

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
May 6, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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 3:05 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 unanimously.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 4:09 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

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

There were no Public Comments.

Mrs. Maryann Pitman spoke concerning renewable energy and ways the school system can help combat climate change. She spoke about how fossil fuels have contributed to the problem. She encouraged the board to work with the schools in promoting recycling, cutting food waste, using LED bulbs, smart thermostats and GEO thermal energy. She also encouraged looking into the use of electric and hybrid school buses to save on fuel cost. Mrs. Pitman provided a very informative presentation and the board thanked her for her effort.

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

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- His meeting with Governor Roy Cooper, where superintendents from across the state presented information on the following
 1. Investment in school facilities
 2. Principal pay
 3. School mental health and security resources
 4. School performance grades
 5. SB 613 Calendar Bill
 6. Out of State Teachers and licensure
 7. Governor's Commission on a Sound Basic Education
 8. SB 580 Classroom Supplies to Teachers
- He shared an e-mail from a beginning teacher praising the Beginning Teacher Program

During the Report from the Board, the Board shared their comments on various events they had attended at the schools, including the GCHS Prom and CMS Viking Ball. The board felt all the events were impressive, and thanked the staff at each of the schools for their hard work. Mr. Felton thanked the board for the Flame of Hope given in honor of him at the Relay for Cancer event held at Chowan University in April. He also assured the elementary principals that the board has heard their concerns over teacher shortages and they will work toward a solution. The board thanked Mr. Felton for all his work on the Central Middle School project.

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

- Juliann Lynn Chappell to attend Buckland Elementary
- Addison Riddick to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Nathaniel Gibson Miller and Logan Matthew Miller to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Zaria McNair to attend Buckland Elementary and Sela McNair to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Grace & Logan Harders to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Landon James Buck to attend Central Middle School, and Riley Nicole Buck to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Madison Weatherly to attend Gates County High, and Ayden Wright to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Camden County Schools
- Alexa and Austin Eure to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools

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

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2019 Regular Session
2. GCHS Library Fundraiser
3. Buckland Elementary Out-of-State Field Trip to Norfolk, VA
4. Revised School Justice Partnership Agreement
5. Revised 2019-2020 School Calendar
6. Budget Amendment No. 9 - State Funds
7. Budget Amendment No. 5 - Local Fund No. 2
8. Budget Amendment No. 4 – Federal Funds
9. Budget Amendment No. 6 – Capital Outlay Fund No. 4
10. Budget Amendment No. 6 – Local Fund No. 8
11. GCHS Beta Club Out-of-State Field Trip to Oklahoma City, OK
12. GES Jr. Beta Club Fundraiser

Under New Business, Dr. Williams will provide information to the board, at a later date, regarding regulations listed on the agenda.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. NEW HIRES

- LaRosa Howell – Bus Driver
- Makaela J. Bartoli – Part-time Lead Teacher – New Beginnings Daycare
- Seth Fisher – Community Center Soccer Referee
- Michael Travis Riddick – GCHS Varsity Softball Assistant Coach
- Mary Alexa Brown – Substitute Teacher – Buckland Elementary

2. TEACHER CONTRACT RENEWALS

1 Year Contracts 2019-2020

Austin, Barbara	CMS
Baker, Catherine	GCHS
Blanchard, Angela	TSC
Blystone, Savannah	GCHS
Brooks, Kristal	Buckland
Childers, Joshua	CMS
Collins, Katelyn	CMS
Copeland, Deborah	CMS
Dillard, Yolanda	Gatesville
Harmon, Holly	CMS
Harrell, Amber	CMS
Harrell, Jessica	Gatesville
Jacobs, Jessica	GCHS
Lashley, Tiffany	CMS
Malak, Peter	GCHS
Matthews, Samantha	GCHS
McSwain, Lauren	TSC
Perry, Kimberly	GCHS
Seebo, Barry	GCHS
Somers, Megan	GCHS
Townsend, Julia	GCHS
Vaughn, Shaunda	CMS

2 Year Contracts 2019-2020

Allyn, Rhae	GCHS
Bisignano, Stacey	CMS
Brinkley, Anne	GCHS
Copeland McNair, Ebony	Buckland

Harders, Lori	CMS
McPherson, Monica	GCHS
Miller, Jennifer	TSC
Nistler, Jean	TSC
Randolph, Salome	CMS
Rose, Mae	Gatesville
Saunders, Mary	TSC
Unger, Stacey	CMS

1 Year Pending 2019-2020

Melton, Hope	CMS
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3. SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS

- Megan Somers – Math
- Cindy Barber – Flight School Lab Facilitator

4. INTERNSHIP

- John Wheeler, II – Gates County High School Athletics

5. RESIGNATIONS

- Robin Hunter – Child Nutrition Bookkeeper
- Patricia Plumley – Bus Driver
- Shanese Eaton – New Beginnings Daycare Assistant

6. RETIREE AND RESIGNATION RETRACT

- Phillipa Smith – GCHS EC Teacher – rescind retirement request
- Patricia Plumley – Bus Driver – rescind resignation
- Shanese Eaton – Bus Driver – rescind resignation

7. 2019-2020 TRANSFERS

Employee	Transfer from	Transfer to
Brenda Riddick	T S Cooper/EC Teacher Assistant	EC Teacher/Buckland
Lekeisha Holley	GES/EC Teacher Assistant	CMS/ EC Teacher Assistant
Beverly Knight	GCHS/EC Teacher Assistant	CMS/EC Teacher Assistant

Renee Nowell	CMS/1:1 Personal Care Assistant	CMS/EC Teacher
Debbie Boyce	CMS/Behavior Support Assistant	TSC/EC Teacher Assistant
Rosalind Dillard	CMS/EC Teacher Assistant	GES/EC Teacher Assistant

8. RETIREMENT

- Ronald Rogers – Custodian at Central Middle School

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular June session will be held at Gatesville Elementary School on Monday, June 3, 2019, with closed session beginning at 5:00 p.m., and open session at 6:00 p.m.
- The Year-End session will be held at the Central Office on June 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.