

February 28, 2019

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. 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. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's February 28, 2019 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Jeff Morris, Board of Supervisors member, distributed certificates to School Board Members in honor of School Board Member Appreciation Month.

Mr. Ballard presented Amanda Tickle, School Board Clerk, with a certificate in honor of School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

Ruth Brown, GHS Student, attended on behalf of YStreet, which is the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth's award-winning volunteer initiative for high school students. Once a school is accepted into the Y Street Partner Program, students are trained on Y Street's campaigns to promote a healthier Virginia. After the training, Y Street members (Y-Sters) work directly with staff to plan and lead their own projects, events, and more. She explained how YStreet helps to try and reinforce a tobacco free school.

Mrs. Heidi Sizemore, along with 3 nursing students (Josey Martin, Kaylin Graham and Olivia Shrader), presented information to the school board regarding Civilian Readiness. They discussed ways to communicate regarding emergencies, such as flooding, personal threats, medical/external emergencies, etc. They used letters from the word "communicate" to explain how to get your family ready for emergencies. The students will present at the HOSA conference next month in Williamsburg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Haga attended the meeting to address his concerns regarding some issues he has had at Giles High School. He and his wife live in Pulaski County, but his children attend school here. His oldest son attends Giles High School. He has had some discipline issues a couple times this year, while being there and most recently, his transfer privileges have been revoked. His concerns with the school system is communication with the school administration. He and his wife were not called and told that their son had gotten out of school suspension and also when he got assaulted at school. He also stated that there is a tobacco problem at Giles High School.

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. January 9th, 16th and 24th, 2019

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include January 31st and February 15th, 2019
2. Payment of Bills
3. January 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Surplus Items
5. Field Trips
6. Appropriation Request for March 2019
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: March 2019 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of March 2019. This is for the ninth month of the fiscal year 2018-2019. 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.
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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. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment:** Hannah Keating – MMS Occupational Therapist, Donna Stump – GTC Secretary/Bookkeeper (February 2019), Sherry Townsend – MMS Secretary (2/6/19), Kim Thompson – NEMS Cafeteria (2/11/19), JoAnn Zimmerman – MMS Cafeteria (2/11/19)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations:** Loretta Reeves – MMS Teacher Assistant (1/24/19), Joe Fraley – NHS Varsity Track (1/28/19), Nikki Horton – GHS Cafeteria (2/28/19)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Steele and 3-0 voting, approved the **Athletic Contracts:** Colin Munsey – GHS Track Asst., Debbie Lusk – NHS Head JV Cheer/NHS Head Varsity Cheer, Robbie Patteson – NHS Asst. Varsity Baseball, Lindsay Meredith – GHS Varsity Head Softball, Melissa Weddle – GHS JV Head Softball. Mrs. Guynn abstained.
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the bid from Contract Paper Group, Inc.(CPG) for services specialized in IFB #1-2019 (copy paper).
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, OWPR, and Thompson & Litton as provider of services specified in RFP #7-2018 (architectural/engineering services).
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Guynn congratulated all the GHS National Honor Society Inductions.

Mrs. Guynn commended all the winter athletes that received awards/honors.

Mrs. Guynn commended the Narrows archery team – great job to them!

Mrs. Guynn stated that we were able to hear from our principals at the retreat a couple weeks ago. They did an excellent job

letting board members know what is going on in the schools.

Mr. Pennington thanked Mr. Morris for his certificate for School Board Appreciation Month.

Mr. Pennington thanked the individuals for the nursing presentation.

Mr. Pennington commended the individuals who received governor's school awards.

Mr. Steele thanked Mrs. Mustain and the Macy staff for inviting him over for School Board Appreciation Month. The teachers are doing an amazing job with our kids.

Mr. Steele stated that he attended the GHS volleyball banquet and it was a great turnout.

Mr. Ballard also thanked the administrators for their retreat presentations.

Mr. Ballard stated that we need to address the vaping issues.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today was 2,346, which is a decrease of 8 from the end of January.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the spelling bee winners. Russell Pauley won the spelling bee in the sixth round. Winners from each of the five schools participating in the county spelling bee were: Matt McGlothlin – NEMS, Lexi Archie – EEMS, Crystal Nance – GHS, Russell Pauley – MMS and Andrea Tawney – NHS.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Haley Hanse, Coleton Yopp, Violet Neikirk, Grace Ellison and Quinn Jimenez for representing GHS as delegates in the 2019 all state choir in April. Congratulations also to the alternates: Kayleigh Gordon and Alyssa Hetherington.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated swim team members who will compete in individual events at the state meet. They are: Madison Robertson, Emily Hart, Makenna Williams, Haley Hansen, Jocelyn Midkiff, Cole Moye, Ben Hart, Scotty Mahaney, and Knox Robertson. Also 6 relays will compete at the state meet which include Riley McMahan, James Love, Jessica Church, Brennen Davis and Matt Law. First place finishers at regions meet were: Maddie Robertson, Emily Hart, Knox Robertson and Ben Hart. Also, congratulations to Elena Pierson for placing 5th at the regional swim meet.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated governor's school students who earned awards at the 2019 science consortium. They are as follows: Morgan Ralph – 1st place in Animal Sciences, Grace Greenwood – 3rd place in Chemistry, Laura Gautier – 3rd place in Computer Science, Savannah Spencer – 1st place in Genetics, Caleb Clemons – 1st place in Medicine and Health Sciences, Gage Amesquita – 3rd place in Physics and Astronomy, Emma Freeborn – 2nd place in Plant Sciences, Frank Cahoon – 3rd place in Psychology, Isaiah Black – 2nd place in Psychology, Quinne Jimenez – 3rd place in Psychology, Aidan Deighan – Research Award, Haley Hansen – Research Award and Morgan Ralph – Alternate Grand Award in Biological Sciences.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Tammy Maxey for doing the Virginia Ag. In the classroom training and also to Alan & Debbie Leet and Cora Gnegy for providing refreshments for our teachers.

Dr. Arbogast commended Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Orey and the cafeteria employees for the federal review that was held back in October. All required performance indicators were met.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Giles High School for inviting him to the National Honor Society induction and congratulations to those students who were inducted.

Dr. Arbogast thanked School Board members for what they do each day on behalf of School Board Appreciation month.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Contracts: Jimmy McCroskey – GHS Baseball JV Head Coach, Ben Woodyard/Tori Tamburrino – NHS Track Co-Coaches, Chris Collins – GHS Track Assistant.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the 2019-2020 school calendar.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the Ray Fisher Machine Technology Memorial Scholarship.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and 3-0 voting, approved the following Resignations: Madison Shepherd – EEMS Elementary Teacher (end 18-19 school year), Rhonda Brown – Finance (2/22/19), Megan Molina – Teacher Assistant MMS (2/24/19). Mr. Steele abstained.

The School Board, on Mr. Steele, 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 second of three possible one-year rollovers. Prices will remain the same.

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 second of three possible one-year rollovers. Prices will remain the same.

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 third year of three possible one-year rollovers (last year).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following Field Trip: GHS/Sara Smith/Choral Dept. – April 4-6.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington with unanimous voting, approved the following Employment: Timmy Bailey – Sub Cafeteria, Debbie Shrader – Sub Cafeteria, Loya Love – MMS TA (3/1/19), Rusty Castele - MMS TA (3/1/19).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Field Trip: Chrissy Dunn/NEMS Archery.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held March 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk