 14, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

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| E. G. Gentry | Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent |
| J. M. Gollehon, Jr. | D. Scott Meade, Assistant Superintendent |
| Drema K. McMahan | |
| R.B. Whitehead | |

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's August 14, 2015 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Giles County School Board, the following individuals were recognized for their hard work and dedication with the Giles County Agriculture Lab: Ben Woods, Levi Meadows, Ty Patteson.

Mr. John Ross attended the school board meeting to give an energy education program update. John stated that the total savings for this year alone was \$96,936 and while the number is down from previous years, EEMS and GTC have been recently renovated. Total savings for the length of this program is \$1.5 million. Several things have gone really well this year – during the summer, the custodians worked on one school at a time to save on cooling/air/electricity. Other things that they have been working on are the NEMS boiler and lighting projects. Mr. Ross stated that something he would like the board to look at it and consider for the future is the computer programs for our HVAC systems.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Special – June 29th, 2015
2. Regular – June 30th, 2015

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include July 15th, 2015
2. Payment of Bills to include July 1st, July 15th, July 28th and August 3rd, 2015
3. June and July 2015 Revenue & Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for August and September 2015
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: August & September 2015 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of August and September, 2015. This is for the second and third months of the fiscal year 2015-16. 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	
August	\$2,180,649.00
September	\$2,180,649.00
Total	\$4,361,298.00

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.

5. Confirmation of Surplus Items

6. VRS Resolution – Hybrid Plan

Giles County Public Schools does not wish to exercise the election provided in the Code of Virginia §51.1-169(G) to allow its eligible employees to participate in an employer-sponsored Hybrid 403(b) plan for voluntary contributions to the defined contribution component of the hybrid retirement program described in the Code of Virginia Section 51.1-169 (the “Hybrid Retirement Plan”).

WHEREAS, the School Division employs members who participate in the Virginia Retirement System’s (VRS”) Hybrid Retirement Plan, which consists of a defined benefit and defined contribution component; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 538 and 539 of the 2015 Acts of Assembly permit the School Division to elect, on an annual basis, to allow its Hybrid Retirement Plan employees: i) to make Hybrid voluntary contributions to an employer-sponsored Hybrid 403(b) plan established by the School Division, as an alternative to the Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan maintained by VRS, and ii) to have the associated employer match deposited in the 403(b) plan or cash match plan established and maintained by the School Division; and

WHEREAS, the School Division understands that it may change its election annually, but that this Resolution will remain in force until the School Division adopts and files a new Resolution with VRS before November 1 to be effective for the following calendar year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Division elects not to allow eligible employees to direct Hybrid voluntary contributions to an employer-sponsored Hybrid 403(b) plan for the period from January 1, 2016, until a subsequent Resolution is timely adopted and filed with VRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the officers of the School Division are hereby authorized and directed to communicate a true and certified copy of this resolution to VRS upon its passage.

7. Confirmation of Emergency Purchase (MMS HVAC)

Pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the School Board hereby determines that an emergency exists with regard to the replacement of two compressors on a chiller at Macy McClaugherty School precluding the award of the contract for such replacement through the competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation process. The School Board bases this decision on the fact that it has been advised that the current system is not operable and that it will take several weeks after a contract is awarded to replace the system. It will take 7 to 10 days to prepare the specifications necessary to seek bids or proposals. With the extreme hot temperatures during July and August, it is imperative that work begin as soon as possible to insure that there is ample time to complete the project, including time for any contingencies which may arise. In the School Board's opinion, use of competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation will not allow sufficient time to complete the replacement of the chillers. Our staff did secure a quote in the amount of \$20,884. It is the intent of the School Board to award the contract to replace the chillers at Macy McClaugherty School.

8. Policy Revisions (EEAB-R)

9. Mentor Guidelines

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. Gentry, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Todd Lusk (NHS cross country coach), Abby Davis (AEP secretary)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Sherry Duncan (NHS teacher), Megan Blevins (MMS teacher), Morgan Warwick (EEMS guidance), Henry Buchanan (NHS teacher), Kelly Ribbe (NHS teacher), Melissa Wilcox (MMS teacher), Todd Lusk (NHS assistant principal), Leslie Hale (NHS guidance), Matthew Burns (GHS teacher), Kelly Davis (transfer from GHS teacher to NHS teacher), Kelly Lowe (transfer from NEMS teacher to NHS teacher), Christine Heath (transfer from MMS teacher to GHS teacher), Billy Farrier (bus driver), Loretta Reeves (MMS teacher assistant), Harmony Sexton (MMS teacher assistant)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, confirmed

the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Sherry Duncan (NHS 8th grade volleyball), Sherry Gautier (NHS JV and varsity cheer), Wayne Gautier (NHS girls varsity basketball), Erica Gautier (NHS varsity volleyball), Kayla Stump (NHS varsity volleyball), Brock Lusk (NHS 8th grade boys basketball), Chris Helvey (NHS JV football), Shanda Green (NHS JV volleyball), Jordan Green (NHS 8th grade girls basketball), Leah Witt (NHS varsity soccer), W.R. Johnston (GHS golf), Lindsay Moody (GHS 8th grade volleyball), Brittany Johnson (GHS JV volleyball), Mandy Havens (GHS varsity volleyball), Jennifer Hogan (GHS JV cheer), Shelly Boggess (GHS varsity cheer), Sam Wright (GHS JV football), Jeff Williams (GHS varsity football), Bryan Strader (GHS varsity football), Anthony Ratcliffe (GHS varsity football), Scott Potter (GHS 8th grade football), Tim Munsey (GHS JV football), Byron Hurley (GHS 8th grade football), Jackie Evans (GHS varsity football), Dusty Stump (GHS varsity football), McCreery Mann (NHS cross country)

4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved The following **Volunteer Agreements**: Cody Griffith (GHS basketball), Robbie Patteson (NHS varsity baseball & JV boys basketball), Alvin McGuire (NHS football manager), John Lawson (NHS football), Lee Blaker (NHS football), Rachel Patteson (GHS 8th grade volleyball), Megan Metro (GHS varsity volleyball)

CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Mr. Gentry stated that he thought it had been a good summer for our school system. He commended the STEM program for all that is available out there for our students. Dr. Arbogast shared that Christina Martin attended the ADM Retreat to present to administrators information about what she envisioned doing with our students in regards to the STEM program.

Mr. Whitehead gave an update on the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. He stated that "On August 3 and 4, the Southwest Virginia Governor's School held Orientation for new juniors. On those days, students had a chance to get to know one another and their Governor's School teachers through several ice breaker activities and creative challenges. Students also learned to use Makey-Makeys to solve a maze. Students attended their first sessions of Study Skills and Science and Technology Seminar and Project courses. Students also completed introductory activities to learn skills necessary for data & graphing and vector addition. Thursday, August 6 marked the first day of school for both seniors and juniors. The 2015-16 school year is off to a great start at SWVGS."

Mr. Gollehon stated that it was interesting to see the Handle with Care training when he would visit the School Board Office.

Mrs. McMahan stated that we received a certified request from Mountain Valley Pipeline in Beckley requesting access to enter upon land to conduct exam tests, appraisals and surveys to satisfy regulatory requirements to figure out the best route for the pipeline. Dr. Arbogast stated that this does not mean we are allowing access for construction of the pipeline. Dr. Arbogast stated that he will respond back with a signature, letting them know it is okay to "access" the land.

Mrs. McMahan discussed the possibility of adopting policy BBBB. Dr. Arbogast did have a conversation with the high school principals about the possibility of a high school student sitting with the board. The principals thought that they could find someone to take the role seriously. If adopting, the high school representatives would be in attendance every meeting.

Mrs. McMahan discussed policy GBEB, questioning whether our School Resource Officers are covered under this policy. Dr. Arbogast had a conversation with our legal counsel regarding this policy and the response was that we reimburse the Sheriff's Office for the deputies. Since we reimburse for the School Resource Officers, it doesn't make the School Resource Officers an employ of ours, so we are covered. Our School Resource Officers are employed through the Giles County Sheriff's Office. Dr. Arbogast is going to email VSBA to see their thoughts on this policy.

Mrs. McMahan stated that while she was at NHS helping with the summer food program, she noticed there were no recycling bins. She would like to see what we needed to do to get these put in. She also stated that she did not get to help much with the program this summer, but she realized how fortunate we are to be in Giles County Public Schools. We have a very supportive and loving community. She discussed the Back to School Bazaar being held at one of our churches and explained all that they do. Also, we have Pack the Bus, the ACCE program for New River Community College, the Agriculture Lab, the STEM program, etc.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the summer food program. Final meal numbers as of yesterday were: NHS – 3,455 children, 1,608 adult meals and at MMS – 2,712 children, 660 adult. It has been an awesome program! NHS had some great volunteers this summer.

Dr. Arbogast commended Emily Parcell, NHS rising senior, for successfully finishing the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) Program. This is an interactive on-line science, technology, engineering and math learning experience, highlighted by a 7 day residential academy at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. She was selected for the summer program based on completion of lessons, quality of work and timeliness.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the Habitat House was moved on Friday, July 31st to Narrows.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the VPI classrooms have been installed and have power. We are waiting on the modular people to come back to finish the last couple things they need to do.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we received 25 backpacks from Corning, filled with school supplies. They were sent out to schools. Thank you to Corning for donating backpacks to our school systems.

Dr. Arbogast stated that NHS (Mr. Husband) is going to do a rededication for Ragsdale Field on August 21st.

Dr. Arbogast discussed accreditation and AMO's. Based on preliminary information, it is anticipated that 4 schools should be fully accredited (EEMS, MMS, NEMS, NHS). We anticipate that GHS will be accredited with warning (warned in English). We anticipate that one school will have met all federal AMO's (EEMS).

Dr. Arbogast stated that DOE will issue a news release on 2015-16 state accreditation rating and federal accountability reports on September 15th.

Dr. Arbogast thanked BB&T for breakfast for new teachers and Celco Community Credit Union for lunch!

Dr. Arbogast commended Ben, Levi and Ty for their hard work on the Agriculture Lab.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the following Surplus: televisions, desks, VHS tapes (Narrows High School), Buses 10 (1HVBBAAPXSH646293) & 3(1HVBBAAP6SH646291) - (10 to county administration; 3 to scrap metal), Outdated textbooks (Narrows High School).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment: Cayla Fraley (NEMS special education teacher), Sherry Duncan (NHS JV softball), Ryan Mason (NHS Varsity baseball), Chris Helvey (NHS JV baseball), Austin Cooper (GHS football coach; volunteer), Darla Whitehead (GHS cross country; volunteer), Colin Munsey (GHS cross country girls & boys).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignations: Rachel Patteson (Macy teacher assistant).

Dr. Arbogast welcomed the new teachers for their new teacher orientation.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 17th 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