

June 30, 2022

The closeout meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:30 a.m. on June 30, 2022 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Jason B. Buckland
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

Mr. Buckland asked for a motion to amend the June 30th agenda to include discussion and consideration of the extension of the Superintendent's contract. The Board on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved this amendment to the agenda.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved an amended Superintendent's June 30, 2022 School Board Meeting Agenda to include discussion of the extension of the superintendent's contract.

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. Regular – April 21st, 2022
2. Regular – May 25th, 2022
3. Special – June 9th, 2022

B. Financial Data

1. Payroll – June 15th, June 30th and July/August Escrows
2. Revenue/Expenditure Reports – May 2022
3. Appropriation Request – July 2022 \$ 750,000

The following is the appropriation request for the month of July 2022. This is for the first month of the fiscal year 2022-2023. 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:	\$ 1,200,000
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
ESSR II Funding – HVAC Project at NEMS	\$ 244,071.15
	\$ 268,959.25
Total:	\$ 1,713,030.40

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. Pennington, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting (**Mr. Buckland abstained**), confirmed the following **Employment**: Brenda Metro – MMS Elementary Teacher (22-23), Melissa Martin – GHS Family/Consumer Science (22-23), Tashina Tickle – GHS Secretary (7/5/22), Jeannie Dudding – GHS Ag. Teacher (7/1/22), Verena Riley – Transfer from GHS to GTC Early Childhood Teacher (22-23 SY), Samantha Gilreath – GHS Special Education Teacher (22-23 SY), Jeff Turner – NEMS Teacher Assistant (22-23 SY), Transfer of Tanya Patteson from COVID nurse to NHS Nurse (22-23), Emily Buckland – GTC Drafting Teacher (22-23 SY)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations**: Tiffany Rhinehart – MMS Teacher Assistant (6/30/22), Adam Rhinehart – GTC ITRT (6/30/22), Leslie Hale – NHS Counselor (end 21/22 SY), Mel Wilcox – NHS Special Ed/AEP Teacher (6/21/22), Scottie Potter – EEMS/MMS Assistant Principal (6/30/22), Karyn Spade – NHS Music Teacher (6/28/22), Paul McIntyre – MMS Teacher Assistant (6/27/22)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Bid for School Calendars (2022-23) school year. The only bid received was from Wordsprint in Blacksburg. Prices are as follows:

3200 calendars and inserts

Calendars - \$4,181.35

Inserts - \$5,272.58

4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the rollover for Allied Instructional Services for 22-23 with pricing to remain the same. This will be the first of three one-year roll-overs.

5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the following changes from Carilion Giles Community Hospital Therapy for the 22-23 school year:

Therefore, we would like to propose the following increase:

PT: 4% increase to \$58.97

PTA: 4% increase to \$44.55

Mileage increase to the IRS rate of \$0.58 per mile.

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

C. Mr. Paul Hamner with Southern Air, attended the board meeting to discuss the installation of water softeners at each of our schools. He shared information about the different options that were available for installing water softeners at each of the schools and repairing the current water softener at Narrows Elementary/Middle School. He gave proposals to board members about costs for these systems as well as discussed, the Return on Investment for these softeners.

D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved Mr. Steele and Mr. Buckland to serve as delegate and alternate to the 2022 VSBA Annual Convention.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Board members thanked all the school system employees for all that they do. It's been a rough few years, but they are hopeful it is getting better.

Mr. Pennington congratulated all the sports teams this year for their accomplishments.

Mr. Pennington thanked the Board of Supervisors for working with them to help provide the raises for our staff. He is thankful for their working relationship.

Mrs. Guynn echoed the things that Mr. Pennington said.

Mrs. Guynn is looking forward to a new school year.

Mr. Wilburn thanked everyone in the room for all they do and also the Board of Supervisors. He stated that we all have one purpose and it is the kids.

Board members stated that they hope everyone has a good summer.

Mr. Buckland also thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support of the staff pay increases.

Mr. Steele stated that he wanted to remember Mr. Marion Ballard – he would have been very happy with this budget. He is glad we were able to carry this budget through.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to extend the Superintendent's contract. The motion was to terminate the Superintendent's contract, ending June 30th, 2022 and appoint him as Superintendent for a term of three years, beginning July 1st, 2022 and ending June 30th, 2025. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, voted to extend the Superintendent's contract until June 30th, 2025.

IN OTHER ACTION

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the June 16th minutes.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Giles County Public Schools is currently working with STRIDE to provide Virtual Instruction to Giles County Students, as well as students who do not reside in Giles County

WHEREAS, Giles County Public schools receives administrative fees from STRIDE, for the non-residential students receiving online virtual instruction through STRIDE

WHEREAS, Giles County Public Schools will be using these funds to cover additional assistant principals and teacher assistants at our elementary schools

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles County School Board understands that if we lose the administrative fees from STRIDE, then positions that are associated with this funding may no longer be able to be funded unless the school board is able to find additional funds in the school system budget.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the total operating and flow through budget amount of \$49,744,586. The reason this dollar amount is higher is we included the ESSER funds, Coronavirus funds and Stride funding. This budget is a significant investment in salary increases, particularly teachers. They are hopeful that it will help us to retain and attract new professional staff.

Dr. Arbogast discussed with the board the possibility to use NHS as a new polling place for the election in November and June. The consensus of the board is they are comfortable with using NHS.

Dr. Arbogast informed board members that the Sheriff's Dept. will be utilizing Giles High School to do some training.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the county is requesting buses again in August for River Clean Up Day like they have done before. The consensus of the board is to allow them to use the buses again.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he spoke to ZMM and they are going to put back out the bid for the GHS auditorium upgrades.

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

Chairman

Clerk