

January 9, 2019

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 2:00 PM on January 9th, 2019 in the School Administration Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss recommendation for expulsion on a Giles High School student. After the expulsion hearings, a work session was held. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard, Chairman
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Shelly Boggess, GHS Asst. Principal
Officer Stacy Gillispie, GHS SRO
Tim Hollar, GHS Principal
Rick Franklin, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

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 2 – Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any Virginia public institution of higher education or any state school system. Following discussion, Mr. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Steele, with a second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, the following Certification of the closed meeting was certified.

WHEREAS, the Giles School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which certification applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Clerk of the Giles County School Board Date

Following closed session, the Superintendent recommended that the student case # 7002354 be expelled based upon the recommendation of Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation. The Superintendent then recommended that the student case #6002917 be expelled based upon the recommendation of Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation. The Superintendent then recommended that the student case #7000094 be expelled upon the recommendation of Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation.

The School Board then began their work session. Mr. Steele stated that Mr. Don Epperley wanted to attend the meeting to discuss the current student athlete drug testing policy on whether an athlete can still practice or be a manager during the current season. The child can be reinstated for the next athletic season if they pass a drug test and will continue to be retested.

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Board members discussed the next date for the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Steele and Mr. Wilburn will attend the next one at 1:00 p.m. on January 17th, 2019.

Mr. Wilburn discussed the School Resource Officers being on call and not being in our schools. He stated that he met with Chief Deputy Moye about the ongoing problem. He stated that the Sheriff's Office has some part time individuals that can help at times. Mr. Wilburn stated that he is told that we have more Troopers in our buildings than Deputies. He is hoping to be able to get about \$5K for part time security in our schools in the event we don't have a School Resource Officer. Dr. Arbogast stated that he thinks we will see a lot of bills come out of the general session regarding school/student safety.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on our new finance position. She has been hired. He has talked with other Superintendent's and their finance directors. Our new finance person will be in contact with those other school districts finance department to hopefully work with them.

Board members discussed the term RFP contract that was sent out. Dr. Arbogast stated that the RFP is due back this Friday by 2 p.m. He stated that we would look at them and go from there.

Board members had a discussion on the start date of the 19-20 school calendar. An email was sent to board members from a teacher regarding the need to start school early due to student testing. Board members stated that we are going to have trouble with the start date until we get all students on the same schedule, whether it be block, 7 period or modified block. Dr. Arbogast handed out a copy of 3 different calendar scenarios to board members that they had asked for.

Board members discussed potential payments that we may owe to the County, so we know what to budget for during budget preparation. Dr. Arbogast stated that he is not aware of any amounts at this time. They also discussed budgetary amounts that may need to be requested at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. They discussed funding for resurfacing the track at GHS. As far as the elevators, the plan is once we have finalized the term contract for Architectural/Engineering services, we will discuss this with the architect engineer to get their thoughts.

Mr. Pennington mentioned the idea after talking to Mr. Hollar about the possibility of getting our own drug dog and splitting it between the schools. Mr. Wilburn stated that right now we use other agencies to help run the dogs, so he doesn't know if that would work. He stated that he would rather have another SRO instead of having our own dog.

Dr. Arbogast discussed a request from the GEA to cancel school on January 28th for VEA Lobby Day in Richmond. The board is not comfortable with doing this because of the days we have missed already due to weather. They will support as many people going as we can get substitutes for.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the contract with our environmental group, EI Group. He shared with the board that he was going to sign this agreement to continue this working relationship and the board was in agreement.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the e-learning backpack technology money. It is not listed in our appropriation that we would receive e-learning backpack money for the upcoming school year. DOE is telling him that the window for the e-learning backpack money started during the 15-16 school year, not 16-17 when we started our one to one initiative. He is questioning that date because of a school not being fully accredited for two years in a row. He is going to speak more to Mr. White about this funding and trying to continue the one to one initiative.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk