

Giles County Public Schools
School Board Meeting
August 22, 2002
News Release

Dr. Robert C. McCracken

Division Superintendent

***School Board Approves Consent Items**

- Special Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2002
- Special Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2002
- Bills
- Payroll
- Appropriation Request for October, 2002

***Pledge of Allegiance**

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

***Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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

The Board rescinded the motion for employment of Todd Hedrick, due to him acquiring other employment.

The Board confirmed the following: Resignations of Mitzie White and Deidra Farrell; Resignation/ Employment of Jane Garrett – From full-time Bus Driver to NHS/AEP Teacher Assistnat/AEP Bus Run; Employment of Sherry Crosier/Sp. Ed., Jessica Morris/Sp. Ed. and Sarah Ballard – MMS; Angela Terry – NHS English Teacher; Melissa Jones – NEMS Sp. Ed. Teacher; Transfer of Patricia Tibbs from NEMS Sp. Ed. Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher; Transfer of Sara Moles from NEMS Kindergarten Teacher to EEMS Title I Teacher; Lori Thompson – NHS Sp. Ed. Teacher Assistant; Angela Rice – EEMS Sp. Ed. Teacher Assistant; Jennifer McCroskey – NHS JV Cheerleader Coach; and Volunteer Coaches – Bryan Long – NHS Football & Girls/Boys Basketball; Amanda Wheeler – NHS Girls' Basketball; and Chris Bales – GHS Football; John Bowman – GHS Assistant Football; Kelly Kirby – GHS Vol. Team Physician/ Trainer.

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

- The Board approved the continued use of computerized report cards at MMS in Grades 6 and 7; and approved the use of the same in grades 4-7 in all three elementary schools, beginning second semester of 2002-03.
- The School Board approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA Policy Services and administration.
- New teacher orientation was held at 8:30 AM and at that time, the Superintendent introduced new staff members. New teachers for the 2002-03 school year are: Amy Miller, Debbie Lusk, Alleta Morrison, Sherry Miller, Sara Moles, Jessica Morris and Sarah Ballard, Angela Terry, Beth Frazier, Sherry Crosier, Melissa Jones, Pam Tegelman, Terri Martin, Kevin White, Peter Binkley, and returning teachers - Clara Whittaker and Audrey Reith.

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

- The Superintendent explained the enrollment status with the School Board regarding K-3 grades, and the possibility of needing additional teachers. He explained that numbers are being watched closely

in those grade levels, and needed assurance from the Board, should the need arise, to move forward in obtaining additional teachers. Board members were in agreement for the Superintendent, and directed him to do what is necessary.

- The School Board heard a report from Mr. Meade, in reference to a request from Rev. Shahn Wilburn regarding the visitation of New York firefighters in our area. The Superintendent explained Governor Warner's request for school divisions to participate in activities on 9/11/02 and that building principals have asked to be allowed to develop their individual program for that day. The Board approved to offer classroom visitation of the firefighters to the schools, if the principals' so desire.
- The School Board set next regular meeting for Tuesday, September 24, 2002 at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office. Prior to the regular meeting, the quarterly meeting with administrators will be held at the Giles County Technology Center at 5:30 PM. Should a closed session be needed, it will be held prior to the quarterly meeting;
- The Board reviewed the week of October 28th for the annual budget meetings in the schools.

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

- The Board welcomed Mr. Arbogast and Mr. Meade to the meeting, with a pat on the back for the past couple of weeks. The Board was extremely appreciative of the work of Mr. Arbogast and Mr. Meade, and school principals during the Superintendent's absence. Board members felt everything moved along smoothly and was addressed as needed.
- Giles County Schools are second in school divisions, regarding the number of students currently enrolled in the Governor's School, with 37 attending. The Director, Ms. Duncan, recently commended teachers in Giles County for students' being well prepared for the Governor's School.
- The self-contained classroom units are in place at the Governor's School.
- It was commented how exciting it is to see the new energy come in when new teachers are hired. The Board welcomed all new staff members.
- Mrs. McMahon commented she had met and talked with an "incredible lady", Ms. Duncan, Director of the Governor's School. It was very worthwhile visiting with her.
- The Board met with administrators during the ADM Retreat on August 8th, and was pleased with the positive feedback for all administrators, regarding various subjects and the upcoming school year.
- The trees recently planted at GHS look very nice!
- MMS recently had 17 truckloads of mulch delivered. Mrs. McMahon commented that four people worked very hard for nothing in return, in spreading the mulch. The four people included 2 PULSAR students. Good job, now that's something to be proud of!
- The Superintendent shared that the annual ADM Retreat for all administrators was very successful this year. Thirteen people were brought together that had never been together before as building administrators.
- The Superintendent conveyed his appreciation to Mr. Arbogast and Mr. Meade for their efforts during his absence.