

February 7, 2017

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 3:00 PM on February 7th, 2017 in the School Administration Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel/discipline issues and then a work session was held after the closed session. Persons present were:

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

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 2 – Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any Virginia public institution of higher education or any state school system. Paragraph 4 – Protection of the Privacy of Individuals; Following discussion, Mrs. McMahon moved to go to regular session. Mr. Ballard seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Steele, with a second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, the following Certification of the closed meeting was certified.

WHEREAS, the Giles School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which certification applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Clerk of the Giles County School Board Date

There was no action from closed session.

School Board members then began their work session.

Mr. Howard Spencer spoke to board members regarding the Cumberland Park land. He stated that his plan is to sell the Cumberland Park land in Narrows. 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. He stated that it hurts to see so many animals euthanized, so he would like to have a new animal shelter, which would in turn benefit the kids of Giles County. The new animal shelter would be located on Giles County IDA property, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Spencer stated that the Town of Glen Lyn may be interested in buying the land if the School Board wasn't interested in his proposal. School Board members stated that they would like to discuss this further and get back to him.

There was continuation of a discussion on the combined services agreement that was held at the last work session. They reviewed changes that were made from the Giles County attorney. Board members went over all the changes and

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discussed them. The Board of Supervisors still need to review the agreement.

There was a discussion with board members and Dr. Arbogast on implementing a separate nursing salary scale for nursing instructors.

There was a discussion about who to nominate for the VSBA Business Honor Roll. They want to nominate Carilion and PEMTEL and would also like to nominate some small businesses in the County that help out our school system. Dr. Arbogast is going to talk to principals to see which businesses could be recognized.

Board members discussed the proposal from Mr. Spencer. Board members would love the opportunity to have a Vet Tech program; however, it would take a lot of work and research to be able to build the building and implement the program. Board members are going to think on it and wait until they have all board members present to discuss it further.

Board members discussed sending out letters to successful past graduates. The letter asks them to complete a bio of themselves and share their successes. The information would be used to create a web page on our school board page that highlights each of them. Board members really want everyone to know what a good school system we have and try to promote more enrollment in our schools.

Board members discussed their recent trip to Richmond to meet with Delegates and Senators. They thought their trip was a success, but they want to keep working with them to get positive changes for our school system. Mrs. McMahan feels we should keep sending correspondence. She plans to talk to Delegate Yost to see what he recommends we do in the future.

There was a discussion on whether to do the Consolidation Study through the Department of Education (DOE). If individuals come in, we would need to pay for their lodging. Dr. Arbogast stated that they will look at the facilities, transportation and programs. Mr. Gentry would like to see a sample of what DOE has done in the past.

Mr. Gentry discussed Cyber Security and the need to implement a program at the Tech Center. He stated that Senator Edwards stated that there may be money to help fund this class. Mr. Franklin shared information about Cyber Security that he had learned from a Region VII meeting. Dr. Arbogast recommended having a conversation with Mr. Husband to get his thoughts.

Mr. Gentry discussed the possibility of adding a physics teacher at both high schools. He thinks that if he would add it, we would have kids who would take it. He wants to know if it is an option to hire a Math teacher and have them become Physics certified within a certain amount of time. Dr. Arbogast stated that we would need to get an idea of who may be interested during course registration for the next year and see if we have anyone already certified that could teach it.

Dr. Arbogast spoke to the School Board about the track improvement at Giles High School. He has spoken to John Mills about getting a company to come look at it to see what needs to be done.

School Board members discussed incorporating a heroin/prescription abuse piece to the health curriculum for 9th grade physical education. This would include the “Heroin/The Hardest Hit” video, as well as lesson plans and a curriculum guide received from the Attorney General’s Office. Dr. Arbogast will share this information with principals.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk