

December 17th, 2019

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on November 14th, 2019 to discuss the Facilities Scope of Services. 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	John Mills
Mark A. Wilburn	John Lawson
	John Ross

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The facilities scope committee met to go over the proposal from CRA for the facilities study.

Dr. Arbogast gave clarification to School Board members about the question of whether the scope included looking at redistricting and stated that it did.

Mr. Mills stated that in his opinion, the study could be construed as pushing the Board of Supervisors into a corner. He doesn't think that in his lifetime, we could afford to build a new school. He thinks if we can work together with the Board of Supervisors and put together a package of priorities, it would help balance out things. He is hoping a lot of good things come out of this study.

Mr. Steele stated that he sees it in the other direction, that it frees the Board of Supervisors to have real numbers to answer questions about projects and money.

Mr. Lawson stated that he asked the Board of Supervisors if there was any thoughts of building a new school or closing any schools and they stated "no." He stated that he realizes the study is essential the School Board members and they ultimately will make the decisions.

Mr. Ballard stated that people have mentioned consolidation to him and he stated that it was a facilities study/evaluation. The intent is to figure out the needs of our buildings. It should not be construed as a consolidation study.

Mr. Steele stated that there is nothing off of the table with the School Board trying to run things more efficiently. It doesn't mean that we are going to build new or shut down, but nothing is off of the table.

Mr. Ross stated that as long as he has been there, the BOS and SB have gotten along and worked well together and he is hopeful it will stay that way. Mr. Wilburn stated that we have to continue to work together for our kids.

There was a discussion on the pricing and the optional piece, and the committee wanted to move forward with the optional piece. Total pricing for study, optional piece and reimbursable expenses should not exceed \$55K. The committee wants Dr. Arbogast to proceed with getting the study started with CRA.

Mr. Steele stated that he would like to have a monthly progress meeting with the committee and CRA if possible. Other committee members agreed that it would be a good idea.

Committee members had a discussion on the boiler project at NEMS. Mr. Ross shared a proposal that he received from Thompson & Litton to install new boilers as well as other work that would assist in upgrading the HVAC system. The cost is approximately \$700K. Committee members discussed the idea of possibly bundling this work with other potential needs such as roofs for some of our schools. Mr. Lawson shared that he would talk with Mr. McKlarney to see if this would be possible.

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

Chairman

Clerk