January 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 2019 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard (Electronic)  
Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent  
Melissa R. Guynn 
Amenda J. Tickle, Clerk  
Phillip A. Pennington  
Stephen M. Steele  
Mark A. Wilburn  

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Arbogast.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved for Mr. Ballard to attend by electronic means due to a personal matter (Doctor’s appointment).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's January 16, 2019 School Board Meeting Agenda.

2019 ORGANIZATION

Mr. Wilburn nominated Mr. Ballard for Chairman. Second was made by Mrs. Guynn. Voting for Mr. Ballard is unanimous. Mr. Ballard abstained.

Mr. Pennington nominated Mr. Steele for Vice-Chairman. Second was made by Mrs. Guynn. Voting for Mr. Steele is unanimous. Mr. Steele abstained.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the third Thursday at 4:00 PM as the monthly meeting date and time for the 2019.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, appointed Amanda Tickle as School Board Clerk for 2019 and Terry Arbogast and Barbara Perkins as Deputy Clerks for 2019. Voting was unanimous.

Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, nominated Mr. Franklin as the Superintendent’s designee for 2019. Voting was unanimous.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Ms. Meekins spoke on behalf of the GEA. She stated that they are gearing up for Lobby Day. They are taking the biggest group they have ever taken from this level. She is hopeful about the information coming from the General Assembly about the upcoming budget. She thanked board members for their support.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following individuals were recognized:

1. Sonya Meekins – GHS  
2. Nancy Foote – NEMS  
3. Chris Trent – NEMS  
4. Michelle Carbaugh – GHS  
5. Sharon Cecil – GHS  
6. Annissa Dudding – GHS  
7. Paula Lee – GHS  
8. Chris Sargent – GHS  
9. Robyn Taylor – GHS  
10. Amy Wheeler – GHS
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS
The Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following consent items:

A. Meeting Minutes
1. Regular & Special – December 11th & 13th, 2018

B. Financial Data
1. Payrolls to include December 20th & January 15th
2. Payment of Bills
3. December 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Confirmation of Field Trips
5. Appropriation Request for February 2019
   TO: Christopher McIlwain
   Interim Administrator for Giles County
   FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
   Division Superintendent
   RE: February 2019 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of February 2019. This is for the eighth month of the fiscal year 2018-2019. I would appreciate the Board's consideration of this request. The request for the operating budget is consistent with the approved operating budget submitted by the School Board.

Original Monthly Appropriation Request: $2,369,951.67
(Operating + Flow-thru)
Total: $2,369,951.67

This request is one-twelfth of the operating budget and includes the anticipated monthly expenditures in the flow-thru account. Our year-to-date appropriation and expenditures are contained in the monthly summary. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.
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EDUCATIONAL FEATURE
Mr. Jason Mills attended the school board meeting, along with Ms. Ashley Bales, Mrs. Christina Martin, Dr. Phyllis Newball as well as several students to discuss the Colonial Christmas unit that they recently worked on. The students talked about each project and presented each board member with a craft that they completed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:
1. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Employment: Rhonda Brown – SBO Finance (February 2019)

2. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Volunteer Agreements: James Mahaney – GHS Swim Team

3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Resignations: Megan Grose – MMS Teacher (1-2-19)

4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Athletic Coaching Contracts: Steven Malik – GHS Soccer Varsity Girls, Randy Weddle – GHS Girls Head Tennis, Jake Munsey – GHS Head Track, Andrew Frazier – GHS Varsity Boys Soccer, Jonathan Kidd – GHS
B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the updated policy services agreement for one year, with option to renew at the same price through January 31, 2024.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the updated Technology Plan as presented by Mr. White.

E. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Ballard, and 2 – 3 voting (AYES: GUYNN, BALLARD NAYS: STEELE, PENNINGTON, WILBURN) made a recommendation to start school on August 12th for the 19-20 school year. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and 3-2 voting (AYES: WILBURN, PENNINGTON, STEELE NAYS: BALLARD, GUYNN) made a recommendation to start school on August 26th. The motion carried forward, so school will begin for students on August 26th, 2019.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Pennington thanked EEMS for the educational feature!

Mr. Pennington thanked the teachers for all they do and stated that the board is still trying to get them more money.

Mrs. Guynn commended the ocean wall at EEMS that she visited before Christmas break.

Mrs. Guynn stated that it has been a year on the board and she has enjoyed it.

Mrs. Guynn thanked Mrs. Meekins (and her team) for all of her hard work and dedication to this county.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he thinks the board works well together.

Mr. Wilburn also thanked Mrs. Meekins and her team (GEA) for all of their hard work for our staff.

Mr. Steele stated that he attended the belated Christmas chorale event and it was awesome! He hopes our music programs continue the way they are.

Mr. Steele stated that this board is going to continue to pursue a better school system across the board.

Mr. Steele stated that the insurance meeting went well and it looks like we are in a good position right now as far as expenditures.

Mr. Ballard commended Barbara Perkins on her help with insurance.

Mr. Ballard stated that he is hoping the state steps up to help with teacher raises.

Mr. Ballard thanked the compensation and insurance committee for their hard work!

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment as of today is 2,359.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he has signed the EI contract (the environmental group that we work with for asbestos, etc.).

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the NHS archery team for their victory on Saturday, January 5th at the NASP Regional Qualifier Tournament at Northside High School.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated all the NHS Football Players that were named to the District, Region and State Teams. Congratulations to Coach Lowe for his Coach of the Year honors and for being honored as a Coach of the Week at a Washington Redskins game a
couple weeks ago.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we have 63 students in ACCE – all of them met the 2.5 GPA requirement to continue.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the meeting with the 2 Board of Supervisors and 2 School Board members will be moved back to the regular scheduled date for next month.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Mr. Mills, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Bales, Dr. Newbill and the students for the educational feature.

**IN OTHER ACTION...**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the following Surplus:

- Sentry Safe 1380
- Dewalt grinder DW756 6” Serial # 200550-110650
- Robinar 17900B A/C Service Serial # 010402

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Contracts:

- Christina Thompson – GHS Varsity Cheer
- Bill Mance – GHS Girls Basketball Volunteer
- Dustin Christian – GHS Head Tennis Boys

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Field Trip: GTC/Justin Olinger/HOSA – March 14th to Williamsburg, VA for HOSA Conference.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignations:

- Stacy Taylor – NEMS Cafeteria (1-25-19)

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment:

- Michelle Stables – NHS Teacher Assistant (1-21-19)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next School Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with the School Board retreat.

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