June 27, 2019

The closeout meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 2:00 p.m. on June 27, 2019 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. A closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

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

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent  
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk  
Richard R. Franklin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's June 27, 2019 School Board Meeting Agenda.

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. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Wilburn, 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

Following closed session, the School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, 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 30th, 2019 and appoint him as Superintendent for a term of four years, beginning July 1st, 2019 and ending June 30th, 2023. There was also verbiage changed to section 6 regarding the evaluation of the Superintendent and it was changed to annual evaluation. In addition, creditable compensation to VRS was clarified per the auditors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes
   1. Special – June 12th, 2019

B. Financial Data
   1. Payroll – June 28th, July and August Escrow
   2. Surplus
   3. Title Grants
   4. Gifted Plan
   5. Appropriation Request – July 2019  2,388,792.67

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. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Employment: Amy Wheeler – SBO Special Education Secretary (7/1/19), Amanda Mountain – EEMS Guidance Counselor (19-20), Transfer of Lauren Merrix from MMS to NEMS Elem. Teacher (19-20)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Resignations: Carolyn Ballard – GHS Guidance (6/27/19). Meghan Dove – GHS Agriculture Teacher (6/30/19), Sarah Brackenrich (SLP)

COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mr. Ballard commended the summer food program at Narrows High School! Thanks to Christy and her staff!

Mr. Ballard stated that we are being recognized from DOE for an Exemplar Performance School Award (NHS & GHS). Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

Mr. Ballard commended all the spring sports teams at NHS & GHS for their achievements!

Mr. Pennington also commended all the spring sports teams and individuals for their achievements!

Mr. Pennington asked if we could recognize the students that have perfect scores on their SOLs. Dr. Arbogast is going to work on sending letters to those students who earned a perfect score on their SOL test.

Mr. Wilburn commended Jacoby Wilson for getting to play in the All Star Baseball game!

Mr. Steele stated that it was great that some of our staff/teachers are willing to take up the offer to work over the summer to get some of our schools deep cleaned.

Mr. Steele stated that he wanted to continue to put energy into putting some work into our facilities. He would like to discuss it more at the July work session.

Dr. Arbogast also mentioned the exemplar performance school awards to GHS & NHS. Congratulations to those schools!

Dr. Arbogast stated that in the first week, there were 1,482 meals served to children and 752 meals to adults. Last year, we served 10,001 meals in 9 weeks.

Dr. Arbogast informed board members about 4 of our buses being used at the end of August for River Clean up.

IN OTHER ACTION

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignation: Hannah Musser – SLP Assistant (7/1/19).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Transfer of Jeanine Gentry from MMS to GHS Bus Position (19-20).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment: Sharon Opeka – Special Ed Teacher (19-20).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved bills to date.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Friday, 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.

Chairman                                    Clerk