

April 13th, 2021

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on April 13th, 2021. 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, Clerk
Lisa Mustain, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Board members welcomed Amy Forsyth-Stephens from Community Health Center to discuss the in-school clinic proposal presentation that was discussed at the last work session. The Community Health Center would like to house a school-based clinic at Giles High School. Federal grant funds would be used to support the operation of a new school-based site within Giles High School. The grant would provide \$200K per year to the community health center to operate this service site. It is projected that 600 additional new patients will be served at this school-based site each year. Medical and dental services will be provided on site in a dedicated 815 square foot clinic space within Giles High School, with rent, phone, and utilities provided in-kind by Giles County Public Schools. The site would be open during school hours and available to students and faculty/staff at all schools. The consensus of the board is to have Dr. Arbogast sign the agreement and send back to Mrs. Forsyth-Stephens.

Dr. Arbogast give board members an update on the proposed 21-22 budget. He is proposing a 5% salary increase for all employees on their base salaries. After doing this, he did the salary scales for the classifications. Mr. Steele stated that Mrs. Glover did a good job discussing salary increases for her nurses during the budget meetings. He asked the other board members their thoughts on this. Dr. Arbogast stated that as of now, we won't have to ask for anything from the county. Mrs. Glover come up to have a discussion with board members regarding salaries for her nurses. Included in the budget is a new 11-month assistant principal position to be shared with the 3 elementary schools. As far as athletics, Dr. Arbogast has included \$4,600 in the budget for GHS Robotics, Swimming and the Scholastic Bowl. He also included \$1,000 in the budget for NHS Robotics. Also, upgrades to MMS HVAC, air units for computer labs, water softeners, etc. Dr. Arbogast stated that work on the football fields will come out of carry over money. He also has received quotes from the high schools regarding a mower.

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

Dr. Arbogast stated that he would be asking for approval at the next board meeting for a one time waiver of the exam exemption policy requirement (the attendance portion) for this year.

Mrs. Lawson talked to the board about her cafeteria employees and the work that she was doing on the salary scales for employees due to the minimum wage increase. Dr. Arbogast and Mrs. Lawson discussed CEP and stated that they are being told they would have to offer this to Macy. The general assembly passed a law and stated that if a school is eligible, then it must be offered. A waiver will be out on May 1st. Money could be lost by offering CEP and those funds can't come out of

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school nutrition – they would have to come out of the regular budget.

Dr. Arbogast discussed putting up a safety net/fence on the baseball field. He stated that it was a safety measure due to the sun shining off of the new metal roof of the concession stand and it shines right at first base. They would put a higher fence up and put mesh on it. The cost of this would be approximately \$3K. Board members will discuss this further.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the lift at the garage needs to be replaced. The price of this would be \$60K with maintenance getting it prepared for the new lift. Carry over funds will be used to pay for this.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we have to submit a waiver to DOE for the 180 days of school; however, a superintendent's memo was sent out last week to calculate the hours from this school year. This will need to be submitted to DOE to get it processed.

Mrs. Glover stated that she has scheduled the first student vaccine clinic for May 6th. This is a collaboration with the health department, Carilion and our nurses will also be helping to give the vaccine.

There was a discussion on getting the project started at NEMS with the boiler/HVAC system. Dr. Arbogast will talk with John Ross to see how the conversation with T&L went and see if we can get things moving with this.

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

Chairman

Clerk