

May 8th, 2019

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on May 8th, 2019. After the work session, a closed meeting was held to discuss personnel and contractual items. Persons present were:

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

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Ballard discussed the school board self-evaluation policy and asked board members to complete this and get it to him by the 20th of this month. Dr. Arbogast is also going to be working on his self-evaluation. After he completes his, then the board will complete their evaluation of the Superintendent.

Dr. Arbogast introduced David Thompson, our new Finance Supervisor, to school board members. David explained all the training he has had to date, with Floyd, Radford, RDA and explained what he has planned as far as training for next week.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the Giles Tech Center project. He stated that the high tunnels are done and the blueberry bushes are planted. The retaining wall for building trades is done and they are reviewing plans for the metal building structure. Mr. Pennington asked about the status of the batting cages. Dr. Arbogast is going to check into it.

Mr. Ballard stated that he would like to get back to doing the open forums at the schools. Doing this allows our staff members the opportunity to share any concerns or comments with board members.

Mr. Wilburn stated that Giles High School has been very hot. Dr. Arbogast stated that the county said that we would probably have to go ahead and fix it. Dr. Arbogast knows that it definitely needs a control board for the chiller and some other things. There have been many complaints from students and teachers regarding how hot it has been.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the budget conversation that he had with the county last Friday. Mrs. Guynn shared her concerns with the county regarding why we need Reading Specialists and more Teacher Assistants in our schools. The county will be borrowing money to buy 5 buses. In addition, the county wants to look into doing the gym floors and the GHS track this year, if possible. Dr. Arbogast went through items that the county is going to be able to help us with, including salaries/benefits, local match monies (security grant/VPI local match), e-rate monies, etc. There will be \$465,288 in new money from the county. Most of the money will be going toward the salaries. Dr. Arbogast shared that we actually need \$589,541 and will need to discuss how we meet what has been approved by the BOS.

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 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; Paragraph 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Following discussion, Mr. Pennington moved to go to regular session. Mrs. Guynn seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Wilburn, 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

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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

There was no action from closed session.

Clerk of the Giles County School Board

Date

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

Chairman

Clerk