

April 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 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
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's April 19, 2018 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sonya Meekins attended on behalf of the GEA. She thanked the board members for the work that they have done and shared that the insurance is not an ideal situation for some of our employees. As we move forward, she wants the board to keep that in mind. It is very vital that we increase our tax base in Giles County – that is her goal from here on out. She would like to see a 12% salary increase since we are so far behind. She stated that we are having a hard time getting substitutes, so she would like to see the pay on the substitutes increased. She stated that she is “retiring” from the local GEA leadership, but still plans on being involved. She would like to start campaigning for a tax increase to help with the revenue for the county. Again, she thanked the board members for what they have done. She stated that we haven’t been getting the money we have asked for from the Board of Supervisors each year and she plans on addressing the Board of Supervisors tonight. Mr. Ballard asked her to check on the package for new teachers that he has mentioned in the past. He would like to see new teachers get some kind of tax benefit or free membership if they come teach for Giles County.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Gretchen Carlson-Hagee, Mike Kelly

On behalf of the School Board, Celco Community Credit Union was presented with a plaque as part of the 2018 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – March 15, 2018
2. Special – March 13th, 22nd and April 4th

B. Financial Data

1. Payment of Bills
2. March 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
3. Confirmation of Educational Technology Resolution
4. Special Education Annual Plan
5. Field Trips
7. Appropriation Request for May 2018

TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: May 2018 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of May 2018. This is for the eleventh 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.

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

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations:** Becky MacKenzie – MMS Early Childhood Spec. Ed. Teacher (end 17-18), Austin Cooper – GHS Spec. Ed. Teacher (end 17-18), Mark Husband – GTC Principal (6/30/18), Patricia Miller – GTC Nursing (6/30/18)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Robert Kirby – NHS Chaperone
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the 2017-18 Substitute List to Date.
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following **Employment:** Transfer of Jake Munsey from EEMS to GHS Econ. & Personal Finance (18-19), Sarah Brackenrich – Speech Language Pathologist (18-19)
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following **Retirement:** Amy Templin-Miller – EEMS Special Education Teacher (end 17-18)
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington 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. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved a scholarship in memory of George Psathas offered by his family.
- D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Standards of Quality Six Year Plan.
- E. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved funding for 20 seats at the Governor's School for the next 2 years. Mr. Wilburn expressed the concern of paying for 20 seats in the event we don't have interest for 20 seats. He doesn't want to leave any kid out, but wants to make sure they are needed before we pay for that many seats. He stated that we can revisit this in 2 years. He talked with the counselors at GHS and they stated that last year, they had trouble filling some seats.

COMMENTS

Mr. Pennington stated that he is concerned with the freezers and food when losing power.

Mr. Pennington thanked Mr. Hollar for all he has done so far.

Mr. Pennington thanked the staff for all they have done. We are trying to help you.

Mrs. Guynn stated that she and Mr. Wilburn got the pleasure of visiting NHS last week. She appreciates everyone's patience with the insurance. She encourages all to attend the insurance meetings.

Mrs. Guynn stated that she got the pleasure of attending a preschool conference with Mrs. Thompson. Preschool is near and dear to her heart. We are so fortunate to have preschool programs here. Thanks to Mrs. Thompson and her staff for the work they do for preschool.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he had a good visit at NHS.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he did some training with some officers at GHS for RAD. It is such a great program.

Mr. Ballard mentioned the Combined Services Agreement. He would like the board to have a copy to discuss at the next work session.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he sent an email to DOE to ask about the max capacity of our schools. They said they did not do a capacity count for the maximum that each school could accommodate. They are looking at whether each school could absorb the students that would be relocated based upon their recommendations. While their office sets school capacity based upon the recommendations in the SOQ, the school may have a different capacity based upon the program that the school adopts and that the division has adopted.

Mr. Ballard asked whether the board members received an invitation to NRCC graduation. He is thinking that a board member should represent us.

Mr. Ballard thanked all the insurance committee members. They were very engaged in the meetings.

Mr. Ballard congratulated all the GHS/NHS National Honor Society inductees.

Mr. Ballard thanked Christina Martin for her STEM newsletter!

Mr. Ballard congratulated Jocelyn Midkiff for winning the shot/discus at the Radford Relays. She was named Athletic of the Week.

Mr. Ballard stated that he and Mr. Pennington had a good open forum visit a GHS.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we currently have an agreement with the Mary Moody Northen Foundation for the lease of land for our radio tower. PEMTEL cohabits that site with us. The lease agreement is a 10 year agreement, which is similar to what we have now. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the lease agreement as follows:

AGREEMENT

This agreement is made as of the 29th day of **June, 2018** between **Giles County Public Schools** and **Pembroke Telephone Cooperative**.

The Pembroke Telephone Cooperative is collocating a building on the Bald Knob Site that the school system currently leases from the Mary Moody Northen Endowment. The school system approves of this request and in turn, the Pembroke Telephone Cooperative agrees to provide services to the school system. For each year of the lease, the school system would receive \$4,000, or equivalent, to help supplement instruction in the division. This agreement will be for the period of the lease agreement that the school system has signed with the Mary Moody Northen Endowment, ten years, beginning July 1, 2018 and running through June 30, 2028. However; taking into consideration the changes in technology, and assessing the needs of Giles-Craig Communications for the site, this agreement will be reviewed annually beginning in 2023, with the option to renew thereafter as needed through June 30, 2028, mirroring the School System's agreement with the Mary Moody Northen Endowment.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we were contacted 3-4 weeks ago by DOE regarding literary funds maybe becoming available. The purpose would be to use that money at 2% to pay off what we have and finance to get a lower rate. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, CONSENTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GILES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:

1. The Giles County School Board (the "School Board") (a) requests, pursuant to Section 15.2-2640 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended (the "Code"), that the Board of Supervisors of Giles County (the "County") adopt an ordinance or resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation school notes or bonds (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not greater than \$15,000,000, to refinance costs of capital improvements to the County's Eastern Elementary/Middle and Technology Center school facilities, and (b) consents to the issuance of the Bonds, pursuant to Section 15.2-2638(B)(iii) of the Code and Article VII, Section 10(b) of the Constitution of Virginia.

2. The Virginia Department of Education may be able to make loans from the Literary Fund to the School Board, which loans will be evidenced by the Bonds. In accordance with Section 22.1-151 of the Code, the Bonds will be payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the benefit of the Literary Fund and will be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County and the Chairman of the School Board and attested by the Clerks of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. The Chairman and Clerk of the School Board are authorized to execute and to attest, as appropriate, the Bonds. The Chairman of the School Board is authorized to deliver the Bonds to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

3. The Bonds will bear interest at the per annum rate of 2.00%. The Chairman of the School Board is authorized to determine and approve all of

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #8-2014 (Custodial Supplies). The bid is currently with Oliver Distributing Company. This would be the second of three possible one-year rollovers. **They are requesting a .65 cent increase per case for toilet paper. They are also requesting a .60 cent increase per case for paper towels.**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #10-2014 (Sports Officiating Services.) The bid is currently with Steve Fleshman (softball, baseball, football), Mark Ingvaldson (soccer), Greg Irby (volleyball) and Jerry Spangler (basketball). This would be the second of three possible one-year rollovers. Maintain current pricing.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #3-2015 (Cleaning of grease traps and septic tanks). The bid is currently with Vaught Septic Tank Cleaning. This would be the first of three possible one-year rollovers. Maintain current pricing.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of IFB #4-2015 (Water Treatment Services). The bid is currently with Water Chemistry Inc. This would be the first of three possible one-year rollovers. Maintain current pricing.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #6-2015 (Pest Management Services). The bid is currently with Dodson Bros. Exterminating Company. This would be the first of three possible one-year rollovers. Maintain current pricing.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #8-2015 (Wrecker Services). The bid is currently with Lee's Body Shop. This would be the first of three possible one-year rollovers. Maintain current pricing.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #9-2015 (School Account Auditing Services). The bid is currently with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. This would be the first of three possible one-year rollovers. **Per bid contract, a 3% increase is approved.**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of RFP #6-2013 (physical therapy services). The bid is currently with Carilion Giles Community Hospital. This will be the last of the one-year rollovers. **They are requesting a 3% increase for the physical therapist and a 3% increase for the physical therapist assistant.**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk