

February 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2017 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

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

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Clendal Brown, NHS Student Representative

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's February 16, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ricky McCoy, Board of Supervisors member, distributed certificates to School Board Members in honor of School Board Member Appreciation Month.

Mr. Gentry presented Amanda Tickle, School Board Clerk, with a certificate in honor of School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support:
Amberly Westermeyer – GHS, Kevin Riley – EEMS, Gail Austin – MMS, Michelle Carbaugh – GHS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

- 1. Regular – January 19, 2017

B. Financial Data

- 1. Payrolls to include January 31st and February 15th, 2017
- 2. Payment of Bills to include January 19th, 20th, 26th and February 2nd and 3rd, 2017
- 3. January 2017 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- 4. Appropriation Request for March 2017
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: March 2017 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of March 2017. This is for the ninth month of the fiscal year 2016-2017. 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:	\$ 2,242,036.00
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
Total:	\$ 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. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.
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5. Field Trips

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mr. Ross Matney, Mrs. Diana Blanton, Mrs. Christina Martin and several students attended the school board meeting to discuss an after school STEM program from this past Fall. This was part of the grant from the DOT involving Giles CO Public Schools and Nanosonic. They are developing STEM lessons that incorporate connected vehicle technology and intelligent transportation systems. This is the 3rd year of the grant. In the Fall session, one of the projects completed was to use a robotics kit to create an autonomous vehicle which is an example of an intelligent transportation solution. The students showed board members and the Superintendent how to create a simple robot with the robotics kits. This was only a minor component of the robots they made.

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. Ballard, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Connie Blevins – GTC Director of Nursing Education (July 1), Mike McClaugherty – Bus Driver (Transfer from Central to Western District – 1/30/17), Jerry Johnson – Central District Bus Driver (2/8/17)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Amanda Combs – GHS Biology Teacher (2/10/17)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the updated substitute list.
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved a one year rollover of RFP #7-2013 (physical therapy services). The contract will go through June 30, 2018.
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended from Administration to reflect changes in policies to go from 6 week to 9 week grading periods.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended from Administration to reflect changes in the Algebra I matrix policies.
- D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Virginian School Plant Management Association Annual Scholarship.
- E. The School Board discussed the opportunity for a new VetTech program. There was discussion at the most recent work session about the possibility of building a new building on Giles County IDA property that could include a new Vet Tech program to be offered to our students. The school system may be offered the proceeds from the sale of the Cumberland Park land, with the intention of the funds to be used to build a new building that could possibly house the Giles County animal shelter and also support a Vet Tech program. Mr. Gentry stated that after reviewing the current and even past information with legal issues, he feels like we should not proceed any further with the funds from the sale of the property. He stated that it needs to be the decision of the whole board. Mrs. McMahon stated that we could always use money for the best educational opportunities for our students, without stipulations. Mr. Steele stated that we have enough mandated funding. He stated that if it was even considered, it would need to be with no strings attached. Even at that, the preexisting conditions based on legal issues, there would need to be some very serious conversations. He would like to use it for the education of our kids.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Husband and Mrs. Dove attended the school board meeting to discuss the new Veterinary Science program that will be offered by Mrs. Meghan Dove. She would like to move one of her small animal care classes to a Vet Science. She has gone through a process with the state, which involved a survey of all the students at Giles High School. It appears that it will be very popular. Board members were given the course syllabus and Mrs. Dove explained the class. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved this course to be offered this fall to GHS students.

Mrs. McMahon stated that they had a great trip to Richmond – thanks to Rhonda and Dr. Arbogast for getting numbers together to help them present!

Mrs. McMahon recognized Clendal Brown for being in attendance.

Mrs. McMahon stated that it has been a great retreat.

Congratulations to Narrows High School for having such a small amount of discipline this past month.

Mrs. McMahon congratulated Rebecca Osborne for being named 1 of 10 semifinalists for the McGlothlin Awards.

Mr. Steele stated that next week is Engineer's Week so he will be going to the elementary schools to visit.

Mr. Steele stated that Lori Robertson has done a great job with the NHS/GHS Swim Team. Mrs. Robertson will be presenting some budget information soon on the team. Dr. Arbogast stated that if they go through VHSL, that GHS and NHS would have to be separate, although they can still practice together as long as they had separate swim lanes assigned to each school.

Mr. Steele stated that we are going to try to continue to do a better job communicating with the teachers and administrators that we are doing all we can to help.

Mr. Wilburn stated it makes him proud of our school system after hearing about our schools and teachers during the past 2 retreat days.

Mr. Ballard commended the NHS SOL scores.

Mr. Ballard thanked all the individuals who come to the retreat to share information with them.

Mr. Ballard and Mr. Gentry thanked Amanda Tickle for her efforts in doing things for the School Board.

Mr. Gentry stated that the Richmond trip was good – we need to get the ball rolling.

Mr. Gentry stated that SkillsUSA is being hosted next week at the Tech Center – such an honor!

Mr. Gentry commended the CIP curriculum.

Dr. Arbogast stated that of yesterday, we were at 2,382 students.

Dr. Arbogast commended the Spelling Bee Winners:

Shae Rose, 7th grade, Narrows Elementary/Middle School

Julian Craig 6th grade, Eastern Elementary/Middle School

Rae Broyles, 8th grade, Giles High School

Rachel Hicks, 5th grade, Macy McClaugherty School

Madison Lilly, 8th grade, Narrows High School (Also, the County Spelling Bee winner)

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Rebecca Osborne (Macy McClaugherty – 4th grade) for being recognized as one of the 10 semi-finalists for the 2017 McGlothlin Award.

Dr. Arbogast commended the article in the January VSBA Newsletter regarding the Habitat for Humanity House at the Giles Technology Center.

Dr. Arbogast commended Ross Matney, Diana Blanton and the students for coming out for the educational feature.

Dr. Arbogast thanked the Pearisburg Junior Women's Club for the snacks for the board retreat.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Board members for all of their hard work and everything they do for the students and teachers.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Wilburn and 4-1 voting (AYES: Ballard, Wilburn, Steele, Gentry; NAYS: McMahon), approved the 2017-2018 school calendar. Mrs. McMahon stated that just by moving the calendar back 13 days, all of our teachers and students would have finished first semester by Christmas break.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Resignation of Amber Nelson – effective 2/24.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved a resolution for the 2017 School Board Clerk Appreciation Week (Attachment A).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held March 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk