

Fiscal Year End Board Meeting Highlights
June 27, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in session on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following board members were 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. Glendale Boone made a motion to amend the agenda to allow the board to enter into closed session after Dr. Shawn Moore and Mrs. Lori Ward make their presentations. This was requested by Mr. Felton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leslie Byrum, and unanimously approved by board members.

Dr. Shawn Moore, Director of Center for STEM Education, East Carolina University, spoke about the Gates on the Go program for Gates County. Over the next five years, the College of Education's Rural Education Institute and Center for STEM Education will work with Gates County Public Schools and the larger Gates County community to optimize educational pathways and implement a variety of programs and initiatives designed to create interest and competency among K-12 students in the areas of STEM Education and college and career readiness. There are many exciting events planned, such as drone competitions, four week residential camps, whereby students will stay at East Carolina, and work with professors and staff on innovative new ideas, and a study-abroad program is in the planning stages. The board members were very excited about the program and thanked Dr. Moore for presenting the information.

Mrs. Lori Ward, Director of the Preschool Department, updated the Board on the challenges her department is facing. She requested the addition of a third classroom to meet the needs of the students. She complimented her staff for meeting all the training requirements, and she feels her staff is doing a great job, as has been documented by the Department of Public Instruction, when they did their review. However, with the increasing numbers of special needs children in the program, there is more need to limit the number of students in the classroom. There are rooms available, but adding a classroom would require hiring a teacher.

At 10:50 a.m. Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Mr. Leslie Byrum, and unanimously approved by board members. The board entered into closed session at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 12:11 a.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mr. Rube Blanchard, Finance Officer, gave the Financial Report and provided an update on New Beginnings Daycare. The board thanked Mr. Blanchard for a job well done in light of his resignation effective July 15, 2019.

Mr. Felton noted there were Change Orders for Central Middle School that needed to be added to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Byrum made a motion to amend the consent agenda to add Item Number Thirteen – Central Middle School Construction Change Orders. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Whitehurst, and unanimously approved by board members.

During the Report from the Board, Mr. Byrum shared information he had learned at the Leadership and Policy conferences he had attended. Board members shared comments about various end-of-school events they had attended, and complimented Mrs. Lisa Ward on her International HOSA award.

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

- Justin Powell to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Dominic Owens to attend Buckland Elementary
- Kayla White to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Northampton County Schools
- Livia Odom to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Chase Farmer to attend Buckland Elementary and Lee Farmer to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- DeMari Parker to attend Buckland Elementary
- Skye Murray & Trinity Murray to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Eric Eure to attend Buckland Elementary
- Reagan Strobel & Jenna Strobel to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Sakendra Wilson to attend Buckland Elementary
- Antoine Jordan, Bryson Jordan, & Tyler Jordan to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan Schools
- Michaela Futrell to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Owen Thomas Black to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Caleb Copeland and Zachary Copeland to attend Gates County High
- Karalyne Johnston to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

1. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2019 Regular Session
2. Policy 4240/7312 – Child Abuse
3. Policy 7140 – Criminal History Checks
4. TEACH Autism Program Agreement
5. Sales Agreement for Sale of 1999 Dodge Truck
6. Interpreting/Transliterating Services Agreement

7. Revised SIMBLI Invoice for 2019-2020
8. School Nutrition 2019-2020 Vendor Bids
9. Young Group Student Accident Insurance Coverage
10. Physical Therapy Contract with Emmy G. Isbell
11. Economic Improvement Council Contract for 2019-2020 Head Start Program
12. Surry Insurance Policy Renewals
13. Construction Change Orders for Central Middle School

Mr. Byrum made a motion to approve Items One through Thirteen on the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Mr. Rube Blanchard presented the following items for approval:

- 1) Fiscal Year End Budget Amendments:
 - a) Budget Amendment No. 11 – State Fund No. 1
 - b) Budget Amendment No. 7 – Local Fund No. 2
 - c) Budget Amendment No. 6 – Federal Fund No. 3
 - d) Budget Amendment No. 8 – Capital Outlay Fund No. 4
 - e) Budget Amendment No. 1 – Child Nutrition No. 5
 - f) Budget Amendment No. 1 – Daycare Fund No. 6
 - g) Budget Amendment No. 1 – Community Center No. 7
 - h) Budget Amendment No. 7 – Local Fund No. 8
- 2) Recommendation for the 2019-2020 Interim Budget
- 3) Request for Transfer of Child Nutrition Expenditures Paid with State Funds

Mr. Byrum made a motion to approve Items One through Three under New Business. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and motion passed unanimously.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. NEW HIRES

- Keri Askew – Payroll/Accounting Specialist – Central Office

2. TRANSFERS

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>
Jessica Jacobs	Gates County High School / EC Math Teacher	Central Middle/Math Teacher
Whitney Farmer	Central Middle School / English Teacher	Gates County High School / English Teacher

Amy Hall	Gatesville Elementary School / K-5 Teacher	Buckland Elementary School / K-5 Teacher
Alegrea Boone	Gates County High School/ English Teacher	Gates County High School/ Art Teacher

3. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Wanda Harrell
- Richard Clark Harrell
- Shwanda McCullough
- Stephanie McKinley

4. INTERNSHIP

- Lovie Roscoe – T.S. Cooper Elementary

5. RESIGNATIONS

- Adrienne Beasley – PE Teacher at T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Sandra Dillard – New Beginnings Daycare
- Rube Blanchard – Central Office Finance Director

6. SUMMER READING CAMP ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Keisha Smith – tentatively approved by Superintendent (June 17-June 27)

7. SUMMER READING CAMP SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

- Debbie Boyce – tentatively approved by Superintendent

8. TUTORS AT GATESVILLE ELEMENTARY for 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

- Jessica Harrell – (After School) Current Teacher
- Lori Lories – (After School) Current Teacher
- Kathy Byrum – (During School) Retired Teacher
- Lou Riddick – (During School) – Retired Teacher

9. RETIREMENT

- Susan Parker – Teacher at Buckland Elementary

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The August Regular Session will be held Monday August 5, 2019 at the Central Office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- The board will hold a Special Called Closed Session on Monday, July 1, 2019, to be held at the home of Chairman Ray Felton, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.