

## **August 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on August 19, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard  
Eric G. Gentry  
Drema K. McMahon, Chairman  
Stephen M. Steele  
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent  
Richard R. Franklin, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum  
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's August 19, 2016 School Board Meeting Agenda.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. John Ross attended the school board meeting to give an energy education program update. John stated that the program began in 2004. The base line was established on the use of 02-03 and 2004 began the savings period. The total program savings from 04 – April of this year is \$1.5 million. This year savings from April 15-April 16 is \$77K. Projects that were done this year are the gym lights at Eastern Elementary (LED lighting), which will save money and also help the environment. He is hoping to do at least one gym a year until they are all done. Another significant project is the boiler (heating) upgrade at NEMS. Also, a LED lighting upgrade was done at the bus garage. John mentioned the possibility of using central places for events during the summer to try to save on the energy usage in some schools. In addition, plans in the near future include talking to the new administrators. Another thing he discussed was the agreement with InterNoch that we began about 3 years ago. During periods of high demand on the electric grid, they will pay us to “shed load.” Approximately \$6K dollars have been saved in 3 years. The best thing is that we have real time monitoring in 5 of our 6 schools. Also discussed was a potential solar project at Eastern Elementary/Middle School. John discussed a control upgrade for this Fall at Narrows High School, which is currently in the works.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Lori Robertson attended the School Board meeting to propose a swim club and team for Giles High School. She stated that as of right now, she knows of about 20 students that are interested. She would also like the NHS kids to be considered as well. She is asking for a small startup fee for lane rentals of approximately \$800. Insurance coverage would need to be figured out. The School Board stated that the next step is to get approval from the Administration at Giles High School.

Ms. Sonya Meekins, new GEA President, attended the meeting to address the School Board. She is in the Special Education Department at Giles High School. She stated, “Giles County Public Schools works hard to provide a quality public education to every child. One way they do that is to hire and retain the very best education employees. The Giles Education Association is here to support you and strive to provide the very best possible education for students. Public Education is truly a team sport. It takes all of us working together to do a good job. We have an association representative in every building. Those representatives attend monthly meetings to discuss professional concerns and issues. I’ve provided you with contact information for them and please stop by and say hello when you’re in the buildings. It gives me great pleasure today to tell you that our Association gives you a professional voice. We have a powerful voice in Richmond and around the state. Giles EA/VEA/NEA truly advocates for its members and for public education. We provide free staff development opportunities and we represent our members at school board meetings. We give our members avenues leading to volunteering in our communities. Our members have access to workshops, publications and websites to help with instructional guidance. Our association networks with educators around the state. As a result of the lobby effort of the VEA, the number of Standards of Learning tests burdening both students and teachers were reduced; the state legislature committed to a plan for fully funding the Virginia Retirement system; we helped defeat legislation that would have permitted the state to impose charter schools anywhere in the state, at local expense, whether they were welcome or not; we helped introduce and pass a law protecting the rights of educators who are nursing mothers; we won planning time for elementary teachers and protected it for secondary teachers; we helped develop and pass legislation that will create a state wide health insurance pool for education employees which should roll out the spring of 2017-18. Thank you so much. I look forward to working with you this year.”

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Regular – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016
2. Special – July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
3. Special – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
4. Special – July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016
5. Special – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**B. Financial Data**

1. Payrolls to include July 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
2. Payment of Bills to include June 28, 29, July 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 20, 21, 28, August 4 and 11, 2016
3. July 2016 Revenue & Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for August and September 2016

TO: Christopher McKlarney  
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: August & September 2016 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of August and September, 2016. This is for the second and third months of the fiscal year 2016-17. 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	2,242,036.00
September	2,242,036.00

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. Confirmation of Field Trips

**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. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Greg Canaday – EEMS Principal (August 9<sup>th</sup>), Caleb Guard – NHS English (July 13<sup>th</sup>)#
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirement**: Roger Crockett – Bus Driver (August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016), Danny Johnson – NEMS Bus Driver (June 30<sup>th</sup>), Larry Greer – NHS History (June 30<sup>th</sup>)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Holly Clark – GHS English Teacher, Kenneth White – GHS Guidance, Charity Craft – MMS Elementary Teacher, Jason Breeding – NHS Teacher Assistant, BJ Ludwig – NEMS Teacher Assistant, Austie Miller – NEMS Teacher Assistant, Brian Bowles – NHS Principal (August 8<sup>th</sup>), Transfer of Jason Mills to EEMS (August 1<sup>st</sup>), Transfer of Crystal Boggess from GHS to NHS Special Education Teacher, Shelly Boggess – GHS Asst. Principal (August 1<sup>st</sup>), Lauren Snead – MMS Preschool Teacher, Transfer of Hannah Spicer-Owens from GHS to NHS, Transfer of Kelly Davis from NHS Spec. Ed. Teacher to NHS History, Transfer of Caitlyn Arney from MMS to NHS Special Education Teacher, Bobby Fisher – EEMS Bus Driver, Greg Lee – NEMS Bus Driver, Donna Davis – GTC Nursing, Jodie Giles – MMS Teacher Assistant, Shelia Hutto – Teacher Assistant, Whitney Bowles – GHS Special Education Teacher, Desiree Weiss – MMS School Nurse#

4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved The following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Austin Cooper – GHS Varsity Football (Volunteer), Brittany Johnson – GHS JV Head Volleyball, Lindsay Moody – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Head Volleyball, Sarah Dodd – GHS Varsity Volleyball (Volunteer), Matt Burns – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football (Volunteer), Colin Munsey – GHS Boys/Girls Head Cross Country, W.R. Johnston – GHS Golf, Scotty Potter – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Football Assistant, Jeff Williams – GHS Varsity Head Football, Mandy Havens – GHS Varsity Head Volleyball, Sam Wright – GHS JV Football Assistant, Byron Hurley – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Head Football, Donna Stump – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer, Jackie Evans – GHS Varsity Football (Volunteer), Jake Munsey – GHS Cross Country (Volunteer), Benji Ratcliff – GHS Varsity Football (Volunteer), Bryan Strader – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Megan Metro – GHS Varsity Volleyball (Volunteer), Darla Whitehead – GHS Cross Country (Volunteer), Tim Munsey – GHS JV Head Football, Dusty Stump – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Anthony Ratcliffe – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Sherry Duncan – NHS Varsity Softball Head Coach, Chris Helvey – NHS Varsity Baseball Head Coach, Lane Mann – NHS Varsity Baseball Assistant, Steve Wilson – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Randall Smith – NHS Football (Volunteer), Savannah Burton – NHS Athletics (Volunteer)
5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, GCPS extended the current contract with Carilion for Physical Therapy services for 3 additional years.

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved a resolution to name the Virginian Leader to the 2016 VSBA Media Honor Roll.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended by VSBA and administration.

D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry and Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved additional courses for GHS (Foreign Language and Music).

#### CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Mr. Gentry welcomed Mr. Franklin to the School Board Office.

Dr. Arbogast stated that there still is a possibility for a nursing teacher. He said that interviews will be held on Monday for a couple individuals.

Dr. Arbogast reminded board members that we are venturing down the path where all 9<sup>th</sup> graders will get Chromebooks. Parent's night for both schools is scheduled for next week.

Dr. Arbogast stated that based on preliminary information, all 5 schools will be fully accredited. Final results will be released on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we had a good turnout for Parents Night Out. He thanked everyone for all of their help.

Dr. Arbogast stated that 7,898 meals served to kids this summer for the Summer Food Program. There were 2,144 meals served to adults.

Dr. Arbogast informed School Board members of an optional survey that would be done in cooperation with New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS). This will be done in our schools for 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This will provide data that can be used to develop programs through the NRVCS.

#### IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following  
**Employment:** Suzanne Woodward – Special Education Teacher (MMS), Ross Matney – Principal (GHS) - effective August 22nd, 2016.

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

**NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 p.m.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk