

May 3, 2018

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2018 in the School Administration Office Building. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele
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. On motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, the agenda was approved.

There was a discussion on our current shared services contract with the county. Mr. Ballard stated that we have to provide a 180 day notice for cancellation per the agreement, unless both parties mutually decide to come out of the contract. At the request of the board, Mrs. Christy Lawson shared concerns regarding chair lifts at both high schools, contracts with vendors, and GCPS procurement procedures. Board members stated their concerns about the cleanliness and appearance of our buildings since we began the shared services contract. The board members would like to have our custodians back on the school side. They plan to speak with members of the Board of Supervisors during the budget meeting next week.

Board members had a discussion on enrollment numbers for insurance. Dr. Arbogast stated that there are 199 individuals enrolled in the 5000 deductible, 9 in the 2800 deductible and 26 in the 1000 deductible.

There was a discussion by board members on the departure times for field trips. Mr. Steele stated that he has had some calls and concerns regarding leaving during the early morning hours on field trips. Dr. Arbogast stated that the reason for this is to try to have another full day of activities without wasting a whole day driving and including as many activities in the schedule for the students while on the trip. Board members stated that it would be left up to each school to decide on departure times.

Board members discussed meeting dates and times for next week, including the joint meeting with a few of the school and county board members regarding the budget.

Dr. Arbogast shared a letter written by one of our staff members asking for help paying for master's classes they were currently taking in their program. The board members stated that they could not financially cover classes for individuals seeking a master's degree. If an individual has a bachelors and has at least 15 credits towards a master's degree, they will get an extra \$1000 on their contract, upon submitting their transcripts showing that they have completed 15 credits.

There was a discussion on whether there was a policy regarding an individual being a coach on a team that they have a child playing. Dr. Arbogast stated that there is not a policy on this. It is up to the principal to review and hire coaches for available coaching positions.

There was a discussion on substitute shortages. Dr. Arbogast has mentioned to principals about a new substitute finder program that could help with calling and finding substitutes. At this time, the principals stated that they did not want this, but Dr. Arbogast plans to check out more programs this summer.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the bids come in to screen and finish the gym floors and they plan to get done this summer. Board members asked whether the floors need to be screened and sealed or do they need to be

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sanded down to the paint and the floor repainted, then resealed. Dr. Arbogast is going to check with the company who got awarded the bid and get their professional opinion on what really needs to be done to the gym floors.

Board members had a discussion about new lighting. Dr. Arbogast has talked to John Ross and will wait a little longer to determine whether year end funds are available to replace lighting in the gyms.

Mr. Ballard distributed self-evaluations to board members to complete. He is going to check with VSBA to see if this is necessary. He also distributed the Superintendent's evaluation for board members to complete.

Mr. Steele discussed the facilities assessment that he has been working on and shared with the board. He would like feedback so he can get it approved at the next board meeting. The goal would be to put the RFP in order to receive proposals to determine what it would cost to get a facilities assessment done for our buildings.

There was a discussion on the recent facilities study regarding maximum capacity in our schools. Dr. Arbogast followed up with DOE to find out whether a capacity count was done. Based on the response received, DOE's team did not feel that an overall detailed capacity count was needed because of the information they had showing the enrollment declining.

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

Chairman

Clerk