July 31, 2019

A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 2:00 PM on July 31st, 2019 in the School Administration Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss recommendation for expulsion on a GHS student. A work session followed the expulsion hearing. The following individuals were present:

Marion A. Ballard (Work Session Only)
Melissa R. Guynn
Phillip A. Pennington
Mark A. Wilburn
Stephen M. Steele

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle
Shelly Boggess, GHS Asst. Principal
Officer Stacy Gillispie, GHS SRO
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent (Work Session Only)

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Guynn.

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 2 – Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any Virginia public institution of higher education or any state school system. Following discussion, Mr. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mrs. Guynn, with a second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, the following Certification of the closed meeting was certified.

WHEREAS, the Giles School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Giles School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which certification applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE    Ayes: 4   Nays: 0

Clerk of the Giles County School Board   Date

Following closed session, the Superintendent recommended that the student case # 6002722 be expelled based upon the recommendation of Giles High School. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation.

School Board members then began a work session.

Dr. Arbogast discussed upcoming dates with board members to include the New Teacher Orientation and visitors for the summer lunch program.

Dr. Arbogast discussed the VSBA Annual Convention to see which board members would be attending. At this time, Mr. Steele and Mr. Ballard will be attending. Mrs. Tickle will get them registered for the conference in November.

Dr. Arbogast informed board members of the January 27th teacher work day and stated that it is also Lobby Day in Richmond. Teachers going will have the opportunity to attend and fill out professional leave forms for approval.

Mr. Ballard had a discussion about starting the forums at the schools again. He would like for a couple board members to go to the schools to be available for staff to share concerns with or visit the classrooms.
Dr. Arbogast put together the list of items/needs for the school system that the board members discussed at the last work session. He also shared information about potential carry over money. They are anticipating approximately $410K in carry over money. The list of needs for the school system that was discussed at last month’s work-session included the front end control boards at GHS, lift at GHS, track at GHS, phone system upgrades (MMS & EEMS), facility review and replace Alerton controls at GHS, which totals approximately $348K. It was discussed that some parking lots need to be sealed, but some need new asphalt. Also, roofs need to be addressed as well and gym floors for next summer. It was discussed that the facility review would probably be approximately $150K, instead of $100K. Also, they want to add the amount to seal the parking lots, which would be about $12K. Dr. Arbogast is going to update the needs of school system worksheet and give it to Mr. McKlarney. Board members stated that the purpose of the facility review is to figure out the needs of our facilities so they can prioritize needs.

Board members had a discussion about the combined teacher assistant/bus driver job description. A copy of the job description was provided to board members for their review.

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

Chairman

Clerk