

October 9th, 2018

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 3:00 p.m. on October 9th, 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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

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, Paragraph 4: The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and Paragraph 2: Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system; Following discussion, Mr. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mrs. Guynn seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Pennington, with a second by Mrs. Guynn 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

School Board members discussed the upcoming budget meetings with the schools. The schedule was passed out to board members. Board members are hoping that some members of the Board of Supervisors are able to attend some of these.

Dr. Arbogast stated that there is an upcoming meeting with Chuck Clements/BPA to review the 1st quarter data for our health insurance plan. This will be held on October 18th at 10 a.m.

There was another discussion on the vaping policy. Dr. Arbogast has communicated to the administration to make sure they get the word out about electronic cigarettes not being on school grounds. Electronic cigarettes and vaping are included in the tobacco policy.

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Board members discussed the security gates at Giles High School. Dr. Arbogast stated that we are moving forward with this and the kids at the Tech Center are currently fabricating them.

There was a discussion again about the lift at Giles High School. Dr. Arbogast shared that we can use special education operating monies to purchase a new lift. This way, we will be ADA compliant.

Board members had a discussion about the track at Giles High School. Dr. Arbogast is going to talk to Mr. Bowles at Narrows High School to see if they would be interested in sharing the track at GHS, so we would at least have one track that meets VHSL standards. The plan is to wait to see if the county can help with funding.

There was a discussion regarding two School Board members meeting monthly with two Board of Supervisors members. Dr. Arbogast is going to speak to Mr. McKlarney to try to get a date set up.

Mr. Steele discussed a concern about the homecoming dance. When the students got in there, it was 96 degrees. He's not sure what happened and why the air conditioning did not get turned on. Dr. Arbogast is going to verify the process with our energy education individual regarding the heating and air in the buildings.

Mr. Steele also discussed the homecoming dance policy in regards to it being on a Friday or Saturday. Each school has their policy in their handbooks. He is also concerned about how much money is spent with dresses, hair, etc. and is worried that some may not be able to afford it. Board members discussed this and want to leave the policy as it is.

On motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk