

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
December 3, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Dr. Williams then opened the floor for nominations for the position of chairperson of the Board of Education. Mrs. Glendale Boone nominated Ray Felton for the chairperson position. There were no other nominations. Mr. Byrum made a motion to close the nominations. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. A call for vote for chair of the Board of Education was made.

FOR NOMINEE Ray Felton, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY
BOONE	✓	
FELTON		
BYRUM	✓	
RYAN	✓	
WHITEHURST	✓	

Dr. Williams opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice-chairperson of the Board of Education. Mr. Leslie Byrum nominated Glendale Boone for the vice-chairperson position. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Ryan made a motion to close the nominations. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. A call for vote for vice-chair of the Board of Education was made.

FOR NOMINEE Glendale Boone, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY
BOONE		
FELTON	✓	
BYRUM	✓	
RYAN	✓	
WHITEHURST	✓	

Congratulations to Mr. Ray Felton as Chairman, and Mrs. Glendale Boone as Vice Chair.

Mr. Byrum made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. The board members entered into closed session at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 6:07 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Boone 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.

Mr. Felton reported that the Board is anticipating that the new 8th grade wing at Central Middle School will be ready for students to move in at the beginning of the 2nd semester in January, 2020, with an anticipated ribbon cutting date sometime in February. There are some minor problems that will require repairs, but should not delay the move-in. Mr. Byrum indicated that the furniture cost should come in under budget.

Dr. Williams asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Gates County students, Demond Jones and Jeremiah Sharpe, who tragically lost their lives.

During the Superintendent Report, Dr. Williams and the Board Members recognized the 2019 Holiday Card Art Contest Winners from each school. They are as follows:

- Kendra Jordan – Grade 4, T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Karmyn Arce – Grade 4, Gatesville Elementary
- Dakota Sholar – Grade 3, Buckland Elementary
- Sara Ann Turner, Grade 12, Gates County High
- Kimora Watson, Grade 8, Central Middle (was unable to attend)

Mrs. Tammy Boone, Assistant Superintendent, recognized Mrs. Amber Buxton, Principal, T.S. Cooper Elementary, Gail Hawkins, Principal, Buckland Elementary and Dr. Shawn Wilson, Principal, Gatesville Elementary. She read a letter from Mark Johnson, State Superintendent with the NC Department of Public Instruction, and presented award certificates to each of the principals. The certificates were for achieving the goal of expected academic progress for students during the 2018-2019 school year.

During the Report from the Board, Mr. Byrum, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Ryan shared their comments about attendance at the North Carolina School Boards Association annual conference in November. They felt the break-out sessions were informative, and were especially pleased with the information on Equity in Education. Mrs. Ryan shared that she is researching surveys that can be used by our schools and community, to help gather information to implement strategies to meet the needs of all our students.

The Board also noted that there have been some changes in the school lunch menus and there has been a small increase in participation in the School Nutrition Program, with the highest increase at Central Middle School. They are still looking for ways to increase participation, and with that in mind, Mr. Byrum made a motion to upgrade the quality of food being served on a three month

trial. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

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. She indicated that the auditors will be providing their report at the January meeting.

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

- Gisell Barajas Jacobs to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools

Under Unfinished Business the Board decided not to pursue the Master Board Training at this time.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Revised Minutes – October 29, 2019 Special Called Session
2. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2019 Regular Session
3. Approval of Minutes - November 13, 2019 Special Called Session
4. Farm Land Lease to James E. Brinkley
5. Code of Ethics for Board Members
6. GCHS BB Upcycling Group Fundraiser
7. Policy 3225 - 4312-7320 – Technology Responsible Use
8. Policy 4240 - 7312 – Child Abuse Reports and Investigations
9. Policy 4270 - 6145 Concussion and Head Injury
10. Policy 5220 - Collections and Solicitations
11. Policy 6120 - Student Health Services
12. Policy 6140 - Student Wellness
13. Policy 6220 – Operation of School Nutrition Services
14. Policy 6230 – School Meal and Competitive Food Services
15. Policy 6315 – Drivers
16. Policy 7100 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
17. Policy 7140 – Criminal History Checks
18. Policy 7430 – Substitute Teachers
19. Policy 7820 – Personnel Files
20. Policy 8220 – Gifts and Bequests
21. Policy 8340 – Insurance
22. Policy 8350 – Fixed Assets Inventory
23. Policy 7241 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators
24. GCHS CTE Students Out-of-State Trip to Norfolk, VA
25. School Technology Resolution
26. GCHS Athletic Fundraiser
27. GCHS Out-of-State Field Trip to Norfolk, VA
28. GCHS CTE Fundraiser
29. Central Middle School Fundraising Dance

30. 2019-2020 Budget Resolution
31. State Business Systems Modernization Letter of Intent
32. GCHS Fundraisers
33. Central Middle School Construction Change Orders

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. **NEW HIRES**

- Sarah Gidden – Substitute/Activity Bus Driver
- Vernon Brinkley – Substitute/Activity Bus Driver
- Amy Harrell – Substitute/Activity Bus Driver
- Aubree York – Part-time School Nutrition Assistant – Central Middle
- Odessa Williams – Exceptional Children’s Teacher – Gates County High
- Stephanie McKinley – Exceptional Children’s Teacher Assistant – Gates County High
- Susan Baker – 1:1 Exceptional Children’s Teacher Assistant – T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Kaila Ballard – Girls’ Head Basketball Coach – Central Middle
- Annie Jacox – Substitute Nurse

2. **TEACHER MENTOR**

- Kathryn Eure – Central Middle

3. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

- Susan Parker – Retired Teacher

4. **TRANSFERS**

- Delois Williams – Bus Driver – transfer from Gatesville Elementary to Central Middle
- Carla Hendrix – School Nutrition Assistant – transfer from T.S. Cooper Elementary to Gates County High
- Cynthia Moore – School Nutrition Assistant – transfer from Central Middle to T.S. Cooper Elementary

5. **VOLUNTEER**

- Becky McLawhorn

6. **ATHLETIC COACHES**

- Robert Costen – Asst. Girls’ Basketball Coach – Central Middle
- Dominic Ross – Girls’ Head Varsity Soccer Coach – GCHS
- Katron Greene – Girls’ Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach – GCHS

7. **GATES COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL OFFICIALS (Paid)**

- Dexter Hobbs
- Ariana Matthews
- Wilson Williams
- Myriah Wolfrey
- Graylen Boone

8. **GATES COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL COACHES (Volunteer)**

- Varian Ballard
- Graylen Boone
- Ben Carter
- Ellie Gary
- Jason Gary
- Paul Gary
- Paul Gary, Sr.
- Dennis Hobbs
- Alisha Poole
- Quincy Saunders
- Caroline Taylor
- Keli Boone (Scorekeeper)
- Courtney Jordan (Scorekeeper)

9. **LEAVE**

- Alronda Hathaway – Part-time Custodian – Gatesville Elementary

10. **RESIGNATIONS**

- Shaquoya Bonner – 1:1 Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant – T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Todd French – 1:1 Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant – Gates County High
- Makela Bartoli – Part-time Daycare Assistant
- Whitney Hobbs – Head JV Volleyball Coach for Gates County High
- Emily Santora – Payroll Specialist – Central Office
- Loren Wright – Custodian – T.S. Cooper Elementary

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The January Regular Session Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 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 plans to attend the Lions Club Christmas Parade on Saturday December 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

*Attachments: 1) 2019-2020 Budget Resolution
2) Resolution Urging the State to Take Action to Remit Civil Penalties
Unconstitutionally Withheld from North Carolina's Public Schools*



**2019-2020
GATES COUNTY SCHOOLS
BUDGET RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Gates County Schools Administrative Unit:

Section I The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund 2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Instructional Services

51XX	Regular Instructional Services	\$ 310,725.00
52XX	Special Populations Services	\$ 53,051.00
53XX	Alternative Programs & Services	\$ 29,070.00
54XX	School Leadership Services	\$ 62,000.00
55XX	Co-Curricular Services	\$ 88,821.00
58XX	School-Based support Services	\$ 86,608.00
	Subtotal	\$ 630,275.00

System-Wide Support Services

61XX	Support and Development Services	\$ 15,000.00
62XX	Special Population Support & Development Services	\$ 70,213.00
64XX	Technology Support Services	\$ 122,935.00
65XX	Operational Support Services	\$ 1,447,647.00
66XX	Financial and Human Resource Services	\$ 261,744.00
67XX	Accountability Services	\$ 100,563.00
68XX	System-wide Pupil Support Services	\$ 4,000.00
69XX	Policy, Leadership and Public Relations Services	\$ 206,258.00
72XX	Nutrition Services	\$ 8,365.00
81XX	Payments to Other Governmental Units (Charter Schools)	\$ 21,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 2,257,725.00

TOTAL LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND 2 APPROPRIATION	\$ 2,888,000.00
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The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund 2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Local Revenue

County Appropriations	\$ 2,858,000.00
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 30,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 2,888,000.00

TOTAL LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND 2 REVENUE	\$ 2,888,000.00
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Section II The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Instructional Services

51XX	Regular Instructional Services	\$ 11,620.00
52XX	Special Populations Services	\$ 129,703.00
53XX	Alternative Programs and Services	\$ 227,159.00
54XX	School Leadership Services	\$ 40,052.00
58XX	School-Based support Services	\$ 128,422.00
	Subtotal	\$ 536,956.00

System-Wide Support Services

61XX	Support and Development Services	\$ 246.00
62XX	Special Population Support and Development Svcs.	\$ 2,628.00
64XX	Technology Support Services	\$ 2,676.00
65XX	Operational Support Services	\$ 137,464.00
66XX	Financial and Human Resource Services	\$ 2,092.00
67XX	Accountability Services	\$ 1,082.00
68XX	System-wide Pupil Support Services	\$ 6,976.00
69XX	Policy, Leadership and Public Relations Services	\$ 73,990.00
71XX	Community Services	\$ 3,000.00
72XX	Nutrition Services	\$ 3,627.00
	Subtotal	\$ 233,781.00

TOTAL LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND 8 APPROPRIATION	\$ 770,737.00
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The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

State Revenue - Other Funds

NC Pre-K	\$ 222,200.00
School Nurse Grant	\$ 100,000.00
Sales & Use Tax Refund	\$ 15,340.00

SUBTOTAL STATE REVENUE - OTHER FUNDS	\$ 337,540.00
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Federal Revenue - Other Funds

Medicaid Fee for Service	\$ 50,000.00
Medicaid Carryover from Prior Year	\$ 80,770.00
Northeast LEP Consortium	\$ 10,435.00
JCPC Grant	\$ 37,731.00

SUBTOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE - OTHER FUNDS	\$ 178,936.00
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Local Revenue

Tuition & Fees	\$ 67,700.00
Roanoke Electric Care Trust Grant	\$ 4,775.00
Contributions	\$ 14,000.00
Local Sources (Unrestricted)	\$ 127,786.00
Indirect Costs	\$ 40,000.00

SUBTOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 254,261.00
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TOTAL LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND 8 REVENUE	\$ 770,737.00
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Section III The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Instructional Services

51XX	Regular Instructional Services	\$ 7,386,788.00
52XX	Special Populations Services	\$ 1,391,560.00
53XX	Alternative Programs and Services	\$ 802,056.00
54XX	School Leadership Services	\$ 1,313,973.00
58XX	School-Based support Services	\$ 1,080,696.00
	Subtotal	\$ 11,975,073.00

System-Wide Support Services

61XX	Support and Development Services	\$ 27,952.00
62XX	Special Population Support and Development Svcs.	\$ 91,245.00
64XX	Technology Support Services	\$ 189,524.00
65XX	Operational Support Services	\$ 1,069,465.00
66XX	Financial and Human Resource Services	\$ 347,544.00
67XX	Accountability Services	\$ 41,830.00
68XX	System-wide Pupil Support Services	\$ 94,540.00
69XX	Policy, Leadership and Public Relations Services	\$ 344,561.00
72XX	Nutrition Services	\$ 56,714.00
	Subtotal	\$ 2,263,375.00

TOTAL STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION	\$ 14,238,448.00
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The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Allocations from State Public School Funds	\$ 14,134,839.00
State Revenue - Other Funds	\$ 48,573.00
State Textbooks	\$ 55,036.00
TOTAL STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND REVENUES	\$ 14,238,448.00

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Section IV The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Instructional Services			
51XX	Regular Instructional Services	\$	101,498.34
52XX	Special Populations Services	\$	422,401.08
53XX	Alternative Programs and Services	\$	333,355.86
58XX	School-Based support Services	\$	8,653.00
	Subtotal	\$	865,908.28
System-Wide Support Services			
61XX	Support and Development Services	\$	24,640.76
62XX	Special Population Support and Development Svcs.	\$	2,700.00
63XX	Alternative Programs & Service Support	\$	18,678.46
65XX	Operational Support Services	\$	1,200.00
66XX	Financial & Human Resource Services	\$	28,262.82
81XX	Payments to Other Governmental Units	\$	51,201.89
82XX	Unbudgeted Funds	\$	4,999.98
	Subtotal	\$	131,683.91
TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATION			\$ 997,592.19

The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

PRC 017	Vocational Education - Program	\$	24,161.00
PRC 049	IDEA Preschool Part B (619) Gr	\$	25,309.00
PRC 050	ESEA Title 1 - LEA Basic Progr	\$	362,741.23
PRC 060	IDEA, Part B (611)	\$	415,657.00
PRC 103	Title II - Improving Teacher Q	\$	76,678.20
PRC 108	Educational Tech-Competitive	\$	26,048.49
PRC 109	Rural and Low-Income School	\$	19,373.30
PRC 115	ESEA Title 1	\$	39,174.97
PRC 119	IDEA Targeted Assistance	\$	8,449.00
	Subtotal	\$	997,592.19
TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS FUND REVENUES			\$ 997,592.19

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Section V The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

51XX	Regular Instructional Services	\$	20,000.00
91XX	General Building Projects	\$	180,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND APPROPRIATION		\$	200,000.00

The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

County Appropriation	\$	200,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND REVENUES	\$	200,000.00

Section VI The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Ancillary Services		
72XX	Nutrition Services	\$ 812,535.00
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION FUND APPROPRIATION		\$ 812,535.00

The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

State Funds		
Sales Tax Refund	\$	401.00
Transfer from State Public School Funds	\$	50,000.00
Subtotal	\$	50,401.00
Federal Funds		
USDA Grants - Meal Reimbursements	\$	499,000.00
USDA Grants - Commodities Used	\$	44,000.00
Subtotal	\$	543,000.00
Local Funds		
Local Sources (Sales)	\$	218,321.00
Local Sources (Rental Income, Interest Earned, Other)	\$	813.00
Subtotal	\$	219,134.00
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION FUND REVENUE	\$	812,535.00

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Section VII The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the New Beginnings Daycare Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Ancillary Services		
71XX	Community Services	\$ 264,750.00
TOTAL NEW BEGINNINGS DAYCARE FUND APPROPRIATION		\$ 264,750.00

The following revenues are estimated to be available to the New Beginnings Daycare Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Local Sources		
Weekly Fees		\$ 242,000.00
Meal Reimbursements (DHHS)		\$ 17,000.00
Fundraiser Revenue		\$ 5,000.00
Registration Fees Received		\$ 750.00
TOTAL NEW BEGINNINGS DAYCARE FUND REVENUE		\$ 264,750.00

Section VIII The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Gates County Community Center Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Ancillary Services		
71XX	Community Services	\$ 293,853.00
TOTAL GATES COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FUND APPROPRIATION		\$ 293,853.00

The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Gates County Community Center Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Local Sources		
County Appropriation		\$ 243,763.00
Sales Tax Refund		\$ 352.00
SHIP Grant		\$ 3,500.00
Rent Revenue		\$ 2,000.00
Fees Revenue		\$ 30,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 545.00
Fund Balance Appropriation		\$ 13,193.00
TOTAL GATES COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FUND REVENUE		\$ 293,853.00

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Section IX All appropriations shall be paid from revenues restricted as to use, and then from general, unrestricted revenues.

Section X The superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund under the following conditions:

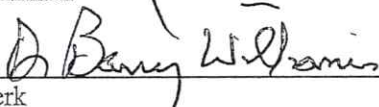
- (a) Amounts may be transferred within a fund without limitations and without a report to the Board of Education being required.
- (b) Amounts may be transferred between funds, with a report of such transfers being required at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

Section XI Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the Superintendent and School Finance Officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 2019.



Chairman



Clerk

Resolution Urging the State to Take Action to Remit Civil Penalties Unconstitutionally Withheld from North Carolina's Public Schools

Whereas, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that under Article IX, Section 7 of the NC Constitution that the public schools are entitled to the clear proceeds of specific civil penalties collected by various state agencies, including the Department of Revenue (DOR), Department of Transportation (DOT), the campuses of the University of North Carolina (UNC), the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Employment Security Commission (ESC), state owned psychiatric institutions in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR, now DEQ); and

Whereas, in 1997, the General Assembly created the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in G.S. 115C-457.1 and provided that the clear proceeds of all civil penalties collected by state agencies should be paid into the fund; and

Whereas, in 2008, the NC Superior Court, upon remand from the NC Supreme Court, ruled that state agencies were in clear violation of the State Constitution by improperly withholding \$747,883,074 that should have been paid to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund from January 1996 through June 2005; and

Whereas, the 2008 court order lists the amount to be paid by each state agency to public schools: DOR \$583,340,162; DOT \$104,071,323; UNC \$42,368,982; ESC \$18,017,467; DHHS \$53,955; DOC \$10,404; DENR/DEQ \$20,781; and

Whereas, the legislature declared that such funds should be used exclusively for school technology and appropriated to the individual public-school units on a per pupil basis; and

Whereas, public school units are in dire need of additional technology funding; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), only 38% of North Carolina's 115 local school districts in 2018-19 reported having achieved the State's 4-year replacement goal for student devices (Chromebook, iPad, laptop, etc.); and

Whereas, more than 30% of school districts in 2018-19 reported having no resources budgeted for replacement devices; and

Whereas, investing in current technology is necessary to achieve a 21st century education that utilizes innovative, collaborative, and learner centered experiences; and

Whereas, since 2008, the public schools have received only \$18.1 million, approximately 2.5% of the total amount owed; and

Whereas, the defendants have not fulfilled their constitutional obligation to make up for the remaining \$729,699,823 that was diverted from public schools; and

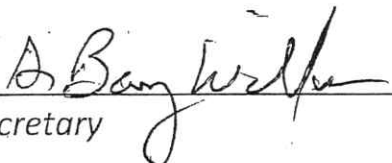
Whereas, on March 6, 2019, a consent order was entered to extend the enforceability of the existing unpaid 2008 judgment to prevent it from expiring; and

Whereas, the plaintiffs have tried to work with state leaders for almost fifteen years to find an amicable resolution to this matter; and

Whereas, the plaintiffs continue to seek a win/win outcome, and remain willing and ready to work on a mutually beneficial resolution.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Gates County Board of Education respectfully requests the General Assembly to approve, during its January 2020 session, a multiyear plan to pay the remaining \$729.7 million judgment for civil penalties that should have gone to public school units for school technology, but were diverted to other purposes in violation of the North Carolina Constitution. Gates County could potentially receive \$800,415.00 as their share of the judgment.

Adopted by the Gates County Board of Education this 3rd day of December, 2019.


Secretary


Chairman