

March 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2017 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. 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, School Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's March 16, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Committee, the following individuals were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support:

1. Eastern Elem/Middle Teacher Assistants: Debbie Poff, Dorothy Williams, Tammy McGuire, Amber Jones, Lisa Johnston, Angela Rice, Teresa Link, Sharon Wilson
2. Sandy Fisher/EEMS PTA
3. Macy McClaugherty Cafeteria Staff: Kristi Perkins, Kathy Pyles, Christal Spencer, Jeanine Gentry, Mary Jane Vierling, Christian Kemp, Sue Anderson
4. Rachel Hicks – Macy McClaugherty
5. Heather Lucas – Macy McClaugherty
6. Kim Squibb – Macy McClaugherty
7. Julie Kennett – Narrows Elementary/Middle School
8. Erin Burton – Giles High School
9. Crystal Boggess – Narrows High School
10. Erica Gautier – Narrows High School
11. Deborah Parcell – Narrows High School

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – February 16, 2017
2. Special – February 7th, 2017 February 21st, 2017

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include February 28th, 2017 and March 15, 2017
2. Payment of Bills to include February 9th, 10th, 16th, 23rd and March 2nd, 2017
3. February 2017 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Field Trip Requests
5. Appropriation Request for April 2017
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: April 2017 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of April 2017. This is for the tenth month of the fiscal year 2016-17. 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: \$ 2,242,036.00

Total: \$ 2,242,036.00

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. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Paula Tibbs, Mrs. Christina Martin and several students attended the school board meeting on behalf of the Gifted Education educational feature. Mrs. Martin discussed two projects that she has been working on with her students – project one was for the 1st – 5th graders. This project consisted of using recycled materials and the little bits – use your imagination to design something out of something. For the older students, they worked with a LilyPad Arduino to design quilt squares with LED lights for the school board members and Dr. Arbogast. The students showed off their projects and explained what they were.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:
1. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Jason Spicer – NEMS Archery, Sue Spicer – NEMS Archery
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Paul Baker – GTC Building Trades (June 8th, 2017), Tammy Brown – GHS Math Teacher (June 8th, 2017)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Bobby Buchanan – Bus Driver
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Chris Collins – GHS Assistant Track, Bubby Fisher – GHS Varsity Softball Volunteer, Christine Fletcher – GHS Head Varsity Girls Soccer, Ralph Harless – GHS Head Varsity Softball, Byron Hurley – GHS Boys Head Tennis, Matt Burns - Head JV Baseball, Austin Cooper – GHS Co Head Varsity Baseball, Jonathan Kidd – GHS Co Head Varsity Boys Soccer, Randy Weddle – GHS Girls Head Tennis Coach, Lane Spigener – GHS Co Head Varsity Baseball, Andrew Frazier – GHS Co Head Varsity Boys Soccer, Sam Wright – GHS Track Head Coach, Jake Munsey – GHS Track Assistant, Colin Munsey – GHS Track Assistant, "Tootie" Gillispie – JV Baseball Volunteer, Andrew Simmons – GHS JV Head Soccer, Trey Freeman – GHS Varsity Track Volunteer, Kelly Davis – NHS JV Softball Head Coach, Shanda Green – NHS Varsity Softball Assistant, James Welch – NHS Varsity Soccer Assistant, Caitlyn Divers – NHS Girls Tennis Head Coach, Robby Patteson – NHS JV Baseball Head Coach
 5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, accepted the bid from Liberty Paper for services specified in IFB #1-2017 (duplicating paper).
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration. It was discussed that employees must see policy GAH every year based on guidelines.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved an additional course at Narrows High School (Effective Reading Skills for High School Students (English Foundations)).

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mrs. McMahon thanked Narrows High School for all the new electives that are coming out – it is greatly appreciated!

Mrs. McMahon expressed her appreciation to all of our bus drivers – our bus drivers do so much for our kids.

Mrs. McMahon stated that it was good to see the breakfast numbers up!

Mr. Steele stated that he attended the Southwest Virginia Governor's School meeting and we have several GHS/NHS students who placed in the science fair and other events.

Mr. Steele stated that there is a need for a covering over the entrance to the modular buildings at Macy McClaugherty. It was discussed to wait until the end of the fiscal year to see how things stand with the current budget.

Mr. Steele stated that he went and built gum drop houses at Macy and Eastern.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he thoroughly enjoyed the last two STEM presentations.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he also agrees that the bus drivers do a wonderful job. He also stated that our coaches are under paid. Our coaches and bus drivers do a wonderful job!

Mr. Ballard discussed the concerns that he has been hearing about tattered flags. He wants administration to continuously check their flags.

Mr. Ballard showed off his art work that he received from Eastern Elem/Middle School.

Mr. Gentry stated that he went to Macy for School Board Appreciation Month – he really enjoyed the visit.

Mr. Gentry stated that he enjoyed the gifted education presentation!

Mr. Gentry stated that we have had some really good work sessions.

Mr. Gentry stated that we will have some upcoming summer work programs.

Mr. Gentry stated that this is the time of year for National Honor Society for both high schools. There is such a good group of kids.

Mr. Gentry commended all of the Governor’s school teachers – they do such a good job with our kids.

Mr. Gentry stated that he enjoyed talking to Chris Hurst.

Mr. Gentry stated that our Macy parking lot will be a reality!

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of yesterday was 2,381.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he attended the Blue Ridge Regional Forum last Monday. We had 3 pieces of artwork from our students. We had two students who placed in the event. They are as follows: Steven Hodge – EEMS, Madison Gilmer – GHS (2nd place), Cassie Piscitello – GHS (3rd place).

Dr. Arbogast commended the GHS FBLA students that attended the FBLA Regional Spring Conference on March 6, 2017. They are as follows: Noah Clark – 2nd place advertising, Jessie Bale – 2nd place Public Speaking II, Sydney Hawks – 1st place Impromptu Speaking, Jessie Bale – 3rd place Business Law, Chase Journell – 2nd place Accounting, Amanda Akers – 3rd place Personal Finance, Chase Journell/Jolan Midkiff/Paul Hernandez – 3rd place Graphic Design, Camber Thornhill – 1st place L. Marguerite Crumley Scholarship Award & 2nd place Future Business Leader, Braylin Simpson – 3rd place Business Calculations. Kara Via was elected and installed as the New River Region Secretary for 2017-2018 school year. Cole Moye applied and was accepted to attend the Foundation Institute in Reston VA in April 2017. Cole was one of three chosen from the New River Region to attend this leadership program for the state.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated all the students who placed in the SkillsUSA District Competition. They are as follows:

Competition	Student	Place
Cosmetology	Emily Sizemore	1 st Place
Cosmetology	Faith Scott	3 rd Place
Fantasy Manakin	Emilee Price	2 nd Place
Esthetics	Hannah Williford	3 rd Place
Architectural Drafting	Ethan Harless	1 st Place
Architectural Drafting	Bailey Hill	3 rd Place
Technical Drafting	Isaac Payne	2 nd Place

Teamwork	Landon Neal, Chandler Cox, Cam Honaker, and Matthew Midkiff	1 st Place
Information Tech Services	Edwin Oliva	1 st Place
Technical Computer Applications	Kyle Higginbotham	1 st Place
Auto Maintenance	Logan Dalton	1 st Place
Auto Maintenance	Trey Smith	2 nd Place
Welding	Grant Muchler	3 rd Place
Current Events	Alec Hagee	1 st Place
Job Interview	Kari Croy	2 nd Place
Occupational Scrapbook	Faith Scott & Hannah Reece	1 st Place
Poster	Micah Riley	1 st Place
Poster	Isaac Price	2 nd Place
Poster	Janna Williams	3 rd Place
Quiz Bowl	Alec Hagee, Cole Meadows, Ceanna Kawase, Bailey Hill, Janna Williams	1 st Place
Quiz Bowl	Kari Cory, Landon Porterfield, Dayton Brown, Ethan Harless, Isaac Payne	3 rd Place
Spelling	Ethan Cowan	2 nd Place

Dr. Arbogast stated that there are 74 ACCE applications that have been processed for this year.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated each schools Teacher of the Year. They are as follows: MMS – Larissa Wurtz, EEMS – Emily Reynolds, NEMS – Tara Johnson, GHS – Pam Tegelman-Malabad and NHS – Tanya Turner.

Dr. Arbogast stated that as of February, breakfast was much higher than expected. Every school increased their average daily participation. The total for the month was 723 (average daily participation county-wide).

Dr. Arbogast stated that the Giles Early Education group has created a book called, “Smiles for Giles.”

Dr. Arbogast stated that several students from Narrows Elementary/Middle School attended an archery tournament. The kids did great!

Dr. Arbogast that the VSBA Food for Thought Competition has been submitted.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved a resolution to name PEMTEL and Carilion Giles Community Hospital into the 2017 VSBA Honor Roll.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following coaching agreements: Robert Buchanan – GHS Varsity Softball Volunteer, Lindsay Meredith – GHS Head JV Softball Coach, Mike Williams – GHS Varsity Baseball Volunteer and Rhonda Frazier – GHS Chorale Accompanist Volunteer.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved graduation dates for June 9th and 10th (9th – NHS and 10th – GHS).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the rollover of the following proposals:

RFP #5-2014 (drug/alcohol testing services) (Greenbrier Contracting)

RFP #8-2014 (custodial supplies) (Oliver Distributing Company)

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Perkins Plan.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved Local Choice for the employee’s insurance for the 2017-2018 school year. The plans are Key Advantage 500, Key Advantage 1000 and the High Deductible Plan. Dr. Arbogast stated that we continue to look at the state plan, but the initial prices provided were much higher than what our current rates will be for 2017-18. We had no other options for insurance this year.

Mr. Gentry read a letter to school board members from Mr. Howard Spencer. The School Board previously told Mr. Spencer that they were not willing to receive funds from the possible sale of the Cumberland Park project because the funds would be earmarked to build a new building that could possibly house the Giles County animal shelter and also support a Vet Tech program. The School Board did not want the funds to be earmarked. The letter that was sent back from Mr. Spencer stated, “For consideration of other school related projects please provide us a list prioritized with anticipated cost for each item.” Mr. Gentry stated that he feels like it is a bad idea to take funds from the sale of this property. He does not want to get involved in this in any form or fashion because what has happened in the past. Mrs. McMahon stated that there is no involvement in Giles County Public Schools with the sale of this property. She stated that Mr. Spencer is willing to make a donation to use for educational purposes. Mr. Steele stated that he is looking on the budget side to see what we could do with the extra money. Mrs. McMahon made a motion that in the event that the Cumberland park property is sold and money is offered to Giles County Public Schools for funding of programs for the education of our students, we will consider accepting the money. There was no second to the motion.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 20th, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk