

June 2nd, 2021

The Giles County School Board held a closed meeting/work session at 2:00 p.m. on June 2nd, 2021. A closed meeting was also held to discuss personnel matters. Persons present were:

Jason B. Buckland
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele, Chair
Mark A. Wilburn

Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II, Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Mustain, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the agenda, with the addition of the agenda that was sent out today from Mr. Steele to include more items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Mary Jane Guynn attended the meeting to speak under Public Comments. She discussed how she and several individuals were wanting to help promote a movie called "Priceless", which helps sex trafficking. She stated to give her a call if anyone was interested in helping

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Special – May 11th, 2021

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. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Lori Shannon – MMS Special Ed. Teacher (end 20-21), Kelley Laughlin – NHS Spanish Teacher (8/2/21), Brittany Greenlief – NHS Teacher Teacher (8/1/21)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Kevin Akers – GHS ARDT (21-22), Dakota Shrader – NHS CBI Teacher (21-22), Melissa Lively – GHS Guidance Counselor (21-22)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved policy recommendations as recommended by VSBA and Administration
4. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the delegate and alternate for the 2021 Annual Convention.

Mr. White, GTC Principal, attended the meeting to discuss further the proposed Early Childhood Education program at the Tech Center. After the last meeting, board members requested to get more additional information before they approved this new program. Mr. White is hopeful to have this new program going for the 22-23 school year. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved this new program.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the 21-22 budget to include operating and flow through in the amount of \$30,249,120.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the two football fields. He has talked to a gentleman that has agreed to talk to the principals about the maintenance and upkeep of the fields. He also discussed some used mowers that he has found and asked the board for their thoughts. Board members are asking for more information on the mowers, the number of hours on the mowers, etc. Dr. Arbogast will be checking into this.

Dr. Arbogast shared some quotes to fix the tennis courts at Giles High School. Depending on what's done, the prices range from either \$18k, \$41k, \$44k and \$56k. Board members would like to know if there are any other specialty groups that do this type of work to be able to get additional pricing.

Dr. Arbogast discussed a presentation that will occur on June 17th from Dave Ciccarelli with Solar Renewable Energy. He discussed information that will be shared in the presentation. Dr. Arbogast and Mr. Ross will meet with Mr. Ciccarelli on June 14th to discuss any more information before the presentation on the 17th.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following bid for refinishing Gym Floors (RFP 16-2021)? The only company that we had bid was Oliver Distributing. David did not bid on the high school floors (taking down to the bare wood). He does not have the equipment or man-power for that. He has agreed to come sand and finish the floors (same as in the past) just so we can have them done this summer.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the revised Literary Loan Resolution which has changes to the date, sites and amount of funds.

**Intent to Apply for Literary/VPSA Loan Funds for HVAC and Thermal Envelope Replacement at
Macy McClagherty School, Eastern Elementary/Middle School, Giles High School, and
Narrows High School**

WHEREAS, Giles County Public Schools is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Giles County Public Schools intends to apply for Literary and/or VPSA loan funding and pay certain expenditures in connection with the capital project; and

WHEREAS, Giles County Public Schools intends to begin scope and sequence work on said projects within 2 - 3 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Each expenditure will be of a type properly chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principals (determined in each case as of the date of the expenditure) and complies with all applicable Literary Fund regulations.

The maximum cost of the project is expected not to exceed \$7,500,000 for each school.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Dr. Arbogast shared that Mr. McKlarney reached out to let him know that Narrows may be losing their polling site. There may be a need to use Narrows High School as a site. The School Board is fine with using this site.

Dr. Arbogast gave board members a handout on the 18-19 carryover funding items. Once the track work is completed, this will finish out the 18-19 carryover funding. He also explained items that will be coming out of the 19-20 carryover funding. There were some items that were discussed for the Giles music department that they are requesting. Dr. Arbogast is going to add another line item to purchase some new equipment for the Giles music department.

Dr. Arbogast had a conversation with board members about the 2nd round of CARES/ESSER funds. He stated that the second round of CARES money will be approximately \$1.4 million. This money should be able to cover the HVAC needs/NEMS boiler project. He also discussed the 3rd round of CARES/ESSER funds and stated that our office will be working on this application to get it submitted. He is hopeful we can use more of this money for additional building upgrades. This funding could also help to cover summer school and reading specialists at the elementary schools.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. Following discussion, Mr. Buckland moved to go to regular session. Mrs. Guynn seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. The School Board, unanimously, certified that the meeting was in regards to personnel and conducted under section 2.2-3711.

VOTE Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Clerk of the Giles County School Board

Date

There was no action from closed session.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk