

March 13, 2018

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2018 in the School Administration Office Building. Persons present were:

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

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.

School Board members met with Ms. Alexa Nash, multimedia journalist from VCU. She attended to discuss all the education challenges that school systems are facing, especially regarding the budget.

Next, Mrs. Christy Lawson attended to give board members an update on the food service program. She discussed the different types of breakfast options, including the new Fast Break, which has been great. She also discussed the different lunch options, as well as the new after school snack program. She informed board members that she has received a \$5K grant for summer food arts and crafts consumables, through No Kid Hungry. In addition, she has received an \$8,600 grant through the Virginia Department of Education to purchase a blast chiller at Narrows Elementary/Middle. She asked board members to look into retirement accounts for cafeteria employees. She would like to be able to do a TSA for them, with a 1% match to start off with.

Board members discussed school security. Dr. Arbogast discussed the current crisis management plans/concept that we have in place, as well as the school safety grants that we have received.

Dr. Arbogast informed board members that we still have not received the DOE report regarding the facilities study.

Board members discussed potential facilities upgrades/repairs and renovations needed at our schools. Mr. Steele is putting together some preliminary information and would like to send an RFP out to get quotes for an architectural firm to come in to see what actually needs to be done at our schools.

There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on March 22nd to discuss insurance information.

Board members discussed possible names of who they would like to recommend for the VSBA Honor Roll. They would like to have Chemical Lime, New River Health District and Celco Federal Credit Union for their support of our schools and the ACCE program.

Dr. Arbogast discussed a quote to purchase 5 new school buses through a lease purchase agreement. He also stated that we received information about the possibility of refinancing the loans from the renovations of the Giles Tech Center and Eastern Elementary/Middle School with literary funds.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the upcoming insurance meeting on March 19th at 1:00 p.m. He stated that he anticipates that we will be getting several different insurance proposals.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he and Mr. Ballard met with Sheriff Millirons last week and he is very adamant that he does not want the AEP kids at the new hospital site.

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Dr. Arbogast discussed a concern that he has received regarding the workers compensation policy. Board members agreed that they would like to keep the policy the way it is.

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

Chairman

Clerk