

September 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on September 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard (electronic – by phone)
Melissa R. Guynn
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk
Caroline Clark, GHS Student Board Rep.
Cohen Taylor, NHS Student Board Rep.

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

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved Mr. Ballard to participate in the meeting by electronic (phone) participation due to medical issues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's September 19th, 2019 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Katie Wright, new GEA President, attended the meeting and thanked the board members for their support of the staff and students. They are grateful for your work on the budget for this year. The GEA encourages you to continue work with positive and productive relationships that they have developed. The work never ceases and the obstacles are achievable. They ask that you continue to fight for excellent schools in our county. They are standing firm in the implementation of an additional 3% to be included in the proposed budget for salary compensation in the recommended 3 year proposal. The purpose is for the children of this community. Thanks to the board for their work and she looks forward to working with them.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – August 15th, 2019

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include August 31st and September 13th, 2019
2. Payment of Bills
3. August 2019 Revenue & Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for October 2019
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: October 2019 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of October, 2019. This is for the fourth month of the fiscal year 2019-20. 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	October	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. 2019-20 PAC & Calendar Advisory Committee

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the School Board, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Amelia Whittaker – The Virginian Leader and Emily Rice – Bluefield Daily Telegraph.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Verena Riley, teacher at Giles High School, presented the educational feature about her Family and Consumer Science classes. Family and Consumer Sciences provide opportunities for students to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors needed for work and family life. She explained some of the projects that her students do and showed some videos of them cooking and making things.

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. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Lora Cox – GHS School Nurse (8/20/19), Bethany Perdue – Sub Cafeteria, Caitlin Thorn – Sub Bus Driver, Rhonda Davis – Sub Cafeteria, Caitlin Taylor – GHS Teacher Assistant (9/23/19)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Benji Ratcliffe – GHS Grounds, Bryan Strader – GHS Football Varsity Assistant, Don Epperley – GHS Girls Varsity Basketball, Chris Collins – GHS Head Boys Middle Basketball, Chris Collins – GHS Track Assistant, Steven Malik – GHS Girls Varsity Head Soccer, Scotty Potter – GHS Boys Varsity Basketball
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: James Welch – NHS Soccer, Kelly Laughlin – NHS Cross Country, Lindsay Miller – GHS Volleyball Varsity Assistant, Kristen Williams – NHS Volleyball, Brittany Johnson – GHS Varsity Volleyball Assistant, Terri Beckner – EEMS Library, Peggy Caldwell – EEMS Library, Sharlyn Thacker – EEMS Library, Bill Mance – GHS Girls Basketball, Mike Williams – GHS Baseball
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved The following **Resignations**: Jodie Giles – GHS Cheer Coach (9/10/19)
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the 2019-2020 Substitute List to Date.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Dr. Arbogast introduced our board representatives from each high school. Cohen Taylor is representing NHS and Caroline Clark is representing GHS.

Mr. Wilburn congratulated Mr. Ballard and Mr. Franklin for being inducted into the NHS Hall of Fame.

Mr. Wilburn thanked everyone for all they have done to get the school year started!

Mrs. Guynn stated that she thought the teachers enjoyed the board members being at the school for the first day.

Mrs. Guynn stated that she is proud for the community to come together for a little girl who was diagnosed with cancer.

Mr. Ballard stated that he also got compliments about being at the schools on the first day. He would like for them to be able to start school visits back up.

Mr. Ballard shared information with board members about a letter he received from the Town of Narrows regarding a variance application. Board members did not have any issue with this.

Mr. Steele thanked all the teachers and staff for getting everything started this year. He stated that people don't have any idea what teachers and staff do on a daily basis.

Mr. Steele stated that he appreciated everyone's patience with the HVAC problems.

Mr. Steele stated that he really appreciates our cafeteria staff! He is grateful that they were able to add the VRS retirement for our full time cafeteria employees.

Dr. Arbogast introduced our student board representatives from our High Schools – Caroline Clark (GHS) and Cohen Taylor (NHS).

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2,311.

Dr. Arbogast stated that our school nutrition program was notified that they received a \$2000 grant to help with a monitor and a machine to do some custom decals for our cafeteria.

Dr. Arbogast stated that there was a Career Quest activity held yesterday at the Salem Civic Center. Some of our 7th grade students attended this event.

Dr. Arbogast stated that a message went out to students in grades 9th – 12th. Virginia Skills Belt is doing a survey through the Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development to gather information, confidentially, so that they have an understanding of career goals for high school students.

Dr. Arbogast stated that Region VII is applying for a grant. The purpose of this grant is to build and expand upon regional expertise in Computer Science to aid in the implementation of the Virginia Department of Education's Computer Science Standards of Learning.

Dr. Arbogast reminded board members that DOE is planning to release accreditation information on September 26th, 2019.

Dr. Arbogast shared information about a new Virgin Pulse app as a piece of our wellness program for our health insurance. Board members are comfortable with this proposed app.

Dr. Arbogast stated that there will be a new Saturday meal sponsored by Thrive – Giles and Celanese. Meals will be distributed by several food hub locations throughout the county.

Mr. Wilburn reminded everyone of the Muddy ACCE Race this Saturday in Glen Lyn.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the freezers at some of our locations. The freezer at the old maintenance building has been added to the notification list if something goes wrong with it. There has been a discussion on moving the freezer from the old maintenance building to the new maintenance building at the old hospital.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following VRS Cafeteria Resolutions:

Full-time Cafeteria Employees VRS Coverage Resolution

Whereas the Giles County School Board (the "Board") wishes to provide clarification of past and existing policy regarding cafeteria workers; and

Whereas, as of the 2017-2018 school year, the Board centralized its cafeteria services.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, as of the 2017-2018 school year, the Board determined that its cafeteria workers are employed on a full-time basis for purposes of coverage in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS"); and

Be it further resolved that, before the 2017-2018 school year, employees of the Board, if any, providing cafeteria services were employed on a part-time basis for purposes of VRS coverage.

CERTIFICATE

I, Marion Ballard, Chairman of the Giles County School Board, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Giles County School Board held at Pearisburg, Virginia, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. on September 19, 2019. Given under my hand and seal of the Giles County School Board this 19th day of September, 2019.

*Guide Resolution
Schools - VRS & GLI*

*Be it resolved that the Giles County Public Schools acting through the board does hereby elect to have such of the **non-professional employee group** of the Board who are regularly employed full time on a salary basis as employees of the School Nutrition Program (SNP) for the school system and whose tenure is not restricted as to temporary or provisional appointment to become eligible to participate in the Virginia Retirement System, effective September 1, 2017, as set out in Title 51.1, Chapter 1, Section 51.1-100 through Section 51.1-168, and in the Group Life Insurance program.*

The Giles County Public Schools agrees to pay the required employer cost for participation of its employees in the Retirement System for up to zero years of service for the Giles County Public Schools prior to the effective date, for which credit is authorized and established on forms prescribed by the Retirement System, and for membership service in the System after such date, and also to deduct from the employees' wages the amounts required by law. The Giles County Public Schools further agrees to pay the required employer cost for its eligible employees in the Group Life Insurance program and to deduct from the employees' portion to the extent that such employees' portion is not paid by the Giles County Public Schools.

Now, therefore, Marion Ballard, Chairman of the Giles County School Board, and Amanda Tickle, Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed in the name of the Giles County Public Schools to execute any required contract in order that said employees of the Giles County Public Schools may become eligible to participate in the Virginia Retirement System and in the Group Life Insurance program as provided in the aforementioned sections of the Code of Virginia. In execution of any contract which may be required' the seal of the Giles County Public Schools shall be affixed and attested by the Clerk, and said officers of the Giles County Public Schools are hereby authorized and directed to take any other action or actions incident and necessary in the lawful conclusion of this matter and in conformity with law. The Payroll/Accounts Payable Department of the Giles County Public Schools is hereby authorized and directed to pay from time to time such sums as are due to be paid by the Giles County Public Schools and its employees for this purpose.

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The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignation:
Jane Dalton – Bus Driver (9/30/19).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreements: Emma Stith – GHS JV Volleyball Assistant, Morgan Williams – GHS Volleyball Assistant.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic

Coaching Contract: Todd Kellison – GHS MS Girls Basketball.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following additional field trip: Karen Spade/NHS Concert Band/Show Choir – 4/22/20-4/25/20 – Williamsburg – Competition.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved an amended budget for 19-20 to include carryover money in the amount of 410,894 which would amend the total budget to 29,104,783. The carryover money will be utilized for HVAC concerns, track issues, lift issues, etc.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he would be talking with OWPR on the track and lift at Giles High School. He does have a proposal from them on the lift and the track. He will email it to board members.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk