

February 6, 2018

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2018 in the School Administration Office Building. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. On motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, the agenda was approved.

The School Board and Dr. Arbogast talked about the upcoming budget. Dr. Arbogast stated that right now, he is proposing a reading specialist per elementary school, as well as more assistants for the elementary schools. He is also proposing to add an Assistant Principal to the elementary schools. He would also like to see our coaches' stipend increased. He discussed the 20% insurance increase that we will be facing. He explained that we have an insurance meeting set up for Monday to see if there are any other options out there. He stated as information that the state health plan did not move forward.

There was a discussion about the finish on the high school's gym floors. Board members stated that they were very slick and not in good shape. Dr. Arbogast is going to follow up with Mr. Mills to see what can be done to help with this issue.

Dr. Arbogast updated the board on the DOE facility study report. He stated that he has received a draft and it is currently being reviewed. After he and Mr. Franklin review it, he plans to send comments back to them and then they will send back the final copy.

There was a discussion on the GHS track. They did receive bids to fix the track from two companies. One was to cut out the inside lane, replace with new asphalt, seal it, and repaint the lines. The second was to add an 1/8" thick layer of latex track system and striping for 6 lanes. We need to determine whether the funding will be available to award the bid for this work.

There was a discussion on the status of the AEP location. Dr. Arbogast stated that he had spoken with Mr. Meredith and Mr. Meredith had spoken with his counsel. Mr. Meredith shared that since the conditional use permit was issued to Giles County, any revision of the permit would have to be discussed with the county.

Board members were reminded about the upcoming retreat days (February 8th & 15th).

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the lead testing within our schools. He stated that we are still testing and will continue to retest until all levels are below where they need to be.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, adjourned the work session.

Chairman

Clerk