

November 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2017 at the School Board Office. A work session was held at 12:00 p.m. and student discipline hearings were scheduled from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Drema K. McMahon
Stephan M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Stewart, GHS Student Representative (Board Mtg. Only)

The work session was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Todd Meredith was invited by the School Board to attend the work session to discuss the possibility of moving the Alternative Education Program (AEP) from Narrows High School to the old hospital. Dr. Arbogast stated that our AEP program is designed to provide an opportunity for our kids to have another setting to get their education because they have either struggled with discipline or attendance or both. These struggles can cause them to get behind and this setting is intended to give them another opportunity to get them caught back up and move back into the regular classroom setting. We also have GED students in there as well to help them prepare and pass the test. He stated that by moving to the hospital site, we envisioned the possibility of adding a component to this program for students who are long term suspended or expelled so that they could have the opportunity to receive services. Mr. Meredith bragged on the AEP program from being a former educator, but stated that based on current zoning requirements and the conditional use permit in place for the proposed building, it does not permit the proposed program. Language in the zoning ordinance does not specifically permit the AEP program. The current conditional use permit would also need to be amended or replaced before the AEP program could be moved to the proposed building. This would require a public hearing. Board members explained that these kids are not violent and this new location would benefit them greatly.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele 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, Mrs. McMahon moved to go to regular session. Mr. Wilburn seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Steele, 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: 4 Nays: 0

Clerk of the Giles County School Board

Date

Following closed session, the Superintendent recommended from the first meeting that student expulsion case # 3-1718 be expelled from Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting approved the Superintendent's recommendation. The Superintendent recommended from the second meeting that student expulsion case # 4-1718 be expelled from Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, amended the recommendation because they felt that special circumstances existed for this case. They determined that expulsion was not warranted in this situation and that the days already served for OSS (5) would be the extent of the discipline. The student is allowed to return to school immediately. The Superintendent recommended from the second meeting that student expulsion case # 5-1718 be expelled from Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, amended the recommendation because they felt that special circumstances existed for this case. They determined that expulsion was not warranted in this situation and that the days already served for OSS (5) would be the extent of the discipline. The student is allowed to return to school immediately.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's November 9th, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments on the 2017-2018 school budget.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Giles County School Board, the following individuals were recognized:

1. Jason Mills
2. Hannah Spicer-Owens

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

On behalf of the educational feature, Mr. Mills, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Ruppert, Ms. Adams and three 5th grade students attended the meeting on behalf of Eastern Elementary/Middle School. The teachers and students explained the ocean project and all of the work that goes into the project. The students also displayed some of their amazing artwork and a PowerPoint was shown to show the work they have done on it! They encouraged board members and anyone else to come take a tour of their ocean project!

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – October 19th, 2017
2. Special – October 11th, 2017

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include October 31st, 2017
2. Payment of Bills
3. Revenue and Expenditure Reports – October 2017
4. Appropriation Request for December 2017
TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: December 2017 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of December 2017. This is for the sixth month 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:	\$ 2,283,819.50
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
Total:	\$ 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. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

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. Steele, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Contracts**: Nicole Wilson – GHS Cheer Assistant, Byron Hurley – GHS Boys Tennis, Andrew Simmons – GHS Head JV Soccer Coach Girls, Christina Thompson – GHS Head JV/Varsity Cheerleading, Colin Munsey – GHS Assistant Track Coach
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Diana Papuga – MMS Teacher Assistant (10/20/17), Julia Scott – GHS Bookkeeper (11/27/17)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Substitute Teachers to date.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mrs. McMahon thanked Mrs. Colavecchio and her students at GHS for making some signs for the Giles Christian Mission – they were beautiful signs!

Mrs. McMahon stated that VDOT has donated snow plows for GHS and NHS – they are painting them school colors.

Mrs. McMahon stated that the budget hearings have gone well – very reasonable requests and suggestions.

Mrs. McMahon congratulated Phillip Pennington and Melissa Guynn for getting elected to the School Board.

Mrs. McMahon thanked the Town of Pembroke and their Police Department for all of their help with our bus drivers.

Mr. Wilburn congratulated the NHS Volleyball Team for their awesome season! He stated that GHS also had a good volleyball season. There are 3 members of the GHS cross country team going to state. He stated that the football teams are district champs!

Mr. Wilburn also congratulated our new board members – and thanked Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Gentry who are leaving us.

Mr. Steele commended all the children who are painting rocks.

Mr. Steele commended all the 6th – 8th graders for their choir tryouts.

Mr. Steele commended the ocean project at EEMS.

Mr. Ballard stated that there is a concern still for increasing teacher salaries and reduced health coverage.

Mr. Ballard stated that it seems that reading levels are down in PreK and Kindergarten. We are really in need of a Reading Specialist in all three of our schools.

Mr. Ballard stated that there is a concern for space at Macy McClaugherty School. They are really cramped out there.

Mr. Ballard congratulated to the two new board members – welcome to them!

Mr. Ballard welcomed Ben Woods to the school system side. He is the Ag Lab Manager.

Mr. Ballard congratulated Elena Maddy for taking 3rd place in the Shelor Motor Mile talent show.

Mr. Ballard congratulated all the Fall Sports teams for their accomplishments!

Mr. Ballard thanked Delegate Yost for all he has done for Giles County. He would like to recognize him at a board meeting. He also thanked Celco Community Credit Union for helping to sponsor the Muddy ACCE Race Appreciation Dinner.

Mr. Steele thanked Amelia with the Virginian Leader for helping him to get the tax article in the Virginian Leader.

Jason Stewart stated that the kids like the new web sites!

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2,407 students.

Dr. Arbogast wished luck to the football teams, cross country teams and volleyball teams on their upcoming matches.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the rock project is supposed to finish up tomorrow.

Dr. Arbogast commended the following students who auditioned for and made it into the Junior All-District Chorus: Kasse Doby, Grace Ellison, Madison Kottwitz, Layla Keller, Kynslee Blankenship, Payten Brumfield, Francis Deighan and Tyler Stevers.

Dr. Arbogast commended Elena Maddy for taking 3rd place in the Shelor Motor Mile Talent Show.

Dr. Arbogast commended Emily Price and Jordan Wall for performing well on the Southwest Virginia Governor School Math League.

Dr. Arbogast stated that thanks to a grant we received, the high school cafeterias will be able to sell smoothies.

Dr. Arbogast commended Melissa Guynn and Phillip Pennington for being named to the School Board.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the November 2, 2017 Minutes.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Coaching Contract – Donna Stump (GHS Cheerleading Floater).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Transfer of Jennifer Shephard from MMS Preschool to NEMS Preschool.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following amendments to the athletic passes: Faculty/Staff at all 3 of our elementary schools will receive an individual pass and we will be recommending entire families/spouse from passes, effective July 1, 2018.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the VA JCI Senate Scholarship.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk