The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on December 13, 2018 at the School Board Office. Persons present were:

Melissa R. Guynn    Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Phillip A. Pennington Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk
Stephen M. Steele Laura Gautier, GHS Student Representative
Mark A. Wilburn

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's December 13th, 2018 School Board Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Meekins, GEA President, attended the meeting to address the board members. She discussed the governor’s proposed budget and was very hopeful about it. She is hopeful that they will go through with it. She also discussed the proposal to close schools on January 28th so the teachers could attend the Lobby Day in Richmond. There is already a group of teachers that will be going to Richmond that day to attend. If teachers weren’t able to go to Richmond on that day, they could stay back and rally here in the county.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Mrs. Paula Tibbs attended the School Board Meeting, along with some students, to discuss the Gifted Education program. Mrs. Tibbs discussed the Academic and Visual Arts pull out programs and then turned it over to Gifted Art Teacher, Mrs. Lisa White. Mrs. White discussed the northern lights projects that her kids have worked on. The gifted students presented Christmas books (with lighted circuits) to the board members.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Giles County School Board and Professional Advisory Council, the following individuals were recognized:

A. Professional Advisory Council
   1.  Joey Sadler – EEMS
   2.  Jennifer Cumbee – EEMS
   3.  Brittany Helvey – NEMS
   4.  Tahlia Bryan – NEMS
   5.  Miranda Dunn – NEMS

B. Christmas Card Contest Winners
   1.  Ava Fryc - EEMS
   2.  Nevaeh Dalton – NEMS
   3.  Lauren Ferguson – MMS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes
   1.  Regular – November 8th, 2018
   2.  Special – November 12th, 2018
   3.  Special – November 26th, 2018

B. Financial Data
   1.  Payrolls to include November 15th and 30th, 2018
2. Payment of Bills
3. Revenue and Expenditure Reports – November 2018
4. Confirmation of Surplus Items
5. Appropriation Request for January 2019

TO: Christopher McElraine  
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II  
Division Superintendent
RE: January 2019 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of January 2019. This is for the seventh 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.

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. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Resignations: Kristen Hypes – MMS Elementary Teacher (12/21/18), Sarah Perdue – NHS Teacher Assistant (11/19/18)

2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Volunteer Agreement: Matthew Bowles – NEMS Archery

3. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the Substitute Teachers list to date.

4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the bid from Solar Film for services specified in IFB 6-2018 (window security film).

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Guynn thanked Mrs. Meekins for all she does.

Mrs. Guynn thanked Mrs. Tibbs, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. White for their work with the Gifted Education/STEM programs.

Mrs. Guynn commended Mrs. Thompson and Preschool for the excellent Showcase for Success that they recently held. It was amazing!

Mr. Pennington thanked all the staff for everything that you do for our kids!

Mr. Pennington also thanked Mrs. Tibbs and the children for the educational feature!

Mr. Wilburn also thanked Mrs. Tibbs for the educational feature.

Mr. Wilburn thanked all the individuals for the work in clearing our lots during the past snow.

Mr. Wilburn gave well wishes to Mr. Ballard to feel better!

Mr. Steele thanked the staff and board members for all that they do and be involved in our school system.
Dr. Arbogast stated that current enrollment is 2,365.

Dr. Arbogast updated the School Board on the unveiling of the ocean wall on December 18th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated all the fall athletic teams and the individuals who were named to all-district/all state teams.

Dr. Arbogast distributed a copy of the Division Technology Plan for board members to review. He will ask for approval at a later date.

Dr. Arbogast stated that Celanese donated $2K to the Tech Center Building Trades program for a pad for the Habitat House. Thank you to them for their continued support!

Dr. Arbogast thanked Paula, Christina and Lisa for the gifted education program presentation.

**IN OTHER ACTION…**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following surplus to use as a trade in on a new saw that the Building Trades program will be purchasing in the near future:

- 3 Sharp 13x40 varispeed Lathes
- 1 Sturdimill Horizontal Milling Machine
- 1 Clausing Colchester 15” Lathe

The School Board, on motion of Mrs. Guynn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Resignations: Christine Buyer – OT (1/18/19).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Employment: Samantha Gilreath – GHS Special Ed Teacher (1/3/19), Megan Metro – MMS Elementary Teacher (1/3/19).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreements: Kathy Pierson – GHS Swim Team, Lori Robertson – GHS Swim Team.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved/authorized Dr. Arbogast to sign the 403B resolution, which only includes adopting regulatory changes. There are no material or adoption agreement changes.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next School Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16th at 4:00 p.m

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

Chairman                                      Clerk