

October 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on October 19, 2017 at the School Board Office. 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, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk
Josh Weddle, GHS Student Representative
Haley Johnson, GHS Student Representative
Jason Stewart, NHS Student Representative

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's October 19th, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Maintenance
2. Custodians

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – September 21, 2017
2. Work Session – September 7th, 2017

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include September 30th and October 13th
2. Payment of Bills
3. 2017-2018 Advisory Committees
4. Field Trips 2017-2018
5. Surplus
6. Appropriation Request for November 2017

TO: Christopher McKlarny
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: November 2017 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of November 2017. This is for the fourth month of the fiscal year 2017-2018. 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.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

On behalf of the educational feature, Lisa White presented on behalf of Elementary Art Education. Lynn Hill also attended to discuss the "Rock Project." Mrs. White stated that she meets with 1st – 3rd graders once a week in their classrooms, for a 30 minute class period. She travels to Narrows Elem/Middle, Macy and Eastern Elem/Middle schools and works with around 670 students per week. She stated her goals, showed the kids art projects and discussed gifted art. She then discussed the art that she does for the community, like the Veterans

Day Christmas Cards and the Giles Children’s Rock Project. The rock project is sponsored by the Giles Early Education Project and Giles County Public Schools. This project is for PK-7th graders, as well as Head Start, daycare centers across the county, Jefferson Christian, homeschool students, the GEEP group, librarians, etc. She discussed the background and inspiration behind the project. Lastly, Mrs. White presented board members with a rock to paint for the rock project. Board members thanked Mrs. White and Ms. Hill for sharing information with them.

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 Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Laura Copeland – NEMS Cafeteria (10/2/17), Transfer of Sarah Sutphin from NEMS PreK to Kindergarten Teacher (10/16/17)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Kelsey Williams – MMS Teacher Assistant (9/21/17)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Peggy Caldwell – EEMS Library Support, JoAnn Craven – EEMS Yearbook
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the updated Substitute List to Date.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Ballard stated that he had concerns with trying to find substitute nurses and salaries in general. He also had concerns with the lead in water testing. He stated that the guidance from the state has not been good.

Mr. Ballard stated that we had a successful summer food program, especially with all the other activities they get to do while being there.

Mr. Ballard stated that both principals on the western end are doing well.

Mr. Ballard thanked Mrs. Martin for the STEM newsletter!

Mr. Steele stated that the lack of guidance regarding the lead testing in water was not good!

Mr. Steele stated that he got a look at the Ocean wall at Eastern – it is looking great! The STEM portion of it is amazing!

Mr. Steele continues to get questions as to why the elementary teachers cannot get sports passes. Mr. Ballard stated that he is hearing that they would at least like one pass, not necessarily a family pass. Mr. Franklin is going to discuss this with principals/activities coordinators.

Mr. Steele stated that the librarians should be applauded. He stated that he is amazed how excited kids still get over a book.

Mr. Wilburn asked about the track at GHS. Dr. Arbogast stated that bids will be here tomorrow.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he was happy to see Mr. McKlarney at the budget meetings.

Mrs. McMahon commended administration for getting Lisa White!

Mrs. McMahon also commended Mrs. Martin for the STEM newsletter!

Mrs. McMahon also thanked Mr. McKlarney for attending the budget meetings.

Mr. Gentry commended Joe Tudor for doing such a good job while being a custodian at Giles High School.

Mr. Gentry commended GHS/NHS Football and Volleyball on having great seasons so far!

Mr. Gentry commended the Dig Pink volleyball nights at both schools. There was just under \$6K raised during these nights.

Mr. Gentry had a concern to make sure all the sinks in the science department are tested for lead. He had a couple concerns from the science teachers because there were some sinks that were not tested. Dr. Arbogast has talked to Mr. Mills and they are scheduled to come back and test others.

Mr. Gentry has a concern about being told that the AEP/GED program being housed at the old hospital will not meet the zoning requirements. He stated that this is disturbing on multiple levels. He stated that this will hurt our kids and this program. As a school system, we never had the opportunity to present the good of this program. The board would like to meet with Mr. Meredith to discuss this.

Mr. Gentry congratulated Haley Conley for getting GHS senior of the month.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the current enrollment is 2,410.

Dr. Arbogast stated that this week is National School Bus Safety Week. Yesterday, was School Bus Transportation Employee Appreciation Day. Thanks to all of our drivers and individuals at the garage for what they do for our students!

Dr. Arbogast discussed the lead testing in water and stated that letters will go out either tomorrow on Monday to staff and parents regarding the findings.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Hannah Spicer Owens for receiving the Dr. Donna Watson Goodness and Light Alumni Award from Bluefield College.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Lisa White and Lynn Hill for being here tonight.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the ocean project has begun at Eastern.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the STEM activities continue to grow at our schools.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he was able to see the “One Act Play” at NHS. The kids did a great job!

Dr. Arbogast stated that our new websites will go live on October 25th!

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Title IV; Part A grant.

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following **Volunteer Agreement**: Kristie Dobbins – NHS Assistant Middle School Basketball Coach.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Tara Johnson – NHS Girls Basketball Middle School Coach, Lindsay Meredith – GHS Varsity Head Softball, Don Epperley – GHS Head Girls Varsity Basketball, Austin Cooper – GHS Boys Basketball 8th Grade, Scott Potter – GHS Boys Jr. Varsity Basketball, Jason Breeding – GHS Girls 8th Grade Basketball, Dean Marshall – GHS Head Girls Jr. Varsity Basketball, Jodi Giles – GHS Co JV/Varsity Cheer, Steve Wilson – GHS Head Varsity Baseball, Jason Breeding – GHS JV Head Softball, Jonathan Kidd – GHS Co Head Boys Soccer, Andrew Frazier – GHS Head Soccer Coach, Randy Weddle – GHS Girls Tennis, Erica Gautier – NHS Head Girls JV Basketball, Savannah Burton – NHS Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the following **Supplemental Contracts**: Diana Blanton (GHS MACC Science, MACC All Around, MACC Head and Science Dept. Head), Andrew Frazier (GHS SCA and Senior Class), Bruce Frazier (GHS Dept. Head Social Studies), Babette Martin (GHS Dept. Head Math and Senior Class), Stacy Poff (GHS SCA), Whitney Bowles (GHS Yearbook), Melanie Atkins (GHS MACC English, Dept. Head English, Jr. Class Prom), Catherine Puckett (GHS Jr. Class Prom), Jack Ellison (GHS Dept. Head English), Randy Weddle (GHS MACC Social Studies), Pam Tegelman-Malabad (GHS MACC Math and MACC All Around), Sara Bowles (GHS JR Class Prom)

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, November 9th 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