

October 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on October 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard (via telephone)
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's October 17th, 2019 School Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following consent items:

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – September 19th, 2019

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include September 30th and October 15th, 2019
2. Payment of Bills
3. September 2019 Revenue & Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for November 2019
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: November 2019 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of November, 2019. This is for the fifth month of the fiscal year 2018-19. 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	November	\$ 2,388,792.67
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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.

5. Confirmation of Field Trips
6. 2019-2020 Advisory Committees
7. Surplus Items

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Lisa Mustain and Mrs. Tracy Ferguson attended the meeting on behalf of the Macy McClagherty School Educational Feature. Mrs. Mustain highlighted events currently happening at the school. She discussed the enrollment, the fundraisers to include the book fair and

the selling of t-shirts and also Smokey the Bear/Fire Prevention Week. Mrs. Ferguson then discussed the library adventures at Macy. She discussed the STAR Reading program, accelerated reader, the maker's space and all the other activities that are offered in the library.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:
1. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Contracts**: Jake Munsey – GHS Track Head Coach
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Pat Fullen – EEMS Library, Beth Anderson – GHS Band, Dottie Neikirk – GHS Band, Alicia Vanhoozier – EEMS, Kelsey Mosley – GHS Girls Basketball
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following **Resignations**: Rachael Colosi – MMS Teacher (9/27/19)
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following **Retirement**: Dennis Kidd – NHS Teacher (1/29/20)
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following **Supplemental Contracts**: Bruce Frazier – GHS Dept. Head Social Studies, Melanie Atkins – GHS MACC English, Melanie Atkins – GHS Dept. Head English (Split), Melanie Atkins – GHS Jr. Class Prom (Split), Holly Clark – GHS Jr. Class Prom (Split), Diana Blanton – GHS MACC Science, Diana Blanton – GHS MACC All Around (Split), Diana Blanton – GHS MACC Head Coach, Diana Blanton – GHS Dept. Head Science, Kenneth Dalton – GHS Yearbook, Jack Ellison – GHS Dept. Head English (Split), Andrew Frazier – GHS SCA (Split), Senior Class (Split), Sara Smith – GHS SCA (Split), Pam Malabad – GHS MACC Math, Pam Malabad – GHS MACC All Around

CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Mr. John Ross attended the board meeting to discuss the boiler situation at NEMS. Mr. Ross stated that they had a significant amount of trouble out of them last winter. The boilers are at least 25 years old. Mr. Ross is going to work on a scope for the boiler at NEMS and will ask Thompson and Litton provide an updated estimate to replace those boilers as well as provide information on other options.

Mrs. Guynn congratulated the GHS and NHS sports teams.

Mrs. Guynn thanks everyone who come out to support Alexius Dawson!

Mrs. Guynn commended the ACCE race that she attended.

Mrs. Guynn also stated that she is thinking about and still praying for him!

Mr. Pennington thanked Macy for the educational feature.

Mr. Pennington thanked John Ross for the discussion on the boiler.

Mr. Pennington thanked all the staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Wilburn also thanked all the staff for keeping things rolling.

Cohen Taylor stated that everything is going well at NHS.

Cohen Taylor also stated that WDBJ7 attended an early morning pep rally and it went great!

Mr. Steele also thanked all the staff for everything they are doing in our schools.

Mr. Steele welcomed Mr. T.J. Atkins into the role as SRO at Giles High School.

Mr. Steele stated that the GHS Symphonic Chorale was offered to go to New York City to sing. He's not sure they can go because of the price per kid, but it's a once in a life time offer.

Mr. Steele discussed the plan for the committee for the Facilities Assessment. Mr. Steele made a motion to create a committee for the 2019 Giles County Public School Facilities Assessment Study. The committee will be made up of the full School Board, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, 1 school maintenance representative and 1 BOS representative. The purpose of the committee is to attend meetings related to the study and provide feedback and clarification as needed to the consulting firm that performs the work that is outlined in the scope of services. The committee will monitor the progress of the study via monthly progress meetings, site visits, called meetings by the consulting firm, etc. The committee will remain in place until the final report has been submitted to the Superintendent. The final action taken by the committee will be a recommendation to the School Board on how to proceed with the recommendations that are outlined in the report. The committee will cease to exist upon delivery of their recommendation to the School Board and the final decision on how to proceed will be decided solely by the School Board. A second was made by Mr. Pennington, with unanimous voting.

Mr. Ballard commended NHS for being named as the WDBJ7 Team of the Week. Congratulations to them!

Mr. Ballard thanked all of the support staff in our schools. Great job and thanks for all you do!

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2,300, which is a decrease of 13 since September 30th.

Dr. Arbogast stated that on September 30th, DOE issued a news release about Accreditation Ratings. Based on this information, all 5 of our schools are accredited for the 2019-20 school year. Congratulations to our schools and our staff members for this accomplishment.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the 2018-19 Giles Tech Center Year in Review has been published.

Dr. Arbogast stated that Region VII was the Top Region throughout the state in regards to Accreditation.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the GHS Golf Team for winning the Region C Golf Championship and competing in the State Golf Tournament this week.

Dr. Arbogast stated that parent teacher conferences are this afternoon and in the morning. He also shared some other dates with board members.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the 7th graders at each school visited the regional jail to participate in the Life Choices Program.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he is going to submit the EPA/School Bus Rebate Application program. He has applied for this the last 2 years.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he is waiting on a response back on the track at GHS regarding price from the group that looked at it. He is also waiting on the lift information.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Coaching Contract: Robyn Taylor - JV & Varsity Cheerleading (GHS).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the October 3rd Minutes.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreement – Darrell Lucas – GHS Girls Basketball.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk