A special convened meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 PM on January 30th in the School Administration Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a previous expulsion/long term suspension hearing (case #1-1718). Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard, Chairman  Dr. Terry E. Arboagast II, Superintendent
Phillip Pennington  Amanda J. Tickle
Melissa Guynn  Todd Lusk, NHS Asst. Principal
Stephen M. Steele

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, went into a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Code and Paragraph 2 – Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any Virginia public institution of higher education or any state school system. Following discussion, Mr. Steele moved to go to regular session. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. On motion of Mr. Steele, 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: 4  Nays: 0

Clerk of the Giles County School Board  Date

Following closed session, the Superintendent recommended that the student case # 1-1718 stay under long term suspension. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, amended the recommendation to release the long term suspension ban and included the following: picking up his sibling(s) from Macy McClaughtery, attending prom at Giles High School and walking for graduation. The removal of this suspension for these circumstances will remain in effect as long as the student continues to do well with his academic progress, has no school discipline violations or trouble with law enforcement. The School Board will also strongly recommend to the IEP team that his homebased services will continue.

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