

January 14, 2020

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 1:00 PM on January 14, 2020 in the School Administration Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the re-enrollment from expulsion on a GHS student. The board then held a work session following the closed meeting. The following individuals were present:

Marion C. Ballard
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Mark A. Wilburn
Stephen M. Steele

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle
Shelly Boggess, GHS Asst. Principal (Closed Session Only)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ballard.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 2 – Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any Virginia public institution of higher education or any state school system. Following discussion, Mr. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mrs. Guynn, with a second by Mr. Steele 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

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

Clerk of the Giles County School Board

Date

Following closed session, the Superintendent recommended that the student case # 6002917 be allowed to re-enroll into Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's recommendation. The expulsion ban has been lifted for student case # 6002917.

The School Board then began their work session.

The School Board discussed start dates for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Ballard had asked for dates to start school that would finish first semester before Christmas break. In order to finish first semester before Christmas break, students would have to go back to school August 6th. Dr. Arbogast discussed new legislation that could add student holidays for the election days in November and June if passed. It was the consensus of School Board members to begin school on August 24th for students.

School Board members discussed a proposed resolution that the GEA is wanting to present to the Board of Supervisors regarding a "Public Education State Funding Emergency in Giles County". This will be discussed more at Thursday's board meeting. The School Board supports this Resolution. The GEA will present to the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Arbogast gave a brief update to board members about the minor school bus accident that occurred last week.

There was a discussion on the lift project at Giles High School. The bid price come in at \$63K, with an additional 7K over the next 7 years. However, with using certain parts (the stanchions) from the old lift, we can get the price down to \$49K. The board will vote on this on Thursday at their regular board meeting.

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Board members want to get back on track with having open forums at the schools like they have done in the past.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the new phone system at Macy McClagherty was installed over Christmas break.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he has not received input back from counsel on the proposed changes to the student athlete drug policy.

Dr. Arbogast stated that Hoffman and Hoffman will provide training in Greensboro to two maintenance guys on the new HVAC upgrade at Giles High School. Dr. Arbogast will pay for lodging and meals.

Dr. Arbogast discussed pricing that he had received from John Ross for temporary boilers at NEMS (if they would be needed). The base price would be \$52K, plus an additional \$5,800 per month and a \$6K one time set up fee.

Dr. Arbogast discussed updates regarding the track at Giles High School. The bid that come in from ATC incorporated is \$152K. ATC incorporated received the paving portion of the quote from Jennelle's paving. Dr. Arbogast is going to contact ATC to move forward with this project.

Board members were reminded that their statements of economic interest are due to Amanda by February 3rd. Also they have a scope of services meeting on January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. and the school board retreat will be held on February 13th and 20th.

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

Chairman

Clerk