

March 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:30 p.m. on March 18, 2021 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. The School Board retreat began at 8:00 a.m. that morning. Principals met with School Board members to discuss concerns and positives about each of their schools. Persons present were:

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

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Lisa G. Mustain, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's March 18, 2021 School Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – February 18th, 2021
2. Special – February 4th, 2021

B. Financial Data

1. Payment of Bills
2. Payroll – February 26 and March 15
3. February 2021 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Confirmation of Surplus Items
5. Appropriation Request for April 2021

TO: Christopher McKlarney
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: April 2021 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of April 2021. This is for the tenth month of the fiscal year 2020-2021. 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:	\$ 2,140,000.00
(Operating + Flow-thru)	

Total:	\$ 2,140,000.00
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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.

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 **Volunteer Agreements:** Alyssa Smith – NHS Volleyball, Megan Metro – GHS Volleyball
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following **Leave of Absence:** Amaris Meredith – MMS Teacher (for the 21-22 school year)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following

Athletic Coaching Contracts: Debbie Lusk –Winter Head Cheer BBall

- B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the 21-22 school calendar as designed by the calendar committee.
- C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the 2021-2022 CTE Plan and budget for the federal Perkins grant.
- D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved graduation dates as follows: June 3rd – GHS @ 7:00 p.m. and June 4th – NHS @ 7:00 p.m. The rain date for GHS will be Saturday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m. Also, Dr. Arbogast recommended that the last day of school be Thursday, June 3rd, which will be a full day. Dr. Arbogast shared information with board members about mandatory graduation requirements from the governor. These will be coming out officially at a later date.
- E. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the Educational Technology Resolution.

CONFIRMATION OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE GILES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE GRANTS MADE BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE AND/OR TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, GILES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, (the “Division”) is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Division has paid, beginning no earlier than March 18, 2021 and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures (the “Expenditures”) in connection with the capital project (the “Project”), as more fully described in Appendix A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County School Board of the Division (the “Board”) has determined that the money {previously advanced no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof and} to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures are available only for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the Division for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more grants to be made by the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “Grants”) from the proceeds of its tax exempt equipment notes (the “Notes”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby declares the Division’s intent to reimburse the Division with the proceeds of the Grants for the Expenditures with respect to the Project made on and after March 18, 2021, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The Division reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the grants.

Section 2. Each Expenditure {was and} will be of a type properly chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure).

Section 3. The maximum cost of the Project is expected to be \$180,000.

Section 4. The Division will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the Division that evidences the Division’s use of proceeds of the Grants to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The Division recognizes that exceptions are available for certain “preliminary expenditures,” costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by “small issuers” (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure” and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2021.

COMMENTS

Mr. Pennington thanked all of GCPS employees for everything they have done during this pandemic.

Mr. Pennington also thanked Mr. Gautier and NEMS for treating him to lunch during school board appreciation month. It was great seeing the teachers and students.

Mr. Pennington commended Kelsey Lucas – GHS Basketball coach for taking her team to the second round of regions.

Mr. Wilburn thanked everyone for keeping the ball rolling this school year.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he enjoyed his visit to EEMS for school board appreciation month. He shared a video that the teachers and students made for him. It was such a wonderful experience!!

Mr. Buckland stated that he had a great meal and visit at NHS for School Board Appreciation Month.

Mr. Buckland congratulated Coach Williams on his 100th win!

Mr. Buckland thanked Dr. Arbogast, Mrs. Mustain, Mr. Hollar and Mr. White for doing a great job with the governor's visit.

Mr. Buckland commended the NHS English MACC team for winning the regular season and finishing 2nd in Super MACC to Blacksburg.

Mr. Buckland commended Logan Green for making 2nd team all-state in basketball. Also, Abby McGlothlin received 4th in state in shot put. Kelly Lowe also received his 4th state Pioneer district title. It is great to see the kids have a little bit of normalcy.

Mr. Buckland also commended all the school employees for doing a great job during a tough year.

Mr. Steele thanked the Giles Tech Center and Giles High School for doing a great job with the governor's visit.

Mr. Steele thanked Giles High School for a great visit for School Board Appreciation Month.

Mr. Steele stated that we are looking at improvements at some of the schools with HVAC, GHS track, boiler at NEMS, etc.

Mr. Steele commended the GHS Girls Basketball players. Ashlynn Mitcham got 1st team all-District, Karsyn Reed and Gracie Merrixx got 2nd team all-district, Karsyn got 1st team for region 2C tournament team and then Gracie got 2nd team region 2c tournament team.

Mr. Steele stated that the volleyball team is doing great. He commended Brad Whitehead for his support for volleyball.

Mr. Steele discussed the swim team and commended Ben Hart for being a state champion on the swim team. Ben discussed the experience he has had with the swim team.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Madison Lilly for her 2021 Science Consortium Awards at the Governor's School. She received 1st Place in Psychology. Good luck to her as she moves forward.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of March 17th is 2,236. We currently have 522 full time virtual students.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated our spelling bee winners from each school. They are as follows: Andrew Meredith – Narrows High, Ian Pollock – Narrows Elem/Middle, Evan McDonald – Macy McClaugherty, Joanna Jackson – Eastern Elem/Middle and George Black – Giles High School. Congratulations to Joanna Jackson for winning the county wide spelling bee. Thanks to all the individuals that helped to coordinate the Spelling Bee.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the students who placed in the Virginia State HOSA Leadership Conference. They are as follows: Emma Tawney and Patience Joyce – 3rd place in Health Education, Chloe Smith – 3rd place in Research Poster, Megan Smith – 2nd place in Health Photography, Brittany Mills – 3rd place in Nutrition Test, Matthew Gillespie – 1st place in Medical Math, Emily Parsons – 2nd place in Pharmacology, Jessica Williams – 1st place in Nutrition, Crystal Kawase and Laken Lilly – 1st place in Medical Innovation, Crystal Kawase – 4th place in Terminology Test and Laken Lilly – 1st place in Behavioral Health Test.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the winners for the New River Region FBLA Competitive Event. They are as follows:

1st place – Lola Campbell- Giles High School Business Law, Annalia Hash/Leigha Mignogna – Giles High School Entrepreneurship, Maggie Long – Giles High School Health Care Administration, Kadin Martin – Giles High School Help Desk, Kaylee Hopkins – Giles High School International Business, Abigail Mitchem – Giles High School Journalism, Sara Brown – Giles High School Management Decision Making, Jackson Parks and Alexis Truelove – Giles High School Marketing, Robert Whitlock – Giles High School Sports and Entertainment Management.

2nd place – Braylyn Minnick – Giles High School Advertising, Kelly Galitz – Giles High School Business Communication, James Anton – Giles High School Business Law, Bethany Cox and Zoe Davis – Giles High School Hospitality Management, Destinee Crotty – Giles High School Insurance and Risk Management, Madison Wright – Giles High School Journalism.

3rd place – Haileigh Osborne – Giles High School Economics, Caden Evans – Giles High School Introduction to Business.

Dr. Arbogast thanked the Giles County Farm Bureau Federation for their \$2K donation to the Ag Land Lab. This is greatly appreciated and will be beneficial.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the visit from the Governor and Secretary of Education. It was nice to have them visit and provide the opportunity for them to see examples of what is going on in our school system.

Dr. Arbogast commended individuals that placed in the GHS swim state competition. Ben Hart placed 5th in the 500 freestyle and won the 200 yard freestyle state championship. Scotty Mahaney places sixth in 200 yard individual medley. For the girls state swim results, Odessa Farrier placed 11th in 100 yard breaststroke. The Giles girls 400 yard relay team consisting of Abbie White, Sara Brown, Odessa Farrier and Annalia Hash placed 5th.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the NHS English MACC advanced to the finals of Super MACC with a 70-20 victory over Graham. They lost a nail biter to Blacksburg in the finals. Congratulations to them on a successful season!!

Dr. Arbogast congratulated Logan Green for being selected to the VHSCA All State 2nd team in Basketball.

Mr. Steele gave an update on the Region VII Virtual Academy. He and Dr. Arbogast have been participating with the consortium and were able to hire an executive director recently. In addition, quotes were received from 3 different virtual providers. The executive director will be making her rounds to all of the Region VII school divisions. This partnership with the virtual providers will allow our teachers to get back to in person instruction and not have the virtual piece.

IN OTHER ACTION...

1. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following bid for a CNC Plasma Cutting Machine for the GCTC?

Techno CNC Systems - \$34,070 (**DID NOT MEET BID SPECIFICATIONS**)

Arc3 Gases - \$37,049.05

Dominion Air & Machine - \$39,020

Airgas - \$41,653.27

The bid will be awarded to Arc3 Gases. Techno CNC Systems bid did not meet the bid specifications as stated above.

2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the following rollover of RFP #4-2018 (Maintenance of School Elevators & Lifts). The bid is currently with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation. This will be the first year of three possible one-year rollovers. Prices will remain the same.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk