

August 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held on August 16, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, 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. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's August 16, 2018 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Walkup, President of the NHS Band Booster, attended to address the issue of band/music funding at NEMS and NHS. All of these programs are supported in total by a parent organization. She stated that up until 2 years ago, the band/music programs at Narrows did not receive any school funding – only a small amount of FTE money. This class is not funded by the schools. Last year, the band/music boosters paid out almost \$4K in repairs for school instruments and purchased over \$1200 in music for the children to play. In addition, they also support kids by fundraising for new uniforms. They are asking for more funding for these programs.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – June 29th, 2018
2. Special – July 26th, 2018

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include July 13th, 31st and August 15th, 2018
2. Payment of Bills
3. July 2018 Revenue & Expenditure Reports
4. Appropriation Request for August and September 2018

TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County

RE: August & September 2018 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the months of August and September, 2018. This is for the second and third months of the fiscal year 2018-19. 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

August	2,369,951.67
September	2,369,951.67

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.

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. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Christine Fletcher – GHS Special Ed. Teacher (8/20/18), Joel Rader – Bus Driver (9/1/18), Cheryl Hodock – NEMS Teacher Assistant (6/30/18), Lori Thompson – NHS Secretary (7/31/18), Megan Blevins – MMS Elementary Teacher (7/9/18), Bethany Christian – NHS Biology (7/16/18), Shana Davis – NEMS Teacher Assistant (8/16/18), Paul Baker – Building Trades (8/10/18)
 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirement**: Mary Henderson – School Health Coordinator (8/1/18)
 3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Hillary Hersman – MMS Elementary Teacher (18-19), Jane Lowe – EEMS Elementary Teacher (18-19), Joy Johnston – MMS Title I Teacher (18-19), Jeanine Gentry – Bus Driver (18-19), Jonathan Spade- Bus Driver (18-19), Brenda Smith – NHS Secretary (8/6/18), Victoria Tamburrino – NHS Biology (18-19), Emily Buckland – NHS Guidance Clerk (8/13/18), Jesse Glover – School Health Coord. (8/20/18), Chris Sargent – GHS Teacher Assistant (18-19)
 4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following **Athletic Coaching Contracts**: Benji Ratcliff – GHS Grounds Keeper, Lori Shannon – GHS Volleyball Middle Head Coach, Nicole Wilson – GHS Cheerleading 8th Grade Coach, Anthony Ratcliffe – GHS Football Varsity Assistant Coach, Christina Thompson – GHS Cheerleading Varsity Coach, W.R. Johnston – GHS Golf Head Coach, Scotty Potter – GHS Football JV Assistant Coach, Mandy Havens – GHS Volleyball Varsity Head Coach, Lindsay Meredith – GHS Volleyball JV Head Coach, Sam Wright – GHS Football JV Assistant Coach, Steve Wilson – GHS Football JV Head Coach, Matt Burns – GHS Football 8th Grade Assistant Coach, Jeff Williams – GHS Football Varsity Head Coach, Jackie Evans – GHS Football Varsity Assistant Coach, Jodie Giles – GHS Cheerleading JV Coach, Colin Munsey – GHS Cross Country/Boys Girls Asst. Coach, Tim Munsey – GHS Football 8th Grade Head Coach, Jake Munsey – GHS Cross Country/Boys Girls Head Coach, Darla Whitehead – GHS Cross Country Volunteer, Brittany Johnson – GHS Volleyball Volunteer, Benji Ratcliff – GHS Varsity Football Volunteer, Jason Breeding – GHS Football Volunteer, Charlie Mullins – GHS Varsity Football Volunteer, Roger Shepherd – NHS JV Basketball Volunteer, Lane Mann – NHS Head Cross Country Coach, Josh Sparks – NHS Head Golf Coach, Debbie Lusk – NHS Head JV Football Cheer Coach, Debbie Lusk – NHS Head Varsity Football Cheer Coach, Chris Helvey – NHS Head JV Football Coach, Clyde Turner – NHS Assistant Football Coach, Joe Fraley – NHS Offensive Coordinator Football, Ben Woodyard – NHS Assistant Football Coach, Henry Buchanan – NHS Assistant Football Coach, Kelly Lowe – NHS Head Varsity Football Coach, Jon Bowman – NHS Assistant Football Coach, Jon Bowman – NHS Assistant Football Coach, Hannah Spicer – NHS JV Head Volleyball Coach, Tiffany Stevers – NHS Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, Sherry Duncan – NHS Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Kelly Davis – NHS Head Middle School Volleyball Coach, Patrick Bailey – NHS Head Varsity Boys Basketball, Jeff Allen – NHS Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball, Roger Shepherd – NHS Head Boys JV Basketball Coach, Brock Lusk – NHS Head Boys Middle School Basketball Coach, Kristie Dobbins – NHS JV Girls Basketball Coach, McCreery Mann – NHS Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Byron Brown – NHS Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Tara Johnson – NHS Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Sherry Duncan – NHS Head Varsity Softball Coach, Kelly Davis – NHS Head JV Softball Coach, Patrick Bailey – NHS Head JV Baseball Coach, Chris Helvey – NHS Head Varsity Baseball Coach, Joe Fraley – NHS Varsity Head Track Coach, Tiffany Helton – NHS Middle School Track, Caitlyn Divers – NHS Varsity Head Girls Tennis Coach, Josh Sparks – NHS Varsity Head Boys Tennis Coach, Henry Buchanan – NHS Varsity Head Soccer Coach, Brock Lusk – NHS Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach, Ben Woodyard – NHS Weightlifting, Josh Sparks – NHS Head Scholastic Bowl Coach,

Hannah Spicer – NHS Assistant Theatre Coach, Kenny Spicer – NHS Asst. JV Girls Basketball Coach

- B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved a resolution to name Amelia Whittaker/The Virginian Leader and Alexa Nash to the 2018 VSBA Media Honor Roll.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved a lease agreement with New River Community Action and Giles County Public Schools.
- D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved Policy Revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS...

Mr. Ballard stated that he attended Parents Night Out at GHS. He noticed that the lighting looked great in the gym.

Mr. Steele stated that the teachers are getting ready to start that are still staying in Giles County. He stated to please give us patience as we battle for you for funding. We continue to work hard to figure out how to get more money in our system. We need to meet with the county to figure out how to use the extra money from the pipeline. It's a challenge because we don't have any money. He stated that no one wants to talk about it, but how do we get better at what we do if we have one band to fund and one big gate, but we are getting closer to figure out as a county how we do what's best for our kids. He wants to reenergize looking at our facilities and what is right for the children/community moving forward.

Mr. Wilburn stated that we are in the fight for more funding for our teachers. He stated that he hopes everyone has a good year. He stated that we have to do what is best for our kids. Our buildings are busting at the seams at the elementary schools. He stated that there are some tough decisions to be made.

Mrs. Guynn thanked the Central Office employees for all their hard work this summer.

Mr. Pennington stated that he hopes everyone had a good summer and he hopes everyone has a good year.

Mr. Steele mentioned the muddy ACCE race and commended the county for putting on such a great event!

Mr. Ballard stated that we turn out great students here, our career and technical education facilities are second to none, but we are going to need more jobs in Giles County to keep our tax base. We are going to need more funding from the state level because it all can't come from the county level.

Ms. Maddy NHS Student School Board representative, stated that there is so much dedication to the music department at NHS and stated that the funding is greatly needed.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of yesterday is down 37 students. He is hoping that more individuals enroll.

Dr. Arbogast stated that today is the last day for the summer food program. As of Monday, we have served 7,230 children meals and 2,069 adult meals.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the love sculpture reveal/dedication is next Tuesday, August 21st at 2 p.m. and the first lady will be here next Wednesday to visit the love sculpture.

Dr. Arbogast stated that based on all preliminary information received from the state, we do anticipate that all 5 schools should be fully accredited again this year. Congratulations to our schools and staff members.

Dr. Arbogast distributed copies of the audit to board members.

Dr. Arbogast mentioned the Muddy ACCE Race – we are looking forward to having a great turnout.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the next compensation meeting is August 29th and 30th.

Dr. Arbogast thanked BB&T for sponsoring breakfast for new teacher orientation and Celco Community Credit Union for sponsoring lunch for them.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following student board representatives: Elena Maddy, Will Cecil, and Laura Gautier.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Contracts: Bryan Strader – GHS Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Heather Ursano – NHS Head Theatre Coach, Shanda Green – NHS Assistant Varsity Softball.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignations: Amber Jones (EEMS Assistant – 8/23/18).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment: Diana Smith – MMS Preschool Teacher, Sue Spicer – NEMS Assistant, Heather Albert- NEMS Assistant, Joe Tudor – GHS Cafeteria (2.5 Hours), Transfer of Gloria Hurt from MMS to GHS Math Teacher.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 4 – Protection of the Privacy of Individuals; Following discussion, Mrs. Guynn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Steele, with a second by Mr. Pennington 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

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele with second by Mr. Pennington and 3-2 voting (AYES: GUYNN, STEELE, PENNINGTON and NAYS: BALLARD, WILBURN) recommended that Dr. Arbogast send the email that was drafted on July 27th, 2018 at 3:39 P.M. to Chairman Marion Ballard outlining our response relating to the custodians with one alteration to the text that we strike the “i.e. – 180 days” and in addition, included in the motion, we rescind the vote made on May 17th, 2018 concerning the custodians. Also, included in the motion was language that was in the original agreement stating that “Custodians who work in school buildings managed by a principal employed by School Board shall be under the immediate supervision of the principal while students are present and attending school or

school functions. Immediate supervision includes the authority to assign custodial staff to work activities as necessary during the school day/function. Custodial staff, under direct supervision of the Principal will not be removed from the facility without notice to the building principal or his/her designee. Matters requiring disciplinary action against custodial staff shall be undertaken and managed by the County.”

Mr. Steele stated that he continues to get bombarded about what we are doing with our facilities moving forward. He doesn’t feel comfortable not knowing what condition our buildings are in. Mr. Steele made a motion that we request a minimum of \$75K with the possibility of going up to \$100K from the County/Board of Supervisors to adequately evaluate all of our facilities to know what we need/have going forward. He stated that this is not a consolidation study – this is to evaluate our buildings and take care of them. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilburn and there was 4-1 voting (AYES: BALLARD, WILBURN, PENNINGTON, STEELE NAYS: GUYNN).

Clerk of the Giles County School Board

Date

Dr. Arbogast welcomed the new teachers for their new teacher orientation.

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk