

June 14, 2018

A special meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2018 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. No closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's June 14, 2018 School Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – May 17th, 2018
2. Special – May 24th, 2018

B. Financial Data

1. Payroll – May 31st and June 15th, 2018
2. Surplus Items
3. Gifted Plan
4. Title Grants
5. Field Trips

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:

1. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations:** Monica Keith – EEMS Title I Teacher (June 8th, 2018)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts:** Scotty Potter – GHS Basketball Varsity Head Coach
3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following **Employment:** Dawn Sechrist – GHS Band (18-19), Daniel Reed – GHS Spec. Ed. Teacher (18-19), Lisa Mustain – MMS Principal (August 1, 18), Tanis Collins – MMS Special Education Teacher (18-19), Amber Romanello – EEMS Special Education Teacher (18-19), Jeanine Gentry – Substitute Bus Driver, Bobby Janney – Substitute Bus Driver

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Chair and Vice-Chair as the Delegate and Alternate for the VSBA Annual Convention.

The School Board then began their work session.

School Board members discussed the 18-19 budget. Dr. Arbogast has received numbers from the state and plugged the numbers in. After putting the numbers in, we are now needing \$1.5 million in new monies as compared to \$1.7 million with our current proposed budget. If we take out all of the new proposed positions and leave the salary increases, we would need to request \$470K.

Dr. Arbogast stated that after talking with Sonya Meekins, she stated that she, Mrs. Hurt and Mrs. Corboy met with some concerned community members including Rick Klaus, Ann Goette, Chris Hurst, etc. regarding the current struggles. Mrs. Meekins stated that she left the meeting with some good ideas of how to increase revenue in the county.

Dr. Arbogast stated that there would be “cram” sessions with some of the drafting students to re-take their ADDA certification exam. There are currently 3 students that are signed up to re-take the test. Mr. Steele stated that he had parents tell him that while drafting had no instructor, the students were told to use it as a study hall and that is not fair. Since we had a teacher out for several weeks, parents would like the school system to pay for the test retake. Dr. Arbogast shared that the fee for the first exam was covered by the school system and the practice has been that it is the responsibility for the student/parents to cover the fee for any retakes. It is felt that if we do this, then we would need to offer the same thing for other situations that may arise. There has been recent study sessions available and only one individual showed up for it. The consensus of the board is to not pay for the retake.

School Board members discussed the shared services contract. Mr. Pennington stated that an individual come to him and was concerned that since we are taking back the custodians, he was wondering if the inmates were still going to continue to mow. Board members are concerned about how many custodians we are going to get back, compared to what the county was given a couple years ago. Mr. Pennington stated that he heard that the principals never shared their concerns with Mr. Mills or Mr. Fisher. Board members stated that we need to figure out when the effective date is to take back our custodians. Dr. Arbogast is thinking we should begin the transition on September 1st, 2018.

Mr. Ballard discussed the work order program and stated that he would like to see what work orders are being put in. He wants to make sure all of the work orders are put in the program.

Mr. Ballard discussed the board self-evaluations and stated that he has tallied the ones that he has received.

The School Board discussed the VSBA Media Honor Roll Recognition. The board will discuss this further at their next meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Friday, June 29th, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk