November 5th, 2019

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on November 5th, 2019. Board members viewed a webinar at 12:00 p.m. that was held by the Virginia School Board Association. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard, Chairman (via telephone)  Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Melissa R. Guynn  Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk
Phillip A. Pennington  Rick Franklin, Assistant Superintendent
Stephen M. Steele  Mr. John Mills
Mark A. Wilburn  Mr. John Ross
Mr. John Lawson

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the recommendation to allow Mr. Ballard to participate electronically (via telephone) due to health issues.

An updated facilities scope was given to everyone. There were only a few grammatical errors that were changed, along with a new revisions date. The committee reviewed each section and made additional changes. The facilities assessment will include the following locations: Eastern Elementary/Middle School, Macy McClaughtery Elementary/Middle School, Narrows Elementary/Middle School, Giles High School, Narrows High School, Giles Tech Center and the School Board Office. The committee then went through the Scope of Work, Facilities Survey, Facilities Conditions Assessment to include a lengthy discussion on ADA requirements, and other items that they would like outlined and included in the assessment.

The next discussion was regarding the 3 architects that the School Board had discussed. The committee discussed the 3 firms that they have on the current term contract. The architectural firms are Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates, Oliver, Webb, Pappas and Rhudy and Thompson & Litton. The consensus of the committee was to try CRA and get a quote from them. Dr. Arbogast will be in contact with them to make sure they are interested in this project.

The School Board then had a discussion on the Student Athlete Drug Testing policy and things that they may want to change in the policy. It was decided that they would continue the conversation at a later date.

Board members left the meeting without adjourning, so Mr. Steele, Mr. Ballard (by telephone) and Mr. Pennington resumed the meeting on November 6th to adjourn the meeting. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, adjourned the work session from November 5th.

Chairman                                   Clerk