

September 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on September 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. A closed meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and contracts. 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.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Paragraph 4 – Protection of the Privacy of Individuals; following discussion, Mrs. McMahon moved to go to regular session. Mr. Wilburn seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mrs. McMahon, with a second by Mr. Steele 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's September 21st, 2017 School Board Meeting Agenda.

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 – August 18th, 2017
- 2. Special – August 10th, 2017

B. Financial Data

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

TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: October 2017 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of October, 2017. This is for the fourth 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
October 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
7. 2017-2018 PAC & Calendar Advisory Committee

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the School Board, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Lynn Hill – Summer Food, Ann Goete – Summer Food, Heaven Dimanche – Summer Food and Rachel Lucas – WSLs

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mr. Mark Husband, along with Paul Baker (GTC Building Technology Teacher) and Larry Day (NRV Habitat for Humanity Board Chairman) attended the meeting to provide an overview of the building technology class. They discussed community partnerships such as habitat for humanity, the shed for the GHS horticulture/floriculture class and the local businesses that provide materials for the students. Students are taught over 250 competencies from VDOE requirements. Larry Day spoke regarding the NRV Habitat for Humanity and his relationship with the building technology class. He had approached Ms. Sandra Kelley's class to design a house that building trades helped to build.

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 Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Nikki Horton – GHS Cafeteria (9/18/17), Transfer of Cheryl Hodock from NHS to NEMS (Assistant), Shana Davis – NEMS Assistant, Tanya Reece – GHS English Teacher, Hannah Musser – EEMS SLP Assistant (9/6/17), Stephanie Rupe – MMS School Nurse (10/16/17), Abby Taylor – NHS Assistant (9/5/17), Andrew Bowman – NHS ISS Monitor (9/18/17), Donna Brewster – NHS Teacher Assistant (9/12/17), Amy Wheeler – MMS Teacher Assistant (9/8/17)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Donna Stump – 8th Grade Cheer, Henry Buchanan – NHS Head Varsity Soccer Coach
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Helen Bowles – NEMS Various Events, Brittany Johnson – GHS, Pat Fullen – EEMS Library, Linda Henderson – EEMS Library, Sharlyn Thacker – EEMS Library, Terry Beckner – EEMS Volunteer, Mickey Williams – GHS Varsity Boys Basketball, Jeffrey Allen – NHS Volunteer JV Basketball Coach, Peggy Caldwell – EEMS Classroom Support, Lori Hansen – EEMS Library
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved The following **Resignations**: Kristie Black – Bus Driver (8/21/17), Ariel Meekins – NHS Teacher Assistant

(8/17/17), Denise O'Brien – NHS Teacher Assistant (8/18/17), Emily Wilson – GHS Cafeteria (9/8/17), Cynthia Weatherly – NEMS Cafeteria (9/8/17)

5. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the 2017-2018 Substitute List to Date.

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

CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Mrs. McMahon commended Zach Guynn on the Virginian Leader article about the Habitat for Humanity House.

Mrs. McMahon stated that she was happy to have the student board reps with us.

Mrs. McMahon thanked all of those involved with the summer food program.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he hears that the muddy ACCE race went well!

Mr. Steele stated that the muddy ACCE race went well. We raised an enormous amount of money!

Mr. Steele had a discussion about the need for repairs on the Giles track. The price to get the track resealed and lined was approximately \$30K. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation to do an RFP to get this service performed.

Mr. Steele stated that he will be representing the school board at the county meeting tonight letting them know that he will be putting together another article for the Virginian Leader.

Mr. Ballard stated that he attended open house at NEMS and at the time, they were up about 30 kids.

Mr. Ballard congratulated all the fall sports teams on a good season so far.

Mr. Ballard stated that he was very impressed with the building trades program.

Mr. Ballard stated that we need to look at the rules/regulations for the football game as far as signs, etc. to make sure they are appropriate.

Mr. Gentry sent his condolences to our custodian, Renee, at Macy McClougherty, for the loss of her husband.

Mr. Gentry stated that he has noticed political flyers and postcards on the vehicles at sporting events – he is hoping our custodians do not have to clean all of it up.

Mr. Gentry stated that he hated to miss the ACCE race – he was there at heart.

Mr. Gentry stated that Mr. Baker and Mr. Husband are really interested in an HVAC program from TRANE to help our students be more job ready.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the enrollment as of today is 2,401.

Dr. Arbogast stated that all 5 schools are fully accredited! Congratulations to the students and staff!

Dr. Arbogast stated that we were notified by No Kid Hungry that we got the breakfast grant for 2017-18. This grant funding will be used to purchase some lighted signs that can be used for the FastBreak breakfast and also for lunch.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we are in the process of scheduling 7th grade visits to the NRV Jail. Letters will be going home to the parents.

Dr. Arbogast stated that lead testing in water has begun this week at our schools.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the security grant was submitted and he has not heard anything yet.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we are working with a company for our new web pages. They should go live by the end of October.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Celanese for working with our schools for Global Impact Month.

Dr. Arbogast shared information with the school board from the Commonwealth Institute regarding statewide funding for Giles County as well as the Commonwealth as a whole.

Dr. Arbogast thanked the Giles Tech Center for the educational feature!

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the Employment of Becky Gilbert – GHS Bookkeeper (10/1/17).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation to allow Giles county Public Schools School Nutrition Program to be recognized as a stakeholder in any bid that Montgomery County Public Schools issues and awards which will benefit the school nutrition program for GCPS. This will be effective for the 17-18 school year.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, approved a natural gas contract with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., contingent upon legal approval.

The School Board, on Mr. Ballard, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation to hire another Kindergarten teacher at Narrows Elementary/Middle School.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 19th 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