June 29, 2018

A special meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:30 a.m. on June 29, 2018 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. No closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Stephen M. Steele
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's June 29, 2018 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the School Board, the following individuals/groups were recognized:

1. New River Health District

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes
   1. Special – June 14th, 2018

B. Financial Data
   1. Payroll – June 29th, July and August Escrow
   2. Bills
   3. May Revenue/Expenditure Report
   4. Appropriation Request – July 2018 ($2,369,951.67)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:

   1. Employment: Transfer of Julie Sargent from MMS 1st Grade Teacher to Title I Teacher (18-19), Rebecca Stephens – GHS Math Teacher (18-19), Brad Whitehead – GHS Business Teacher (18-19)


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

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mrs. Guynn stated that the GHS and NHS graduations went well!

Mrs. Guynn stated that for her first 6 months in with the kids, she has really enjoyed everything!

Mr. Pennington also stated that the graduations went well.

Mr. Pennington congratulated Jocelyn Midkiff (shot put), the boys’ soccer team and the NEMS archery team for their accomplishments.
Mr. Steele echoed what the other board members said about graduation, sports and end of year.

Mr. Steele stated that he would like to continue to keep the energy behind the compensation committee.

Mr. Steele wants to thank our teachers again for everything they do!

Mr. Wilburn stated that the graduations went well. The scholarship amounts were awesome.

Mr. Wilburn expressed his concern to have an AED present at all sporting events, including practices.

Mr. Wilburn discussed the process for students who have felony charges.

Mr. Ballard expressed his condolences to the Buckland and Whitehead families.

Mr. Ballard congratulated all the graduates this year!

Mr. Ballard thanked Barbara Perkins for all she has done with the new insurance.

Mr. Ballard congratulated all the sports teams this year.

Mr. Ballard discussed the custodians and stated that he and Terry met with John and Jessie regarding the transfer of them back to the school side. There were concerns about whether we would get our equipment back that was previously at our schools. Dr. Arbogast thinks that September 1st, instead of July 1 would make better sense to take the employees back over because the custodians already have their summer work schedules. Board members asked if all principals wanted our custodians back. Dr. Arbogast stated that he assumed they would, but has not spoken to each of them separately. Board members also had a couple other questions regarding the total amount set aside for supplies and how the supplies would be purchased, etc.

Mr. Steele asked when we would know how many children we have coming in to make sure we are good on space. Dr. Arbogast stated that we wouldn’t know for sure until after the first day of school. Mr. Steele expressed his concerns regarding making sure we have enough space.

Dr. Arbogast discussed a workshop on closing the achievement gap in Richmond on July 23rd and 24th, 2018. He and Mr. Franklin will be attending already.

Dr. Arbogast stated that as of June 8th, enrollment is 2368.

Dr. Arbogast stated that looking at preliminary SOL scores, we would anticipate that all 5 schools would be fully accredited.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we received the Farm to School implementation grant from the USDA for 18-19 in the amount of $54K to build 2 high tunnels that will allow us to grow berries year round.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we did receive the National School Shield Grant in the amount of $13K to be used to purchase and install 25 person station stop the bleed kits at 7 sites.

Dr. Arbogast stated that back in April, DOE conducted a desk audit of our VPI+ program. We received work that our VPI+ program and activities met the federal requirements.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the summer lunch program is going well. Two weeks ago, a record was set for the most children served in the 6 year history. There were 333 kids served on June 14th.

Dr. Arbogast stated that contracts went out on Tuesday to all employees. Insurance cards were also mailed out within the last week.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated all of the athletic teams this year for their accomplishments!

Dr. Arbogast congratulated all of the new graduates!

**IN OTHER ACTION**
The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved additional policy revisions as recommended by Administration.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved additional payables.

The School Board discussed recognition for the VSBA Media Honor Roll. They decided to recognize Amelia with the Virginian Leader and Alexa Nash.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the flow through/operating amount of $28,404,062 and revenue operating budget is $24,986,834 with the county funding being $7,477,117 (this does include the $127,000 new money for the increased local match).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 16th at 7:30 a.m.

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

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Chairman                                    Clerk