

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
January 6, 2020

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2020, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone and Mrs. Claire Whitehurst. Mr. Leslie Byrum was absent and Mrs. Sallie Ryan joined the meeting during closed session.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. The board members entered into closed session at 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 5:07 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mrs. Boone made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Donna Winbourne, CPA, provided information from the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. She stated that she had issued an unmodified opinion, which is the highest rating. She detailed some of the findings and complimented the finance department for a job well done.

During the Superintendent Report, Dr. Williams complimented the schools on the holiday programs. He acknowledged that January is board appreciation month and thanked the board for their dedication to our schools. He provided information on outsourcing the school lunch program. He and Mr. Felton visited Burke County Schools, who are currently outsourcing their school lunches, and they were impressed with their program. The program has provided considerable savings for the school district. He encouraged the board to research this further.

During the Report from the Board, the board members all commented about the busy month of December. There were many events to attend, and all felt they were excellent. Mr. Felton said we are still planning for CMS students to move into the new building January 23rd. There are a few small issues that need to be dealt with, but he is very pleased with the progress. He is especially happy that there seems to be no problems with HVAC noise in the gym.

Mrs. Sandra Pittman, Finance Officer, had provided financial reports just prior to the meeting. She noted that we are still operating on an interim budget due to the fact the state has not approved the budget as of this date.

Dr. Paula Simpson, Director of School Nutrition, presented an updated report on the school lunch program. She stated there have been some changes in the menu and there has been some increase in participation at the schools.

Dr. Williams approved the following Out-of-District Requests for 2019-2020:

- Madison Belch to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2019 Regular Session
2. Policy 1310-4002 –Parental Involvement
3. Policy 2300 – Board Meetings
4. Policy 3228-7323 – Use of Personal Technology to Conduct School Business (tabled)
5. Policy 3620 – Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations (tabled)
6. Policy 4040-7310- Staff-Student Relations
7. Policy 4325 – Drugs and Alcohol
8. Policy 4333 – Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety
9. Policy 4334-5035-7345 – Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
10. Policy 4400 - Attendance
11. Policy 4700 Student Records
12. Policy 5015 – School Volunteers
13. Policy 5070-7350 – Public Records – Retention, Release and Disposition
14. Policy 5071-7351 – Electronically Stored Information Retention
15. Policy 5210 – Distribution and Display of Non-School Material
16. Policy 6125 – Administering Medicines to Students
17. Policy 6420 – Contracts with the Board
18. Policy 7130 - Licensure
19. Policy 7240 – Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace
20. Policy 7360-8225 – Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System (tabled)
21. Policy 7410 – Teacher Contracts
22. Policy 1200 – Governing Principle – Student Success
23. Policy 1400 – Governing Principle – School Initiatives
24. Policy 1500 – Governing Principle – Safe, Orderly, and Inviting Environment
25. Policy 1600 – Governing Principle – Professional Development
26. Policy 1700 – Governing Principle – Removal of Barriers
27. Policy 1800 – Governing Principle – Stewardship of Resources
28. Policy 2010 – Board and Superintendent Relations
29. Policy 6305 – Safety and Student Transportation Services
30. Approval of Donation to T.S. Cooper exceeding \$500.00
31. Approval of GCHS Winter Guard Competitions
32. Approval of Donation to Hunter Safety Team
33. ~~Approval of Donation to T.S. Cooper Elementary School exceeding \$500~~ (Duplicate)

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. **NEW HIRES**

- Victoria Morgan Legg – Substitute Teacher
- Ida Majette – Substitute Teacher
- Amber Perry – Substitute Teacher

2. **INTERIM TEACHER**

- Debra Vaughan – Interim Math Teacher - GCHS

3. **SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER**

- Virginia Kindley

4. **TRANSFER**

- Vernon Brinkley – Transfer from Substitute Driver to Regular Driver at Gatesville Elementary
- Lekisha Holley – Transfer from Teacher Assistant at Central Middle to Learning Support at Gatesville Elementary

5. **RESIGNATIONS**

- Cynthia Ruffin-Moore – School Nutrition Assistant – TSC
- Leslie Wright – Head Volleyball Coach – GCHS
- Emma Hall – Substitute Teacher
- Carla Hendrix – School Nutrition Assistant
- Deidra House – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach – CMS
- Susan Baker – 1:1 EC Teacher Assistant – TSC
- Aubree York – School Nutrition Assistant

6. **VOLUNTEER**

- Angelina Arnold – Buckland Elementary

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The February Regular Session Meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Closed Session will begin at 4:00 pm, and Open Session at 5:00 pm.
- The Board adopted schools:

Ray Felton	CMS
Glendale Boone	Buckland
Leslie Byrum	GES
Claire Whitehurst	TSC
Sallie Ryan	GCHS

- Board members will participate in the NCSBA Webinar on January 21, 2020 – Online-Fundraising

Mrs. Boone made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.