

Giles County Public Schools  
School Board Meeting  
June 10, 2003

*Dr. Robert C. McCracken*

*Division Superintendent*

**\*School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Regular Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2003
- Bills in the Amount of \$1,578,852.88
- Payrolls
- Appropriation Request for July 2003
- Confirmation of Declaration of Surplus Items
- Approval of Title I Applications, Phase 1
- Confirmation of Carilion Health Grant/Letter of Agreement
- Approval of Field Trip Request

**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

The School Board Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**\*Special Presentations**

**2002-03 Retirees**

2002-03 Retirees were recognized for their years of service in Giles County Schools. Prior to the regular meeting, GEA hosted a reception in honor of all retirees. Each received a plaque for dedicated service from the Board Chairman and Superintendent. Those retiring reflected a total number of 209 years of service: Frances Breedlove-Croy, Bob Lilly, Carol Lilly, Kitty Martin, Margaret Redmond, Reba Warner, and Honore Webb.

**Other Recognitions**

Three GHS students were recognized for their achievements in FCCLA 2003 Star Events this year. Amy Spears – Elected State FCCLA President; Melissa Darnell – Won Gold and Trophy in Applied Technology; and Amanda Palmer – Won Gold in Chapter Showcase.

***Recognized for Student Support:***

Melissa Guynn for her efforts as a long-term substitute teacher at the Giles County Technology Center in the Cosmetology Department, in the absence of regular instructor, Leigh Ann Boothe.

Mark and Venita Skidmore for their involvement at Macy McClaugherty Elementary/Middle School

***NHS:***

Carol Lilly - For her years of service as Bookkeeper at NHS

Eric Dalton - For his efforts during the NHS break-in on March 18<sup>th</sup>

**\*The School Board Approves/Confirms Personnel Items**

The Board confirmed the resignation of Eric Roethlisberger, effective the end of the next school year, 2003-04.

The Board confirmed the following employment: Brenda Martin – EEMS Part-time PALS Remediation February 1 – June 11, 2003; Marsha Kessinger – EEMS Part-time Teacher Assistant for remainder of 2002-03; Ron Witt – GHS Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach; Whitney Turner – GHS Jr. Varsity Girls' Coach; Bill Mance – GHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Coach, all for 2002-03 and all current substitutes, including substitute teachers, bus drivers and 20 day employees.

The Board confirmed the following employment for the 2003-04 school year: Sarah Ballard – MMS Teacher/possibly Title I; Angela Rice – Teacher Assistant/Location TBD; Cora Bailey – Teacher Assistant /Location TBD; Sabrina Gautier – GHS Teacher Assistant; and Roger Simpkins – Additional Hours to County Main/Garage position he currently holds – 1 hour per day/180 days per year; Transfer of bus drivers: Roger Fisher (to Kitty Martin's position) and Mike Yost (to Roger Fisher's position).

#### **\*The School Board Hears Reports from the Superintendent**

- The Superintendent shared unofficial raw scores with the Board regarding 5<sup>th</sup> grade SOL writing exams. The unofficial scores were as follows: EEMS – 69.5%; MMS – 89.29% and NEMS – 72%. Official scores have not been received as of yet, but will be passed on to Board members as soon as they are released.
- The Board approved policy revisions as recommended by the VSBA Policy Services and administration.

#### **\*School Board Takes Action on Other Items**

- The Board approved the following RFP's:  
RFP No. 3-2003 – Awarded to low bidder, Sysco for cafeteria and related items.  
RFP No. 4-2003 – Awarded to only bidder, Flowers Bakery for bakery items.  
RFP No. 5-2003 – Awarded to low bidder, United Dairy for dairy items.  
RFP No. 8-2003 – Awarded to First Service Insurance for varsity football accident insurance (First Service Plan included better benefits)
- Following discussion, the Board approved the 2003-04 re-enrollment of expulsion case No. 0203-2.
- The Board approved a second field trip request for GHS FFA requested by Voc. Ag. Teacher, Audrey Reith for 6 students to participate at VA Tech June 23-26, 2003.
- The Board approved a resolution for Karen Yolton, 2003 Teacher of the Year, to be submitted with her application for Virginia Teacher of the Year 2004.
- The Board approved the resolution for technology education funds from the state in the amount of \$206,000.
- The Board authorized the Superintendent to proceed with the Family Preservation Community Services Project, which will allow degreed counselors to work with identified students in the schools. Currently it will involve Macy McClaugherty School and Narrows Elementary/Middle School, with EEMS being reviewed for services.
- The School Board confirmed their close-out meeting for 2002-03 for Monday, June 30, 2003, 7:30 AM at the School Board Office.

#### **\*School Board and School Staff Present Comments and Mission Statement Accomplishments**

- The Chairman stated that the annual evaluation was completed on the Superintendent and was "mighty positive". He commented he wouldn't expect anything less, and is hopeful that Dr. McCracken will be with us for awhile longer. He also commented that the superintendent has done such a good job, he deserves the "Atta Boy Award"! ☺
- Sympathy was conveyed to the family of Jim Jackson, who passed away on Sunday. He was a retired teacher with Giles County Schools and was still employed as a part-time homebound teacher. Mr. Gollehon commented that Mr. Jackson was a friend to students that helped those that needed encouragement to stay in school.

- Thanks were conveyed to GEA for the nice reception for retirees. Appreciation was expressed to Anne Wheeler, Doris Lynch and Cecilia McFaden for the delicious refreshments.
- Congratulations were conveyed to this year's retirees. They will certainly be missed!
- Congratulations were again conveyed to Karen Yolton, 2003 Teacher of Year. A resolution will be presented to her on behalf of the Board members.
- Mr. Whitehead distributed handouts regarding 2003 VJAS (Virginia's Junior Academy of Science) winners. Congratulations were conveyed to Emily Smith for first place in Botany C and recipient of VAS Botany Award.
- There were many positive comments regarding this year's graduations at NHS and GHS. Mr. Stump and Mr. Brown were commended for their extra efforts. Mr. Stump was complimented for bringing his faculty members on to the field with graduates during the ceremony. Mr. Brown was complimented for involving the graduates in the decision regarding the rainy weather that caused the ceremony to remain indoors. Thanks were conveyed to both high schools and the fine job they did.