

August 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on August 19, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Eric G. Gentry, Chairman
Drema K. McMahon
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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's August 18, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – June 30th, 2017
2. Special – July 20th, 2017

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include July 14th, 31st and August 15th, 2017
2. Payment of Bills
3. July 2017 Revenue & Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for August and September 2017

TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: August & September 2017 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of August and September, 2017. This is for the second and third months of the fiscal year 2017-18. 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	
August	2,283,819.50
September	2,283,819.50

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 Surplus Items
6. Confirmation of Field Trips

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. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Whitney Songer – GHS Bookkeeper (8/21/17), Jackie Robertson – NEMS Teacher

Assistant (7/30/17), Lora Cox – MMS School Nurse (10/31/17), Patt Pennington – EEMS Special Ed. Teacher (7/5/17), Sarah Dodd – GHS English (8/9/17)

2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirement**: Marva Boggess – NEMS Teacher Assistant (7/28/17)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Kristie Black – MMS Bus Driver (17-18), Adam Rhinehart – MMS Special Education Teacher (17-18), Eric Hubble – MMS PE Teacher (17-18), Transfer of Lindsay Meredith from MMS to GHS PE (17-18), Lundie Williams – EEMS Cafeteria, Brenda Woodyard – MMS Cafeteria, Stacy Taylor – NEMS Cafeteria, Amy Martin – EEMS Volunteer Services#
4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved The following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Steve Wilson – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Darla Whitehead – GHS Cross Country Volunteer, Benji Ratcliffe – GHS Varsity Football Volunteer, Jason Breeding – GHS 8th Grade Football Volunteer, Lindsay Meredith – GHS 8th Grade Head Volleyball, Lane Spigener – GHS Baseball Volunteer, Bryan Strader – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Anthony Ratcliffe – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Tim Munsey – GHS JV Head Football, Jake Munsey – Boys/Girls Cross Country Head Coach, Colin Munsey – GHS Cross Country Assistant, Jodie Giles – GHS Head JV Cheer Coach, Sam Wright – GHS JV Co Head, WR Johnston – GHS Golf, Scott Potter – GHS 8th Grade Football Co Head, Christina Thompson – GHS Head Varsity Cheer Coach, Byron Hurley – GHS Head 8th Grade Football, Jackie Evans – GHS Varsity Football Assistant, Kaitlyn Farmer – GHS JV Head Volleyball, Jeff Williams – GHS Varsity Head Football, Mandy Havens – GHS Varsity Head Volleyball, Austin Cooper – GHS Varsity Football Volunteer, Matthew Burns – GHS 8th Grade Football Volunteer, Nicole Wilson – GHS 8th Grade Head Cheer, Henry Buchanan – NHS Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Kayla Stump – NHS Varsity Volleyball Assistant, Savannah Burton – NHS Volleyball Assistant Volunteer, Lee Blaker – NHS Volunteer Football Assistant, Randy Smith – NHS Football Assistant Volunteer, Jeff Turner – NHS Football Assistant Volunteer, Chris Hughes – NHS Football Assistant Volunteer, Bryan Hughes – NHS Football Assistant Volunteer, Alvin McGuire – NHS Football Assistant Volunteer, Rodney Perdue – NHS Football Assistant Volunteer, Brian Lambert – GHS Girls Basketball Volunteer, Sarah McGlothlin – NHS Middle School Volleyball Head Coach, Erica Gautier – NHS Varsity Volleyball Head Coach

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved a resolution to name Rachel Lucas/WLSL to the 2017 VSBA Media Honor Roll.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved additional courses/electives (Sign Language Course) as proposed by Guidance and Administration at Giles High School. Mr. Matney was in attendance to discuss the new course and answer questions from board members. He stated that most colleges will accept this course. #

D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn and Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved an updated copy of the VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members. #

CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Mrs. McMahon thanked Dr. Webb for his article in the Virginian Leader supporting funding for our schools. Very well written!

Mrs. McMahon congratulated Matthew Shelor who was all Timesland soccer second team as a sophomore and Andrew Frazier as the Coach of the Year! Also, Joseph Clark was first team golf.

Mrs. McMahon commended Mr. Steele on his article in the Virginian Leader. She has heard many positive comments. Thank you!

Mr. Wilburn stated that Parents Night went well the other night.

Mr. Wilburn stated that the maintenance crew has worked really hard this summer to get our schools ready. Thanks to them! Also, thanks to our administrators for their work this summer.

Mr. Steele stated that we had done a whole lot of things on the maintenance side and the facilities study is coming up.

Mr. Steele stated that he is going to do a welcome packet for the teachers at Eastern and put the tax article in it. He stated that he really wants the staff to know that the board is trying to help them.

Mr. Steele stated that they (the board) are going to continue to be active in the schools.

Mr. Ballard welcomed our new student school board representatives to the meeting.

Mr. Ballard stated that he attended Parents Night out and had lots of good conversations.

Mr. Ballard stated that he got to serve ice cream at NHS for the last day of the summer food program. Thanks to Christy and all the staff and volunteers for making this program work.

Mr. Ballard stated that his only concern, he wants to make sure we are capturing all the things around the school that need to be done.

Mr. Gentry stated that the new rails in front of Giles High School look great! When he is out and about at the other schools, they don't have near the stuff that we do. We have a quality system.

Mr. Gentry stated that he appreciates Amy and the Virginian Leader for the back to school section.

Mr. Gentry discussed the letter responses from the article. He said he has received several positive calls.

Mr. Gentry stated that we are hoping to have the Board of Supervisors do a bus tour with our board to see our schools and ride some bus routes.

Mr. Gentry stated that he is hearing that the Governor is wanting to take down all the monuments and the money that would be spent to take them down would be nice if that could go to the school system.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the tax article as far as responses. Right now, there are 164 yes answers and 70 no answers. There were also 13 yes answers that were given on Parents Night Out.

Mr. Steele stated that he would like to invite Rachel Lucas here to do a story on the tax article.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we had the preschool health screenings – there were 121 3 and 4 year olds to come through. Thanks to Michele and Sharon for putting that together and for all those that helped!

Dr. Arbogast discussed Parents Night Out – he anticipated that there were 200-250 people who come through. Thanks to everyone that was there and participated. Great community support!

Dr. Arbogast stated that based on estimated SOL results, we anticipate that all 5 schools will be fully accredited! Thanks to the hard work of teaching staff and administrators at each school.

Dr. Arbogast reminded everyone that back in July, we were recognized for the 2017 VSBA Food for Thought Competition. We were the winner of the “Meal Access to Fight Hunger.”

Dr. Arbogast thanked UFP Mid-Atlantic, LLC for their donation last week of 45 book bags filled with supplies.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we had another positive summer for the Summer food program. This year, we served over 9500 meals.

Dr. Arbogast thanked School Board members for helping serve ice cream on the last day of the summer food program.

Mr. Gentry stated that we plan to move our AEP out to the old hospital for many reasons, but he has found out that the Sheriff is telling Mr. McKlarney that he doesn't want our kids out there. He plans to speak with Mr. McKlarney to figure out what's going on. This is a vital part of our education plan for our students. He wanted to make sure the board is aware.

Dr. Arbogast updated the School Board on the track at GHS. The gentleman from Precision Sports Surfaces, Inc. says that they do not reseal tracks. They will only reline the track. They specialize in doing the rubberized track. Dr. Arbogast has asked for some quotes.

Mr. Ballard asked for an update on his previous discussion on who had access to our buildings. Dr. Arbogast went over that information with administrators during the ADM retreat. Principals are supposed to get back to Dr. Arbogast if they had any concerns.

Mr. Gentry discussed having a Facebook or Twitter account for the school system. He asked the student representatives what their thoughts were on this. Board members also asked them to share any positives or concerns that they get from their fellow classmates.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the transfer of Cheryl Hodock from NHS to NEMS Assistant.

Dr. Arbogast welcomed the new teachers for their new teacher orientation.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 21st at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk