

**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Giles County School Board held a closed meeting/work session at 1:00 p.m. on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.  
Persons present were:

Jason B. Buckland  
Melissa R. Guynn  
Phillip A. Pennington  
Stephen M. Steele  
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II, Superintendent  
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk  
Lisa G. Mustain, Assistant Superintendent

The chairman called the work session to order.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn 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 public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any such student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student, parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Following discussion, Mr. Buckland moved to go to regular session. Mr. Wilburn seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. The School Board, unanimously, certified that the meeting was in regards to student discipline and conducted under section 2.2-3711.

VOTE                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0

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Clerk of the Giles County School Board

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Date

Following closed session, the Superintendent recommended that the student case # 7001882 be expelled based upon the recommendation of Giles High School. There was no motion on the floor. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, voted to instead place the student immediately in the AEP and they would remain there through first semester.

The Superintendent then recommended that student case # 7002036 be expelled based upon the recommendation of Eastern Elem/Middle School. There was no motion on the floor. The School board, with the motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and 4-1 voting (AYES: Steele, Buckland, Wilburn, Pennington NAYS: Guynn) voted to instead do long term suspension for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. A hearing will need to be scheduled next summer for re-enrollment for the 23-24 school year.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update regarding the ESCO conversation/presentations. The committee has identified that they felt comfortable working with. The next step is to get IGA fee's from the businesses, as well as the overhead/profit fee. Mr. Buckland would like to request this from all four entities, as opposed to just the top two. Dr. Arbogast will send this request out tomorrow and then give them about a week to get responses back.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the lights at the Giles High School football field. He stated that the quote he received to replace the lights/bulbs is about \$250k. Mr. Buckland said he had heard from an individual from Giles High School that it would cost about \$125K. He also asked if we could look to see if the current lights could be retrofitted with LED lights and continue to use the poles that are there.

Dr. Arbogast had a discussion with board members about the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. He stated that the current building is in need of repair. Pulaski County is responsible for maintaining the building and

Pulaski County notified the Governor’s School Board last April to explore other options to consider moving the program to another site. Dr. Arbogast discussed options that have been discussed at prior meetings, such as having classes at New River and Wytheville Community Colleges had been discussed. They were recently notified by Pulaski that they needed to be out of the building by the end of the school year. Pulaski wants to relinquish being the fiscal agent and property management. Board members asked the question of whether they would want to lease it to the Governor’s School Board? They also discussed the option of seeing if businesses would donate toward the repairs.

Dr. Arbogast gave board members the probable projected project budget information on the Macy HVAC project. ZMM is hoping to be able to advertise the equipment package for bids in about 2 weeks. They would like to have the bid awarded by the end of November. The roof replacement package is progressing well. They would like to bid that in early November and get that on the calendar for next summer. Mr. Buckland stated that he would like to have a breakdown of the costs listed on the project budget sheet. Board members would also like for ZMM to give an engineering design estimate. Mr. Buckland would like for Mr. Ross to review this to make sure he is comfortable with it. Dr. Brown stated that he doesn’t think there is a lot of extra “fluff” in this proposal. Board members would like Dr. Arbogast to speak to ZMM about their fees.

Dr. Arbogast gave back the responses of the PSA questions regarding consolidation to the board members that he was given at the last board meeting. He stated that since he doesn’t have a direction from the board, he has given them information to be responsive as possible. Board members will review this and discuss at a later work session.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he has received another updated facilities report but it needs to be updated again. Mr. Buckland questioned who asked CRA to add the option of “adding on to Giles High School.” Other board members were not sure why CRA added the option to their report.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, adjourned the work session.

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Chairman

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Clerk