April 9, 2019

The Giles County School Board held a work session at 1:00 p.m. on April 9th, 2019. After the work session, a closed meeting was held to discuss personnel and contractual items. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard, Chairman  
Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent  
Melissa R. Guynn  
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk  
Phillip A. Pennington  
Rick Franklin, Assistant Superintendent  
Stephen M. Steele  
Mark A. Wilburn

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Dr. Arbogast let board members know that we hired a new Finance Director, which is David Thompson. He will start on April 15th. He stated that we are in the process of getting different trainings set up for him.

Dr. Arbogast gave an update on the term contract RFP. He stated that we have been working with the three companies (CRA, OWPR and T&L) to get the agreements signed. The Food Service program is going to use one of the companies to help on a dishwasher project.

School Board members discussed the Tech Center project. Dr. Arbogast stated that they are still moving along. The footers are in for the wall. The wall was supposed to be done, but they should finish it up on Thursday or Friday. All of the block was donated and the labor should cost about $2,800.

Dr. Arbogast stated that an RFP went out for insurance proposals. We received 7 proposals, but he is not sure what they look like at this time. The county has a consultant that will be reviewing them and they plan to meet tomorrow.

Mrs. Guynn shared a concern from someone with the bible bus to add a grade level to the program. Mr. Franklin is going to speak to the principals regarding this.

Mr. Wilburn discussed coaches and a CDL. Right now, coaches that have a CDL are being paid to drive a bus, but coaches that drive the vans are not being paid.

Dr. Arbogast stated that he doesn’t anticipate that we will get full replacement back on the recent bus that was totaled. He mentioned the idea of buying one or two 10 passenger vans to take some load off of the buses. During this conversation, Dr. Arbogast gave board members a sheet regarding our current fleet of buses. This includes current mileage, miles per day, and number of students on the bus.

School Board members discussed what the next steps are in requesting value for the services that we provide to the county. All of this came about from a budget meeting we had with the county.

School Board members discussed the proposed budget line items that were given to the county for consideration. Some of the line items included refinishing the gym floors, the GHS track, new positions, as well as others. The board is anticipating that we will get the 5% increase for staff for the 19-20 school year, but not the proposed 7%. Mr. Steele shared his concerns about our capital improvement plan. He stated that the county is wanting our board members to vote on what a facilities review scope would look like before they are willing to help with any projects. Dr. Arbogast stated that we are already having lots of problems at some of the schools with various things, such as heating/cooling systems, phone systems, etc. Mr. Steele recommends revising the scope that was put together before and send to a firm to see what the quote would be. The board plans to pull the old report and revise it.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn 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; Paragraph 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Following discussion, Mr. Wilburn moved to go to regular session. Mr. Steele seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Wilburn, with a second by Mrs. Guynn 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: 5      Nays: 0

There was no action from closed session.

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Clerk of the Giles County School Board  Date

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman  Clerk