

January 5th, 2023

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on December 8th, 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.

Board members heard a presentation from a company called Mastery Connect. This is the new program that was approved back in December to replace Performance Matters. Mastery Connect is a platform that allows teachers to provide assessments to students to evaluate their student's level of understanding. The data that is provided on this platform will allow teachers to tailor their instruction and provide remediation to those students who need it. The majority of the school divisions that participate in the CIP in Region VII currently use Mastery Connect and this changeover will allow us to provide training prior to the start of the next school year.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update regarding the energy saving companies (ESCOS) process. He stated that we are continuing to work with CMTA on the MOU. We want to make sure we are comfortable before signing. He has also reached out to Nick with the Department of Mineral Mines for guidance on this.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the progress at Narrows Elementary/Middle School. He is not sure they will officially be done in February because they have 5 more units to replace that they didn't catch originally. The 5 units will be about \$60k. We will continue to use ESSER funds to pay for this project.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the proposed 2023-2024 calendar. He stated that we have a meeting scheduled with the committee on the 18th of this month. Mr. Buckland and Mr. Steele asked about having a parent and some additional representatives on the committee to voice their opinions/concerns. Dr. Arbogast stated that once we get a draft together from the committee, we can post it online and provide ample time to receive feedback.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the governor's school relocation. He stated that all 3 entities (RU, NRCC and WCC) are still very much interested. He told board members about upcoming dates that he plans to visit all 3 of these campuses. He is hopeful that a decision can be made by February.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the MMS HVAC/Literary Fund. The resolution that was approved at last month's meeting will be submitted with the Literary Fund application. This needs to be submitted by February 10th if we plan to submit the application. Dr. Arbogast discussed funds that could be used for the Macy project. He stated that there should be a construction assistance grant application coming soon that we can also apply for. Dr. Arbogast stated that he is waiting on clarification from DOE to see if we could apply for the literary fund as well as apply for the construction assistance grant or will applying for the Literary Fund keep us from being able to apply for the Construction Grant funding through the state. Once this information is received, we can provide an update to the board.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we did receive a copy of the latest facility study and it is posted online.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he met with ZMM on the 3 facility study options that the board has discussed. They will be looking at the capacity numbers and will work on providing us information on the 3rd option regarding Eastern and Macy so the board has data to help guide a decision on whether this is a viable option or not.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2,202 (our kids).

Mr. Steele stated that just to give a recap, there is a new facility study online (updated). He stated the board is still considering the 3 options that have been recently discussed.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. Following discussion, Mr. Pennington moved to go to regular session. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. The School Board, unanimously, certified that the meeting was in regards to personnel and conducted under section 2.2-3711.

VOTE Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

There was no action from closed session

Clerk of the Giles County School Board

Date

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

Chairman

Clerk