March 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. Persons present were:

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent’s March 15, 2018 School Board Meeting Agenda.

RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Committee, the following individuals were nominated for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support:

1. Laura Helvey
2. Russell Pauley
3. Beth Sparks
4. Sara Malik
5. Donna Ralph
6. Catlin Suttle
7. Christine Fletcher

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Meeting Minutes
1. Regular – February 15th, 2018

B. Financial Data
1. Payrolls to include February 28th, 2018 and March 15th, 2018
2. Payment of Bills
3. February 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Field Trip Requests
5. Appropriation Request for April 2018
   TO: Christopher McKlarney
   Interim Administrator for Giles County
   FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
   Division Superintendent
   RE: April 2018 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of April 2018. This is for the tenth month of the fiscal year 2017-18. 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: $2,283,819.50
   Total: $2,283,819.50

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.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Ms. Kayla McClung and Ms. Robbie Spiegel attended the School Board meeting on behalf of Macy McLaugherty to present the educational feature. They demonstrated how they use Google Classroom and Chromebooks in their classrooms. There were also several students there who demonstrated how they use it and how it is beneficial to them.

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 Pennington and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Volunteer Agreements: Melissa Weddle – GHS Asst Tennis Coach, David Green – NHS Asst JV Baseball Volunteer, Jimmy McCroskey – GHS JV Asst. Baseball

2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Retirement: Cathy Webb – NEMS SLP (end 17-18)

3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, confirmed the following Resignation: Marcela Howard – GHS Spanish Teacher (end 17-18), Jessica Sexton – MMS SLP (end 17-18)


B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the Perkins Grant as presented by Mr. Husband/GTC.

D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the 18-19 school calendar.

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Guynn congratulated the 35 students from Giles High School who were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Mrs. Guynn commended the Tech Center for the completion of the adult education night classes (Machine Tech, Building Tech and Welding).

Mrs. Guynn commended the nursing students who are currently at the State HOSA conference.

Mrs. Guynn commended the students who participated in the NHS Talent Show, which helped to raise money for the Narrows Fire Dept.

Mr. Wilburn stated that he had the privilege to go to Macy on March 6th. He was able to go to many classes. They honored him for School Board Appreciation month.

Mr. Steele stated that we have had some good retreat days with all of the leaders of the school. We will do everything we can with the budget to help out our staff.

Mr. Ballard stated that he would like to have the discipline logs sorted out by school.

Mr. Ballard stated that he and Mr. Steele had discussed budget information with Mr. McKlarney and Mr. Morris a couple weeks ago to present them with our preliminary budget. We are currently looking at insurance as well. There has not been a budget approved in Richmond – they will reconvene April 11th.

Mr. Ballard thanked NEMS for having him for School Board Appreciation month.

Mr. Ballard commended Russell Pauley for winning the county spelling bee.

Mr. Ballard stated that he and Dr. Arbogast attended a hot topic conference in Wytheville – it was very interesting. He stated that teachers already donate so much out of their own pockets for their classrooms and the kids.
Mr. Pennington thanked Giles High School for inviting him for School Board Appreciation month.

Mr. Pennington congratulated the archery team. There are 3 going to Nationals.

Mr. Pennington thanked the students for the educational feature.

Dr. Arbogast stated that our current enrollment is 2382.

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the Teacher of the Year candidates. They are as follows: Donna Ralph, Beth Sparks, Sara Malik, Catlin Suttle and Christine Fletcher.

Dr. Arbogast commended the students for their placement in the District SkillsUSA competition.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we did receive the Department of Transportation STEM grant. We are thankful that we will be able to move this program along for another two years.

Dr. Arbogast stated that Mrs. Lawson received a $5K grant from No Kid Hungry for the summer food program.

Dr. Arbogast stated that the archery team was in the state tournament this past weekend. Narrows High School finished in 6th place and we did have 3 students that qualified for the National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky in May. The students are as follows: Gracie Spicer (2nd), Hunter Owens (7th) and Brooklyn McCroskey (8th).

Dr. Arbogast congratulated the NHS FBLA students for an outstanding performance at Regionals. Zoey Blankenship, Caleb Clemens, Jennifer Williams, Chad Blaker and Abby Vaught captured 1st place. Stephanie Buckland and Frankie Cahoon recorded 2nd place finishes.

Dr. Arbogast commended NHS and GHS for their faculty basketball game last Friday. Great fundraiser for the after prom party.

Dr. Arbogast thanked Macy for their educational feature!

Dr. Arbogast discussed the status with the General Assembly. We do not currently have an approved budget from the state.

**IN OTHER ACTION...**

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved the following Athletic Contracts: Tiffany Helton: NHS Head Middle School Track.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Volunteer Agreement: James Helton – NHS Middle School Track.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following Field Trip: NHS – Karyn Spade (Music) – 4/19-21 to Pigeon Forge to compete in National Competitions.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mrs. Guynn and unanimous voting, approved a NRCC Geography Class to be offered at Narrows High School.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Pennington, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the VSBA Honor Roll Resolution to include Chemical Lime, New River Health District and Celco Community Credit Union.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved the bid from Newberry Ford, Inc. for services specified in IFB-2-2018 (Driver’s Ed Car).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Pennington and unanimous voting, approved the following graduation dates:
   GHS – 6/7 @ 7 p.m.
   NHS – 6/8 @ 7 p.m.
NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 19th, 2018 at 4 p.m.

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

Chairman

Clerk