

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Board members viewed a webinar at 12:00 p.m. that was held by the Virginia School Board Association. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard, Chairman (via telephone)	Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Melissa R. Guynn	Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Phillip A. Pennington	Rick Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Stephen M. Steele	
Mark A. Wilburn	

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation to allow Mr. Ballard to participate electronically (via telephone) due to health issues.

A webinar was held at 12:00 p.m. for board members prior to the work session. It was titled "School Boards and the First Amendment: Five Things Every School Board Member Must Know."

Board members began a discussion on the facilities assessment. A revised copy from the previous work session was given out to board members. A couple more minor changes were made to the latest draft of the assessment. Mr. Steele stated the importance of making county personnel a part of the facilities assessment. Dr. Arbogast is going to send an email to Mr. McKlarney to have them decide on committee members. The committee will consist of the School Board members, Dr. Arbogast, Mr. Franklin, a Board of Supervisors member and a maintenance individual. The committee can be approved at the next board meeting. Mr. Ballard asked that the revised date on the draft assessment be placed on the draft as a footer. Mr. Steele stated that the Board of Supervisors were frustrated because our board hasn't moved on more quickly with this process.

Board members then discussed the 3 firms that they have on the current term contract. The architectural firms are Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates, Oliver, Webb, Pappas and Rhudy and Thompson & Litton. Mr. Ballard asked if there would be any conflict of interest with Mr. Steele being in the engineering field. Mr. Steele stated that he has worked with all 3 of the organizations. The consensus of the board was to reach out to Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates to see if they are interested in quoting the facilities study.

Board members discussed Celanese and all the things that they do for our schools. Mr. Steele would like a letter sent to Celanese when they volunteer and do things at our schools.

Mr. Steele asked about an update on the GHS track. Dr. Arbogast stated that he met with an individual with OWPR last Wednesday as well as a representative from ATC Corporation. As soon as updated information is received by Dr. Arbogast, he will pass it on to board members.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk