

February 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, 2015 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

J. L. Webb, Chairman
E. G. Gentry
Drema K. McMahon
J.M. Gollehon, Jr.
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. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's February 19, 2015 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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

- 1. Julie Kennett – NEMS

Ms. Maddy Atkins, GHS Junior, attended the meeting to distribute certificates to School Board Members in honor of School Board Member Appreciation Month.

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 – January 7, 2015
- 2. Regular – January 15, 2015

B. Financial Data

- 1. Payrolls to include January 30th and February 13th, 2015
- 2. Payment of Bills to include January 14th, 21st, 28th and February 5th and 6th, 2015
- 3. January 2015 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- 4. Appropriation Request for March 2015
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: March 2015 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of March 2015. This is for the ninth month of the fiscal year 2014-15. 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:	\$ 2,160,084.00
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
Total:	\$ 2,160,084.00

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.

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- 5. Additional Field Trips

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Sheriff Morgan Millirons attended the School Board meeting on behalf of the School Resource Officers educational feature. He thanked the School Board for everything they have done for them. He discussed some programs that they have been doing for the kids since 2008. He stated that Bobby Lilly mentioned to him the idea about doing a fun day for law enforcement and emergency services to help with drug/alcohol awareness. They are continuing with programs such as drug/alcohol awareness, internet safety, stranger danger, etc. He updated the board on the problem in the county with “sexting.” He discussed the consequences on this current issue. Sheriff Millirons also discussed the juvenile judge here in the County and stated that she has an interest in the juvenile population. Her goal is to see that all children that are able, attend school because education is very important to her. She is very strict when it comes to truancy, with parents and children. Sheriff Millions stated that several of the programs that they do focus on the older students, trying to prepare them for college. They also start RAD in the 10th grade. The Sheriff’s institute will also be able to offer scholarships again this year. Also, the inmate work crew has done a lot of work in the school system this year. He also discussed the school safety awareness team that meets once a month to keep everyone informed of what is going on. Board members thanked Sheriff Millirons for attending and for the information.

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. Gentry and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Chris Helvey – NHS Volunteer JV Baseball Assistant Coach, Sonny Frazier – NHS Volunteer Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, Mike Lovell – NHS JV Softball Coach, Ryan Mason – NHS Varsity Soccer Coach
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts**: Larry Greer – NHS Senior Class Sponsor, Josh Sparks – NHS Yearbook, Teresa Lowe – NHS SCA
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Bre Metz – EEMS Speech Language Pathologist (last day of 14-15 school year), Bethany Middleton – GHS English Teacher (last day of 14-15 school year), Leave of Absence for Jessica Jewell – EEMS Elementary Teacher (effective last day of 14-15 school year for 15-16 school year), Dennis Kidd – NHS Soccer Coach (1/26/15)
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Ricky Mullins – GHS Special Education Teacher (2/11/15), Tomalei Vess – NHS Biology Teacher (1/28/15)
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved the bid from Contract Paper Group for services specified in IFB #1-2015 (duplicating paper).
- B. The School Board discussed the fuel agreement between the County of Giles, Giles County School Board, Giles County PSA and Town of Narrows. The County of Giles, Giles County School Board and Giles County Public Service Authority operate a fuel storage and dispensing system located at the School Bus Garage in the Town of Pearisburg. The Town of Narrows desires to purchase fuel for its vehicles at this facility and agrees to purchase their own fuel dispensing cards (\$3.00 each) and the fuel supplied to purchase will be invoiced to purchaser monthly at seller’s cost at the time fuel is dispensed plus six (6) cents per gallon. Mr. Gentry asked if it was just for fire department use. The board understood the agreement to be only fire department vehicles. Mr. Gentry stated that there was nothing in the agreement regarding security, locked gates, time of use, authorized personnel, liability, etc. He thinks for liability purposes, we need to have more information in the agreement. Mrs. McMahon questioned whether fueling would be done when employees were there working? Dr. Arbogast told Mr. Gentry that he could request the county to put in additional information. Mr. Gentry stated the idea was great, but we just need more additional language in the agreement. Once clarified, it will be given to the board chairman to review prior to the next board meeting.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended from VSBA Policy Services and Administration. Mrs. McMahon asked the question regarding policy JHCD-R and how it states that throat lozenges and throat drops are not considered medication. She wanted to be sure it was correct. She also mentioned that there needed to be some clarification under “K” in JHCD-R.
- D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved a resolution

encouraging the attendance of parents and community members, school employees, and any others supporting the worthy goals of the Put Kids First campaign, at the Rally at the Capitol in Richmond on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has no more precious resource than its children;

WHEREAS, public schools represent our best opportunity to lift up this generation of Virginia students to achieve to their full potential and prepare to begin high-skill careers in Virginia's new economy;

WHEREAS, the state of Virginia has allowed funding of preK-12 public education to drop 17 percent, in state aid per pupil, in the last five years;

WHEREAS, some 5,000 jobs in preK-12 education have been cut since 2009;

WHEREAS, two-thirds of Virginia 3 and 4 year olds in low-income households are not enrolled in a preschool program;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Education Association and the Virginia Parent-Teacher Association have launched a campaign called Put Kids First to mobilize Virginians to rekindle support for children and public schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Giles County Public Schools supports the call to action initiated by the Virginia Education Association and the Virginia Parent-Teacher Association through the Put Kids First campaign;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Giles County Public Schools encourages the attendance of parents and community members, school employees, and any others supporting the worthy goals of the Put Kids First campaign, at the Rally at the Capitol in Richmond on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

E. The School Board, on Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahon and 4-1 voting (NAY: Gentry; YAY: McMahon, Gollehon, Whitehead, Webb) approved the 2016-2017 school calendar based on direction given by the board at the January School Board meeting to end first semester before Christmas break, with 2 make-up days included on Dec. 19th and 20th. Mrs. McMahon stated that she still has trouble with that 4 hour early release. Maybe next year, we can figure out another way to deal with that.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Gentry stated that it has been a really good day for the retreat.

Mr. Gentry discussed the CDL bus class. It has been real informative. He asked the question as to whether it was a requirement for our nursing instructor to obtain her CDL. Mr. Meade stated that it is a local requirement.

Mr. Gentry discussed the Ag Lab. He stated that Ben Woods is our farm manager. Ben has been meeting with our Ag teachers and Mr. Fowler. There are some really nice things going on with the Ag Lab.

Mrs. McMahon stated that it has been a very productive day.

Mrs. McMahon stated that she has really enjoyed the school visits this year. The rooms are bright and the children are so excited.

Mr. Whitehead spoke about the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. He shared information about students who won awards at the Governor's School Science Fair that was held February 5th. They are as follows:

- Computer Science - Second Place - Louis Thomas (GHS) - Laelius Program Scanner
- Consumer Science - Honorable Mention - Rafe Hagee (GHS) - Mobile Drum Pad
- Engineering - Honorable Mention - Holly Fontaine (GHS) - The Road to Clean Energy
- Engineering - Second Place - Sebastian Seifert (GHS) - Fractal-Inspired Bridge Design
- Environmental Science - Third Place - Jordan McKinney (NHS) - Rating the Effectiveness of Different Antifouling Coatings
- Medicine and Health Sciences - Third Place - Justin Davis (GHS) - Effects of Soccer Headgear on Impact Forces
- Psychology: Learning and Perception - First Place - Wesley Meredith (GHS) - Preschool's Effect on Students' Educational Superiority
- Psychology: Social Interactions - First Place - Chase Perdue (NHS) - Zombie-Related Paranoia in Young Adults
- Research Award - Brandon Spangler - Effects of a Bat Weight in Baseball

- Research Award – Victoria Agud - Does Weight Affect Height

All first place winners have the opportunity to progress to the Blue Ridge Regional Highlands Science Fair to be held March 6-7. Winners from the regional fair will go on to the Virginia State Science Fair. Students will submit research papers to the Virginia Junior Academy of Science. If accepted, students will be invited to the annual meeting on May 20-22 at James Madison University.

Mr. Gollehon stated that we have a great school system and have good resource officers.

Dr. Webb stated that we are 2/3 finished with school tours. We still need to go to NHS and NEMS. As we tour around the county and look at our schools, every school looks wonderful. Our maintenance and custodian have such pride in our buildings and it definitely shows.

Dr. Webb stated that he was adopted by NEMS on behalf of School Board Appreciation Month. It was a wonderful experience being there with the preschool class.

Dr. Webb discussed the ACCE program. The deadline for applications is coming up quickly.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gentry, approved Billy Dudding as a GHS Softball Volunteer.

Dr. Arbogast discussed policy KD-R and BDDH-R (Public Participation at School Board meetings). Board members were given an updated policy based on comments that were heard at the previous board meeting and other division’s policies. One of the changes is going from 3 to 4 minutes for public comments and if an individual feels that the designated 4 minutes is not going to be sufficient, they need to submit a written request no later than 24 hours prior to the school board meeting, including reasons for additional time, as well as a couple additional changes. He stated that this is only the first reading for them to review. After we hear comments from the board, we will present a second reading at the next board meeting.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the employment of Corey Hale – NEMS Custodian.

Dr. Arbogast stated that on behalf of the Professional Advisory Committee, he wanted to recognize Macy faculty for their annual Scholarship contribution in honor of Susan Kirkpatrick and also for giving presents to help make Christmas better for 40 students’ during the annual Macy Staff Angel Tree adoption. He also recognized the staff from Eastern Elementary/Middle for the amount of effort put in daily, as well as maintaining an open mind and always putting student’s needs first.

Dr. Arbogast recognized Mrs. Amanda Tickle for School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

Dr. Arbogast wanted to recognize all of the spelling bee winners from the schools. Giles County Schools held their county spelling bee sponsored by Scripps Howard and the Roanoke Times on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Haley Hansen, daughter of Lori and Chris Hansen, won the Spelling Bee in the 22nd round by spelling the word “wunderkind”. Haley is a seventh grade student at Eastern Elementary / Middle School. The Spelling Bee is open to students in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Winners from each of the five schools participating in the County Spelling Bee were: Jamie Wall - 5th grade, Narrows Elementary/Middle School, Haley Hansen - 7th grade, Eastern Elementary/Middle School, Adellaide Nielson - 8th grade, Giles High School, Peyton Rader - 7th grade, Macy McClaugherty School, Frankie Cahoon - 8th grade, Narrows High School.

Dr. Arbogast wanted to recognize some winners from the Skills USA District Results. They are as follows:

Architectural Drafting	2nd - Silver	Tucker	White
Automotive Service Technology	1st - Gold	Logan	Perkins
<i>Computer Maintenance Technology (new name)</i>			
Information Technology Services	1st - Gold	Taylor	Price
Information Technology Services	2nd - Silver	Ryan	VanDeusen
Cosmetology	1st - Gold	Caitlin	Wikle
Cosmetology	2nd - Silver	Macarah	Collins

Current Events	1st - Gold	Emily	Parcell
Current Events	2nd - Silver	Breaunna	Lucas
Electrical Construction Wiring	1st - Gold	Michael	Shillinger
Extemporaneous Writing	1st - Gold	Jena	Aistrop
Internetworking	1st - Gold	Stuart	Myers
Job Interview	2nd - Silver	Tucker	White
Masonry	2nd - Silver	Gary	Suroski
Metals	1st - Gold	Taylor	Williams
Nail Care	3rd - Bronze	Isabella	Wade
Contest Name	Place	First Name	Last Name
Poster	1st - Gold	Emily	Parcell
Poster	3rd - Bronze	Karina	Marquez
Quiz Bowl	1st - Gold - TEAM	Jena	Aistrop
		Jarred	Cook
		Breaunna	Lucas
		Tucker	White
		Mark	Wohlford
Quiz Bowl	3rd - Bronze - TEAM	Blaize	Hopkins
		Emily	Parcell
		Karina	Marquez
		Nikki	Hodges
		Shelby	Hancock
Spelling	1st - Gold	Emily	Parcell
Spelling	3rd - Bronze	Jena	Aistrop
Technical Computer Applications	1st - Gold	Mark	Wohlford

Dr. Arbogast wanted to congratulate those individuals that were the History Bee winners from each schools. They are as follows: NHS – Caleb Clemons, NHS – Frankie Cahoon, MMS – Lucas Morris, NEMS – Morgan Ralph and GHS – Cale Daniels. They participated in the regional competition in Charlotte, NC on February 14th, 2015. Caleb Clemons won the regional competition and he will be going on to the National competition later this year! Good luck to Caleb as he continues this competition.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he received communication from Rick Claus from NanoSonic a couple weeks ago about their trip with four teachers working on the DOT Stem Grant (Christina Martin, Margy Journell, Gail Austin and Diana Blanton). All of them gave a briefing concerning the STEM grant to program managers at the Department of Transportation. The briefing went very well. The DOT staff members were enthusiastic and professional, and they said very kind words about the program, the work, and Giles County. The current grant program ended on February 10th and there is work to complete the effort. After the final report is submitted, they need to address the follow-on proposal for the larger program. As soon as they receive direction from the DOT concerning the logistics of that proposal, Dr. Claus will be in touch.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Maddy Atkins for coming out to address School Board members on behalf of School Board Appreciation Month. He also thanked the School Board for all that they do for the students and teachers of Giles County.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Sheriff Morgan Millirons for coming out tonight on behalf of the School Resource Officers. The resource officers are a very vital piece of our school system.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held March 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and the quarterly dinner meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Narrows Elementary/Middle School. Also, March 26th will be held in the event there is a conflict on March 19th.

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

Chairman

Clerk