

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
February 4, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2019, at the Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to enter into closed session at 3:00 p.m., and Mr. Leslie Byrum seconded the motion to discuss matters that are confidential by law, including confidential student matters, and to approve closed session minutes, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1); to confer with the Board Attorney and preserve the attorney/client privilege as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3); and to discuss confidential personnel matters as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 4:00 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. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no Public Comments.

Student Advisors Ben Hawkins, Jordan Mitchell and Daijha Blount presented a powerpoint with happenings at the schools.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams commented on the following:

- Former Student Advisor Deja Gainey, a third-year political science major at William Peace University in Raleigh, NC, served as an intern at the US Department of State in Washington, DC
- During the legislative session there have been proposals from both the House and Senate leaders on how best to help school districts address the more than \$8 billion in needs for facility construction, repair and renovation. House Speaker Tim Moore is committed to putting a \$1.9 billion referendum before voters in March, 2020, with \$1.5 billion of that being allotted to the public school capital portion
- School Boards across the state have passed resolutions in support of local control of school calendars, allowing for flexibility of county calendars. We hope to see this pass in the legislature.
- Central Middle School's mentoring groups The Central Stars and Boys to Men Program will be visiting the Gates House Senior Center to pass out Valentine Cards to the residents. This is a great community outreach.

- Ashlynn Spruill performed with the Middle School Symphonic Band at the Concert Program for the Eastern District All District Bands, under the direction of William Owens. Her group performed a piece that was commissioned by the NCBA-Eastern. This group was the first to perform this piece in concert. It will now be on sale for other groups to purchase and perform. This was quite an honor for Ashlynn.

During the Report from the Board, members commented on the success of the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, and were very appreciative of Mrs. Barbara Toti's dedication to this event. Mrs. Whitehurst informed that she will be attending the North Carolina School Board's Spring Law Conference in March. Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Whitehurst served on the central office budget committee during their January meeting. Mrs. Ryan visited Rosemont School in Norfolk, VA, along with Mr. Felton and Dr. Williams, to view the Naval Sea Cadet Program at that school. Mr. Felton reported that we are beginning to see some progress at Central Middle School. He also noted there is a \$250 scholarship being offered for Chowan University, and encouraged students to apply.

Dr. Williams requested permission to bring in Chief Nikolaus Epp to speak about the Naval Sea Cadet Program that he has started here in Gates County. The board approved his request, and Chief Epp spoke to the board about the program. He brought five of his cadets with him. They provided information about their meetings and details about the program. The board asked questions, and Chief Epp invited them to attend one of their meetings to see them in action.

Mr. Rube Blanchard, Finance Officer, gave the Financial Report and provided an update on New Beginnings Daycare.

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - January 7, 2019 Regular Session
2. Approval of Gates County Schools Participation in the Adaptive Schools Training Program with Pitt County Schools
3. Budget Amendment No. 6 - State Funds
4. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Federal Fund
5. Budget Amendment No. 4 - Local Fund No. 2
6. Gates County High School Fundraisers
7. GCHS Spanish & Art Students' Out-of-State Field Trip to Richmond, VA
8. GCHS BETA Overnight Field Trip to Greensboro, NC for NC BETA Convention
9. GCHS HOSA Overnight Field Trip to Charlotte, NC
10. GCHS Theater & Dance Students' Overnight Field Trip to Raleigh, NC and Fundraiser
11. Special Olympics Overnight Trip
12. Central Middle Jr. BETA Club Overnight Field Trip to Greensboro, NC

There was no New Business.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. NEW HIRE

- Nicole Mitchell – Pre-K Exceptional Children’s Teacher Assistant – Gatesville Elementary

2. TRANSFERS

- Devin Riddick – transferred from Central Office to teacher assistant at Gatesville Elementary
- Timothy Jordan – Bus Driver – transferred from Gatesville Elementary to T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Jennifer Odom – Bus Driver - transferred from substitute driver at Central Middle to regular driver at Gatesville Elementary

3. TUTORS

- Kathy Sisson
- Elaine Vaughan

4. NEW ASSIGNMENTS

- Barbara Wiant – Part-time Career Development Coordinator at Gates County High School
- Don White – Interim CTE Agriculture Teacher (2nd semester) at Gates County High School

5. INTERIM TEACHER

- Debra Vaughan – Interim EC Math Teacher at Gates County High School

6. EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT

- Donald Hudson – CTE Technology Teacher at Gates County High School

7. MENTOR

- Jennifer Dail – Central Middle School

8. VOLUNTEERS

- Makaela Bartoli – Sponsor/Coach Winter Guard at Gates County High School
- Rachel Wartian – Buckland Elementary
- Lindsay Darnell – Buckland Elementary

9. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Arlene Bass
- Sharon Batts
- Alexa Brown – Buckland Elementary only

10. GATES COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER OFFICIALS/REFEREES

- Jawan Riddick
- Cassius Gary
- Wilson Williams
- Tyrell Holley

11. DEACTIVATE EMPLOYMENT STATUS

- Miriam Walker – Bus Driver - T.S. Cooper Elementary

12. LEAVE REQUEST

- Rachel Badgett

13. RESIGNATION

- Melanie Blakely – Gates County High School English Teacher

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular March session will be held at Buckland Elementary on Monday, March 4, 2019, with closed session beginning at 4:00 p.m., and open session at 5:00 p.m.
- The Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Board Members will participate in a North Carolina School Boards Association webinar on February 12, 2019, entitled “Visitors on Campus: Community Use of Facilities and Outsider Access to Students”
- Mrs. Ryan will attend the 2019 Equity NC Event February 21-22, 2019

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

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.