

June 8, 2017

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 PM on June 8, 2017 in the School Administration Office Building. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Eric G. Gentry
Drema K. McMahon
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. On motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, the agenda was approved.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 3 – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property and Paragraph 4 – Protection of the Privacy of Individuals. Following discussion, Mr. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Steele seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Ballard, with a second by Mrs. McMahon 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

There was no action from closed session.

The School Board discussed several maintenance needs that were on the work session agenda, including door barricades for the schools. Mr. Gentry is keeping a list of our current maintenance needs for future work sessions.

There was a discussion on the athletic handbook and the coaches hiring process. Mr. Ballard would like to see both the JV and Varsity positions posted in the schools and on the web (instead of just the varsity postings). Board members plan to look through the athletic handbook to see if they recommend any changes. The high schools will provide all future coaching postings to the SBO in order for them to be listed on the SB web-page.

Dr. Arbogast give board members two policies (wellness and charge policy) that will be presented to the board at the June 30th meeting. He stated that if anyone has any questions or concerns, please let me know prior to the end of the month.

Mr. Gentry stated that he plans to populate all the superintendent's evaluations and go over them. Also, he will compile all the board self-evaluations that they also completed. Board members would like to ask Dr. Arbogast to complete his self-evaluation. He stated that he will work on it over the next week. Board members plan to review their evaluations again after Dr. Arbogast completes his self-evaluations.

Mr. Steele discussed his article that he wants to get out to the public regarding helping our teachers get more money. He also discussed a possible survey that would be put on our website and/or the county website for people to do. He would

like questions compiled from the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

School Board members discussed the Facilities Study Scope of Services. Board members have compiled their changes and they would like Dr. Arbogast to send to DOE to see if they can provide what is included in the scope of services. Mr. Steele would also like OWPR to look at this and give us a “real fee” of what they would charge to do this type of scope.

There was a discussion on the move of the AEP/GED students to the old hospital building. Mr. Franklin is positive that it should be good to go for the fall. There should be no money involved, except for a camera system. Dr. Arbogast will be bringing the updated AEP policy to the next board meeting for approval.

Mr. Wilburn stated that the ACCE program had a sponsorship meeting and they are trying to get geared up for the race this fall.

There was an update on the food service supervisor position. Mr. Franklin stated that Mrs. Lawson is doing a great job and working on collecting some of the past cafeteria balances. She is going to push it even harder come July 1st.

There was a discussion on whether both schools are on the same page as whether students are allowed to practice or play when in ISS. Mr. Steele stated that he has had a request for the individual to be able to practice or play on the last day of their ISS.

Mr. Steele updated the School Board on the new parking lot at Macy. Mrs. McMahon stated that she had a retired teacher that explained to her that at one point, they were not allowed to put a playground on there because the engineers that come in said that the area would not tolerate the weight.

Dr. Arbogast stated that a committee met to review the uninitiative program recommendations that staff members made. The committee selected a recipient and Dr. Arbogast hopes to have the recipient present for the June 30th meeting so the board can present the check to them.

Chairman

Clerk