

January 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2023 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
Michael Brown, Director of Operations
Lisa G. Mustain, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Arbogast.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's January 19, 2023 School Board Meeting Agenda.

2023 ORGANIZATION

Mr. Pennington nominated Mr. Steele for Chairman. Second was made by Mr. Wilburn. The voting for Mr. Steele was unanimous. Mr. Steele abstained.

Mr. Pennington nominated Mr. Buckland for Vice-Chairman. Second was made by Mrs. Guynn. Voting for Mr. Buckland is unanimous. Mr. Buckland abstained.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 PM and 6 PM and will alternate every month.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, appointed Amanda Tickle as School Board Clerk for 2023. The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved Terry Arbogast as the Deputy Clerk for 2023. Voting was unanimous.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, nominated Mrs. Mustain as the Superintendent's designee for 2023. Voting was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Tanya Patteson, School Nurse at NHS, attended the meeting to discuss PEMF Therapy. She stated that "Pulsed Electromagnetic Frequency, PEMF is a natural healing of the body from the inside out. It helps rebuild and repair nerves, tendons, muscle and ligaments, reduces body pain and inflammation, increases energy and circulation in the area, faster injury recovery time (up to half), increases cellular flexibility, range of motion and oxygenation and improves injury prevention. It helps your cells be better cells. As a PEMF practitioner my goal is to manage wellness. It is FDA approved for a lay person to manage wellness, strains, sprains, edema, acute/chronic swelling and pain. PEMF cannot be used if the individual is pregnant, has a pacemaker, history of seizures, organ transplant, immune system controlled or suppressed, insulin pump or A1C monitor. The individual will stay fully clothed and needs to be well hydrated. Since NHS does not have an athletic trainer to work on our injured athletes, I would like to offer this to our students to aid them with injuries and recovery, in addition to the treatments the coaches may provide. For example: ankle injuries, back pain, pitcher arms, tennis elbow, etc. I wanted to show the coaches how PEMF works and could help so I treated two of our athletes that had an ankle injury. They were children of a colleague and friend. Coach Lowe had heard of PEMF and is excited that this may be a possibility for our kids. I am here to ask for approval to use this on my NHS athletes and ask for compensation for my services, because this is not in my job duties as the school nurse. Thank you for your time and consideration in this possibility for our NHS athletes."

The board would like this to be discussed at the next work session.

Ms. Emily Clehm attended the meeting to discuss some consolidation questions with the School Board. She appreciates the board

stating that they wanted to do what's best for the kids. She discussed other questions that she has thought of in the event that consolidation occurs. She thinks that if they would get all of their facts and figures all together and present it to the public, it would help everyone to understand it better. She also stated that this is all about the student's academics and not just sports.

Mrs. Tonya Martin attended the meeting to also discuss consolidation. She stated she is very concerned about the decisions of consolidation. For several years, she had the privilege to work at several of our schools. She is very aware that we have a lot of students that need one on one attention. If consolidation happens, many of these students will lose that personal one on one attention. She has family that has personally been affected by consolidation. Other concerns she has is the athletic program – she stated that studies that been shown that with consolidation, many students that have been playing will no longer make the team. She discussed other student's concerns if they are no longer to make a sports team. She expressed her concern about the possibility of job loss with consolidation. She would like to see every student in Giles County receive the best education possible.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. **Meeting Minutes**
 - 1. Regular – November 22nd
 - 2. Special – December 8th, 2022
 - 3. Regular – December 15th, 2022
- B. **Financial Data**
 - 1. Payrolls to include December 15th, December 20th and January 13th
 - 2. Payment of Bills
 - 3. December 2022 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
 - 4. Field Trips
 - 5. Surplus
 - 6. Appropriation Request for February 2023
 - TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
 - FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
 - RE: February 2023 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of February 2023. This is for the eighth 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:	2,650,000.00
(Operating + Flow-thru)	
ESSR III - NEMS HVAC	\$ 31,763.25
Total:	\$ 2,681,763.25

This request is one-twelfth of the operating budget and includes the anticipated monthly expenditures in the flow-thru account. Our year to date appropriation and expenditures are contained in the monthly summary. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.
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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. Wilburn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Employment**: Tiffany Helton – Transfer from NHS Assistant to Special Education Teacher (1/3/23)
 - 2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the

following **Retirement**: Deb Parcell – EEMS Teacher Assistant (1/31/23)

3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements**: Leslie Sharp – GHS Chorale
- B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the updated VSBA policy services agreement for one year, with an option to renew at the same price through January 31, 2024.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the 2023 VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Dr. Arbogast stated that our enrollment as of today is 2,194. This is 2,186 in person and 8 virtual in county. This is a decrease of 6 from December. Also, we have 1,227 STRIDE students for a total of 3,421.

Dr. Arbogast stated that VHSL sent out the Fall 2022 Sportsmanship Honor Roll. Congratulations to NHS & GHS for being recognized on this list.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we are working on two calendar drafts right now. It will be sent to each calendar representative to get feedback from their schools. Once we have a consensus, it will be brought back to the board for approval.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the “Thank a Teacher Contest.” This is sponsored by the Virginia Lottery.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated two individuals for being named to the 2022 Class 1 All State Football Team. They are as follows: NHS – Kollier Pruett and NHS – Carson Crigger. Also, Kollier Pruett was named offensive unit – second team all-state (kick returner) and Carson Crigger was named defensive unit – second team all-state (punt returner).

Dr. Arbogast gave the board an update on the governor’s school. He visited RU last Thursday, NRCC yesterday and will visit WCC next Friday. Some decisions will need to be made soon to where governor’s school will be held next year.

Dr. Arbogast reminded everyone that next Thursday, January 26th is a school day and Friday, January 27th is a teacher workday.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he, Mrs. Mustain and Dr. Brown met with ZMM last week and had a productive conversation about the 3 options for school configurations that the board is considering. He anticipates that we will have more information to share with them that will help them provide more guidance on which options you want more information on.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the current NEMS and upcoming MMS HVAC projects. He had a conversation with Mr. McKlarney today about guidance on applying for the literary loan fund and the school construction grant. There was also conversation with bond counsel and DOE to get their thoughts as well. He wants to make sure it is okay to submit the application for the literary loan fund, as well as the school construction grant. The literary loan application is due by February 10th.

Dr. Arbogast asked board members whether they wanted to continue with the School Board Retreat. The consensus of the board is to continue with this again this year. The dates for this are February 9th and 16th and will be all day on both days.

Mr. Pennington thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening. He also thanked all staff that works in the school system.

Mr. Pennington congratulated all of the Teachers of the Year and wished Mrs. Moye luck in her next level of competition.

Mr. Pennington congratulated the NHS football players on their all state achievements.

Mr. Wilburn also echoed what Mr. Pennington said.

Mr. Buckland also echoed the other board members.

Mr. Buckland commended the Teacher of the Year candidates and thanked everyone who put together the reception.

Mr. Buckland also commended the NHS football players and stated it was an honor to coach them.

Mr. Buckland stated that it has been a great year and he hopes that will continue.

Mr. Steele also commended all of our staff for taking care of our kids.

Mr. Steele also thanked individuals who choose to be volunteers for our school system.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the suspension of employee #001-2998 without pay for 5 days.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreement: Mallory Lucas – GHS Athletics.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in conjunction with the School Board retreat.

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

Chairman

Clerk