

## September 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2015 at the School Board Office. Persons present were:

E. G. Gentry  
J. M. Gollehon, Jr.  
Drema K. McMahon  
J. L. Webb, Jr., Chairman  
R. B. Whitehead

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent  
D. Scott Meade, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 School Board Meeting Agenda.

### PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Giles County School Board, Lynn Hill was recognized for her hard work and dedication towards the NHS Summer Food Program. She was unable to be here this afternoon, but wanted Dr. Arbogast to thank the board and let them know that she had the best summer! She is already making plans for next summer.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

#### A. Meeting Minutes

1. Special Meeting – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015
2. Regular – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015
2. Payment of Bills to include August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
3. 2015-2016 PAC & Calendar Advisory Committees
4. Field Trips 2015-2016
5. Confirmation of Surplus Items
6. Appropriation Request for October 2015  
TO: Christopher McKlarney  
Interim Administrator for Giles County  
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II  
Division Superintendent  
RE: October 2015 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of October 2015. This is for the fourth month 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.

<b>Original Monthly Appropriation Request: (Operating + Flow-thru)</b>	<b>\$ 2,180,649.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,180,649.00</b>

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.

### EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mr. Rader, MMS Principal, along with Kim T. Mills, Christina Martin and several students, presented the educational feature on behalf of Macy McClagherty School. The students explained their "catapult" project to School Board members. This STEM activity was one that students completed in Mrs. Mills' classroom, with assistance from Christina Martin. The students explained to board members the process they used to develop their ideas and then construct their catapult's. They then asked board members to join them to participate in a hands on activity to build their own catapults.

### 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**: Amber Ogle – MMS Special Education Teacher – effective 10/2/15, Rachel Patteson – MMS Teacher Asst. (8/12/15), Jon Bright – NHS PE/Health Teacher (6/1/15)
  2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirement**: Mark Hubbard – ARDT (GHS) – effective 9/8/15
  3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Sam Jennings – NHS AEP Asst., Tiffany Helton – NHS Teacher Asst., Elizabeth Dapper – MMS Teacher Asst.
  4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Supplemental Contracts**: Diana Blanton – GHS MACC All Around/Science/Head, Pam Malabad – GHS MACC All Around/Math, Randy Weddle – GHS MACC Social Studies, Melanie Atkins – GHS MACC English, Tabitha Young – GHS Annual
  5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: McCreery Mann – NHS Boys Basketball Varsity Asst. Coach, Greg Robertson – NHS Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, McCreery Mann – NHS Assistant Football Coach
  6. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Tiffany Helton – NHS Athletic Volunteer Gate, Michelle Mosley – NHS Athletic Volunteer Gate, Benji Ratcliffe – GHS Football Manager, Todd Guynn – NHS Asst. Football Coach, Melanie Hart – MMS (Copying), Terry Beckner – EEMS Library, Sandi Webster – EEMS Library, Lori Hansen – EEMS Library, Pat Fullen – EEMS Library
  7. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Substitute Teachers to date.
  8. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the lease agreement through Mobile Modular for the 2 VPI+ Classrooms (modular units).

### CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Gentry stated that it has been a good summer.

Mr. Gentry stated that there are some new concrete areas at NHS/GHS that look great. Also, the digital sign at EEMS also looks great and the parking lots/lines have been re-stripped.

Mr. Gentry stated that he has now completed his CDL course. It is a great program! He stated that there are some roads that we need to keep VDOT notified of to make them aware.

Mr. Gentry stated he is enjoying the sports going on right now. He is looking forward to a good year.

Mr. Gentry stated that the Ag. lab is doing well. The summer food profited from the vegetables from the Ag. lab.

Mrs. McMahon congratulated T.J. Atkins for getting married.

Mrs. McMahon was pleased to be able to participate in the re-dedication of the NHS football field.

Mrs. McMahon stated that she went to the historical society presentation by Dr. Bud Robertson. He did a wonderful presentation (civil war). There were students from NHS present. It was an excellent presentation.

Mr. Whitehead shared information on the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. He stated that "The Environmental Science and Biotechnology courses at the Southwest Virginia Governors School are taught with a project based learning approach. For their introductory project this year, students were tasked with developing prototype batteries that utilize microorganisms to generate power. These are referred to as a microbial fuel cells (MFCs). In their work, students initially create a prototype which they then improve so that microbes can efficiently digest naturally occurring organic waste from plant matter. Students become familiar with the biological and technological systems necessary for providing suitable conditions for microbial growth and the microbial electricity is transformed into useable current accessible for powering an electrical device. Students learn to work through phases of the engineering design process in this introductory project and they must apply science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to the task of designing and constructing their functional fuel cells. This year, three students from Giles County are enrolled in the Environmental Science and Biotechnology course sequence." A picture was shared of Cailin Henry and Holly Fontaine with their microbial fuel cell. Also, Mr. Whitehead shared an article of a Governor's School student from Pulaski regarding her "bee" project for the governor's school science fair.

Mr. Gollehon thoroughly enjoyed the educational feature from Macy McClaugherty.

Dr. Webb stated that Ragsdale Field looks very nice! Our facilities are very nice here in Giles County.

Dr. Webb stated that it is very nice to see the VPI/VPI+ up and going this year!

Dr. Webb stated that we have expanded the preschool program from 36 to 72 individuals.

Dr. Webb stated that he helped Mrs. Henderson with the preschool dental screenings and he had a blast.

Dr. Webb stated that in the VSBA news, the governor has announced a \$6 million dollar school safety grant that will be split up in Southwest Virginia. Approximately \$80,000 will be coming to Giles County.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2,419.

Dr. Arbogast provided School Board members an updated copy of the Giles Tech Center year in review.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he shared some dates regarding DOE's timeline for releasing accreditation and AMO's at the previous board meeting. DOE was supposed to release it this week but that schedule has been altered. The state Board of Education needed to take some anticipated action to align the Standards of Accreditation with legislation approved by the 2015 General Assembly. They are considering including 4 partially accredited ratings.

Dr. Arbogast stated that 7<sup>th</sup> grade visits to the NRV Regional Jail have been scheduled.

Dr. Arbogast shared that there is a GEA sponsored rally on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Giles courthouse at 11 a.m. It has been sent out to all of our employees.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Macy for the wonderful educational feature.

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

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreements: Harriet Fletcher – NEMS (Various Activities), Jake Munsey – GHS Cross Country, Jean Vogler – EEMS (Library Volunteer)

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, approved a check register dated 9/09/2015.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk