

December 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 2017 at the School Board Office. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Eric G. Gentry, Chairman
Drema K. McMahon
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Stewart, NHS Student Representative (Board Mtg. Only)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's December 14th, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mr. Brian Bowles, Mrs. Teresa Lowe and several students attended the school board meeting to discuss the new Career Investigation class, offered by Mrs. Teresa Lowe. There were 5 students who discussed the 5 phases of the class and talked about how beneficial the class is and will be to them in the future.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Giles County School Board and Professional Advisory Council, the following individuals were recognized:

- A. Professional Advisory Council
 - 1. Giles Early Education (Karen Yolton, Ann Goette, Lynn Hill, etc.)
 - 2. Lisa White
 - 3. Shaena Muldoon
 - 4. Tracy Ferguson
 - 5. Kristen Corboy
 - 6. Lori Alvis
 - 7. Christy Lawson
- B. Christmas Card Contest Winners
 - 1. Ellie Campbell - EEMS
 - 2. Cambria Grose – NEMS
 - 3. Colton Simmons – MMS
- C. Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Gentry

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following consent items:

- A. Meeting Minutes**
 - 1. Regular – November 9th, 2017
- B. Financial Data**
 - 1. Payrolls to include November 15th and 30th, 2017
 - 2. Payment of Bills
 - 3. Revenue and Expenditure Reports – November 2017
 - 4. Field Trip Requests
 - 5. Appropriation Request for January 2018
 - TO: Christopher McKlarny
Interim Administrator for Giles County
 - FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
 - RE: January 2018 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of January 2018. This is for the seventh month of the fiscal year 2017-18. I would appreciate the Board's consideration of this request. The request for the operating budget is consistent with the approved operating budget submitted by the School Board.

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| Original Monthly Appropriation Request: (Operating + Flow-thru) | \$ 2,283,819.50 |
| Total: | \$ 2,283,819.50 |

This request is one-twelfth of the operating budget and includes the anticipated monthly expenditures in the flow-thru account. Our year to date appropriation and expenditures are contained in the monthly summary. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:
1. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: William Mance – GHS Varsity Girls Basketball (Volunteer), Andrea Guynn - NHS JV Girls Basketball Head Coach
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Ross Matney – GHS Principal (12/31/17), Erica Gautier – NHS Girls JV Basketball Coach (11/27/17), Norman Ferguson – Bus Driver (12/7/17)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Jason Spicer – NEMS Archery, Sue Spicer – NEMS Archery
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the Substitute Teachers list to date.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Stewart stated that the high school is enjoying the smoothies!

Mr. Wilburn congratulated all the teams at NHS for doing so well. Also, GHS teams had a wonderful season.

Mr. Wilburn thanked Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Gentry for their years of wonderful service.

Mr. Steele also stated that it has been an honor to serve with Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Gentry. He stated that they both truly care for our kids.

Mr. Steele stated that we have had a lot of singing lately and the concerts have been quite spectacular.

Mr. Ballard also thanked Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Gentry for all their hard work and efforts!

Mr. Ballard stated that he is scared of the upcoming quote on health insurance.

Mr. Ballard stated that he attended the NEMS Thanksgiving lunch – it was very nice.

Mr. Ballard congratulated the NHS Volleyball and football teams on a great season.

Mr. Ballard thanked Christina Martin for the newsletters that she keeps sending off.

Mr. Ballard stated that he attended the Rural School coalition in Wytheville.

Mr. Ballard congratulated the following football players and coaches:

 Mikey McKinney – Region 1C Defense Player of the Year/Pioneer District Defense Player
 Coach Lowe – Regional Coach of the Year/Pioneer District Coach of the Year

1st Team All State – Matt Mullins, Jake Martin and Mikey McKinney

2nd Team All State – Ian Lowe, Derrick Stinson and Gavin Pruett

Mr. Ballard stated that NHS sent 3 teams to Bluefield College for a Humanities challenge. Josh Sparks and his teams competed against roughly 16 other teams and they finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in those challenges.

Mr. Gentry stated that the ocean wall at EEMS was awesome as always.

Mr. Gentry congratulated the GHS and NHS Football and Volleyball teams on their seasons.

Mr. Gentry stated that without question, we have an excellent school system. He stated that it has been wonderful serving with his fellow board members. He would put our school system and teachers up against any school in the Commonwealth. He appreciates Terry, Rick and the central office staff for everything they have done for him.

Mrs. McMahan thanked all of the board members for their service and dedication to the students of Giles County Public Schools. She also thanked Administration for everything that they do. We have great schools, teachers, students and buildings.

Mrs. McMahan thanked John Ross for all he does with energy savings.

Mrs. McMahan stated that it is very exciting to have the Rural School coalition that is in the works.

Mrs. McMahan congratulated Maggie Guynn, the Region C Player of the Year and to Erica Gautier for being named the Region Coach of the Year.

Mrs. McMahan stressed the importance of anti-bullying in our schools. She is pleased to hear the strong stand that our coaches are taking against bullying.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2404.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the following GHS students who auditioned for and made it into the Senior All District Chorus: Haley Hansen, Taylor Wilson, Hannah Steele, Quinne Jiminez, Alyssa Hetherington, Jayme Price, Kayleigh Gordon, Grace Greenwood, Violet Neikirk, Matthew Law, Coleton Yopp, Aidan Deighan and Cale Daniels.

Dr. Arbogast discussed information about the HOBY Award. Grace Shockley was the representative for GHS to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership weekend at JMU. Emma was the alternate. Congratulations to them both!!

Dr. Arbogast shared information on our breakfast program, including the FastBreak breakfast and our new smoothies.

Dr. Arbogast also commended the individuals that Mr. Ballard mentioned with the NHS state and region awards, as well as the other individuals:

NHS Volleyball: Cassidy Goumenis and Maggie Guynn – 1st Team All State

NHS Volleyball: Maggie Guynn – Region C Player of the Year

NHS Volleyball: Erica Gautier – Region Coach of the Year

GHS Football: Coach Williams – District Coach of the Year

GHS Football: Ryan Beidleman – District Offensive Player of the Year

GHS Volleyball: Jocelyn Midkiff and Alyson Pennington – 1st Team All Region/1st Team All District

GHS Volleyball: Madison Williams and Shared Gentry – 2nd Team All District

Dr. Arbogast stated that last Monday, December 4th, several individuals attended a Regional Coalition meeting for Small Rural School divisions in Virginia. It was a good start to this process with a nice turnout.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Meghan Dove for receiving a \$600 grant from the Master Gardeners Association. This will be used for a raised flower bed to grow cut flowers.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we found out yesterday that NRVCS & Giles County Public Schools were awarded a 3 year grant from the VA Foundation for Healthy Youth to be able to teach Too Good for Drugs in every 5th and 7th grade classroom in the county, Towards No Drugs in 9th grade at NHS and TOO Good for Drugs – high school edition in grade 9 at GHS. They will also work with FOCUS to bring a national speaker to Giles County at the beginning of the 18-19 school year.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Mr. Bowles, Mrs. Lowe and her students for the educational feature.

Dr. Arbogast also thanked Mr. Gentry and Mrs. McMahon for what they have done for the students, staff and community. He has truly enjoyed the opportunity to work with them.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Coaching Contract: Sherry Gautier – JV Cheer Head Coach.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the renewal with VSBA for the policy services.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment: Laura Mitchem – Asst. Network Admin. (1/3/18).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m

The Chairman, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk