

NEWS RELEASE

August 23, 2001

Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting

Dr. Robert C. McCracken

Division Superintendent

***School Board Approves Consent Agenda Items**

- Minutes of the June 29, 2001 meeting
- Bills in the amount of \$1,318,773.07
- Payroll for the month of July, 2001
- Revenue report for the month of July, 2001
- Appropriation Request for September, 2001
- Addendum/Agreement for ERIP Program
- Addendum to Consent Items – Declaration of Surplus Items and SEAC Advisory Committee Report

***School Board Recognizes GHS Student:** Brooke Martin was recognized as recipient of the Bronze Award in the National FCCLA Competition in Anaheim, California this summer. Her project was "Operation Warm Hearts".

***School Board Approves Recommendations Regarding Personnel Items**

- The School Board approved the organizational chart as recommended for the 2001-02 school year, as well as the proposed organizational chart for 2002-03.
- The School Board approved the administrative assignments for 2001-02 as follows: Pat O'Brien assigned to the Central Office; Terry Arbogast assigned as Narrows High School Principal; Robert Stump assigned as Narrows High School Assistant Principal; Jack McCall assigned to the Central Office; and Pam Higginbotham assigned as Eastern Elementary/Middle School Principal.
- The School Board approved the following employment for 2001-02: Maurice Milton and Shawn Eaves as Teacher Assistants at Giles High School.
- The School Board confirmed the following employment for 2001-02: Lisa Warstler – EEMS Special Education Teacher; Jason Mills – GHS Social Studies Teacher; Maria Maddy – EEMS 6th Grade Teacher; Patricia Tibbs – NEMS Special Education Teacher; McCreery Mann – NHS/AEP Teacher; Bobby Gusler – NHS Custodian; Mike Yost – Bus Driver/ Eastern District; Mary Dalton – transfer to Central District Bus Run; Rom Matlock – Part-time Math/Technology Specialist and Part-time Algebra Readiness Specialist; and Rusty Kelly – GHS Assistant Athletic Director, Supplemental Position.
- The School Board confirmed the following resignations: Mae Wilson, effective July 19, 2001 and Connie Cox, effective contingent upon suitable replacement, which has been found.

***School Board Hears Reports from the Superintendent**

1. The School Board approved policy revisions and new policies as recommended by VSBA Policy Services and administration.
2. The School Board approved resolutions for the VSBA Media Honor Roll 2001 to recognize Butch Mullins and Marcy Gano of the Virginian Leader, for their support to the school system.
3. The Superintendent introduced all new teachers for the 2001-02 school year. After the meeting, the Board members joined the new teachers in a continental breakfast provided by the Giles County Chamber of Commerce, with Barbara Stafford, Director, Butch Mullins, President, and Dan Level hosting the event. New teachers for the 2000-01 school year are: Catherine Beck, Lisa Boggess, Leigh Ann Boothe, Jennifer Bush, Cynthia Haney, Kathy Wilson-Klatka, Carole Kostenblatt, Maria

Maddy, Barbara Maxwell, Linda McCarthy, Carolyn McConnell, Kent Miller, Jason Mills, Robert Stump, and Lisa Warstler.

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

1. The School Board confirmed the reinstatement/re-enrollment of Student Expulsion Case No. 00-1 for the 2001-02 school year.
2. The School Board confirmed the following RFP's:
 - No. 11-2001 for Child Care for after-school services at EEMS awarded to low bidder, Challenges, Inc.
 - No. 12-2001 for Physical Therapy Services, awarded to low bidder, Professional Therapies of Roanoke.
3. The School Board confirmed the continuation of the lease with Marty Farrier regarding the Dogwood Farms property near Giles High School for the purpose of baling hay.
4. The School Board set the next School Board meeting for Wednesday, September 26, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office. Prior to the open session the School Board will meet for the first quarterly dinner meeting at Giles High School at 5:30 PM, with closed session at 5:00 PM if needed.

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

- The School Board conveyed their deepest appreciation to the Board of Supervisors and citizens for support of the renovation projects in the schools. There is no school system around us in any better condition overall than ours, and everyone looks forward to beginning the new year with nice facilities.
- Mr. Wheeler was commended for his hard work and dedication during the renovations of the schools. Thanks for all you do!
- Congratulations to the ERIP folks once again. They will "officially" start retirement soon!
- The Governor's School enrollment is 141 this year! A guidance counselor has also been placed there this year to assist in scholarships, mentorship projects, and as an 8th grade contact regarding students that may be potentially interested in attending the Governor's School.
- Congratulations were conveyed to Eastern Elementary/Middle School for achieving full accreditation.
- Thanks were conveyed to the Virginian Leader for their help in focusing on the positive actions of our school system, as well as covering all issues in an appropriate manner.
- The administrative staff was commended for the organization for next year, and placing new people on board. It will be a good year.
- The Superintendent shared information on testing scores, by displaying all percentages for the School Board to review. He is extremely pleased with the scores, and commented that it reflects what our staff can do to reach passing scores. He also explained that the 3rd grade scores represent the first group that started the SOL's in kindergarten, which reflected 90% in Social Studies and 90% in Math.
- The Superintendent also informed the Board of the release of a "Blueprint for VA". It was established to provide the framework for the continued improvement of Virginia's public schools. He commended those responsible for the work involved in creating the document.
- Kim Wilson, GEA President, also spoke of a VA children's campaign that will hopefully provide more state assistance for school systems.