

## June 30, 2021

The closeout meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:30 a.m. on June 30, 2021 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. A closed meeting was held. 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

The Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's June 30, 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. Special – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**B. Financial Data**

1. Payroll – May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup> and July/August Escrows
2. Title Grants
3. Gifted Plan
4. Revenue/Expenditure Reports – May 2021
5. Appropriation Request – July 2021      \$ 750,000

### 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 **Employment:** Donna Sanderson – EEMS Cafeteria (21-22), Keisha Jeffrey – MMS Special Education Teacher (21/22), Bobby Buchanan – Central District Driver (21-22)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations:** Matthew Blevins – GHS Math Teacher (6/22/21)

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

C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the updated lease agreement (to reflect date changes) between New River Community Action and the Giles County School Board.

### COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the summer program attendance.

Dr. Arbogast recognized some nursing department students and staff for receiving awards at the HOSA International event and congratulated them on this special recognition. They are as follows:

Crystal Kawase and Laken Lilly – 5<sup>th</sup> place in Medical Innovations – Postsecondary  
Heidi Sizemore – Award of Merit – Outstanding Postsecondary Advisory

Dr. Arbogast stated that in regards to the facilities study, the board received the responses back on the life cycle cost analysis information. He has asked for some dates and times to meet again with the facilities committee and will share those as soon as he has an update.

Dr. Arbogast stated that they have went out again to see whether the new drain that was talked about near the GHS track needed to be installed. County employees went out and smoke tested the drains and those are all connected and it does exit out near the Goodwill building. They are still going to need to put a line in front of the home bleachers because the sidewalk needs to be raised to be even with the new track so it doesn't cause any ponding issues.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on Virginia School Screening Testing for Assurance Program (VISTA). Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Education are partnering to launch a program intended to be used as another mitigation strategy moving into the school year. This is a voluntary testing program.

Mr. Pennington thanked all the staff for the work they have done this year! Everyone has done an excellent job with the situation we have been in.

Mr. Pennington congratulated all the sports teams at the schools for their accomplishments!

Mr. Pennington thanked the School Board members for all of their hard work this past year.

Mrs. Guynn also thanked everyone for doing their part and getting through the year. Also, thanks to everyone who has volunteered to do summer school.

Mrs. Guynn thanked all the individuals who are helping with the summer food program.

Mr. Wilburn expressed a concern about how we are losing too many personnel to other localities due to the money. He stated that he wished we would have addressed it during this budget year.

Mr. Buckland thanked all the individuals for getting through this past school year. It was a lot on everyone this school year.

Mr. Buckland congratulated Narrows on 7 district championships, 2 region c runner ups, 3 region c championships and one state runner up. Also, congratulations to Giles on their accomplishments.

Mr. Buckland stated that we recognize we have work to do, but we will do what we can.

Mr. Steele shared that he was very impressed with the Tech Center and Giles High graduations. He stated that he just cannot say enough about our Tech Center program. He also commends all the staff for working with our kids.

Mr. Steele stated that people are amazed that we are dedicated to doing summer school.

Mr. Steele also shared that he has talked to principals about being able to retain staff. The board will continue to work on this for our staff.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington 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. Mr. Wilburn 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

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Clerk of the Giles County School Board

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Date

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, voted to extend the Superintendent's contract. The motion was to terminate the Superintendent's contract, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and appoint him as Superintendent for a term of three years, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**IN OTHER ACTION**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment of Ellie Burnett – EEMS Elementary Teacher (21-22), Christina Collins – EEMS Teacher Assistant (21-22), Amber Skidmore – EEMS Teacher Assistant (21-22), Renee Law – EEMS Teacher Assistant (21-22), Shelly Boggess – GHS Principal (7/1/21).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Buckland, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following textbook adoption for K-12 science:

Grades K-2 Five Ponds Press  
Grades 3-7 STEMscopes Virginia  
8th Physical Science: SAVVAS Elevate Science  
Earth Science: VA Discovery Science  
Biology: Miller Levine SAVVAS  
Chemistry: SAVVAS: Virginia Experience/ Pearson Chemistry  
Biology 2: Holes Essentials of Human Anatomy McGraw Hill  
Ecology: Pearson / SAVVAS Ecology  
Environmental Science: STEMscopes

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved the following  
Surplus: Building Tech Program  
Rockwell Scroll Saw  
Model # 40-440  
Serial # DT9440

Drafting Program  
Apollo Horizon 2 overhead projector  
6 - Soldering irons - no brand is listed  
15 Steelcase chairs  
HP3400C scanner

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Buckland and unanimous voting, approved a new CTE Course Application for Leadership Development.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk