

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
June 4, 2018

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2018, at Gatesville Elementary School. Chairman Felton called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to enter into closed session at 5:05 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 personnel as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 6:05 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the agenda, with a change in the order of the items. She requested that the vote for the personnel items be moved to the beginning of the agenda, to allow her to leave for a previously scheduled event. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

I. NEW HIRES

- Lauren McSwain – K-5 Teacher T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Kathy Matthews – K-5 Teacher Gatesville Elementary
- Holly Harmon – 6th Grade Science Teacher – Central Middle
- Deborah Copeland – 8th Grade English Teacher – Central Middle
- John Ashley – GCHS Assistant Football Coach
- Carolyn Eason- Transportation Bus Monitor

II. TRANSFERS

- Crystal Jacox – transfer from Payroll Specialist to Accounting Specialist
- Jeremy Wright - transfer form Principal at T.S. Cooper Elementary to Director of Student Services
- Chante Jordan - transfer form Exceptional Children’s Director to Exceptional Children’s Director/Human Resources Director

III. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

- Taylor Gurganus – Certified

IV. STUDENT TEACHING

- Mary Brown – Buckland Elementary

V. OBSERVATION HOURS

- Douglas Smith – Gates County High School
- Nathan Harrell – Gates County Community Center

VI. INTERNSHIP

- Barbara Austin – Guidance Counselor
- Michelle Newsome – Master of School Administration
- Susan Casper – Master of School Administration
- Erika Robertson - Golden Leaf Foundation

VII. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT

- Keshia Saunders – Substitute Bus Monitor
- Kenny Ward - Substitute Bus Monitor

VIII. SUMMER READING CAMP STAFF

Teachers:

- Lovie Roscoe
- Amanda Dillard
- Anita Winn
- Sherry Jones
- Susan Bazemore
- Ruby Holder
- Kristal Brooks
- Mary Hobbs

Teacher Assistants:

- Vicki Moore
- Robin Boone
- Cathy Eason

Substitute Teachers:

- Staley Pierce
- Hannah Szymanik
- Aretha Ruffin

Bus Drivers

- Deborah Smith

- Taurus Jordan
- Janice Knight
- Jean Knight
- Robin Spivey
- Benecia Spivey (Sub)

IX. COMMUNITY CENTER SPRING SOCCER OFFICIALS

- Branden Lucas
- Caleb Brickhouse
- Nathan Brickhouse
- Davis Buck
- Cody Higginbotham
- Haven Stiles

X. RESIGNATIONS

- Tammi Ward-Director of Human Resources
- Justin Boone – Bus Mechanic
- Timothy Jordan-Bus Driver

XI. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Pamela Beamon – Gatesville Elementary Part-time Custodian
- Brandon Matthews – Gates County High School

Mr. Byrum voted no on the second item under Transfers, allowing for the Human Resources Director position to be combined with the Exceptional Children’s Director position. He felt this was too much responsibility for one person.

Mrs. Whitehurst left the meeting after the vote.

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

There were no public comments.

During the Academic Report, Dr. Shawn Wilson, Principal, welcomed everyone to Gatesville Elementary. She then introduced Ms. Staley Marie Pierce, teacher at Gatesville Elementary. Ms. Pierce presented a video that had been compiled by her AIG students. The video was in a news format and titled “Dragon Scoop”. The students came up with an idea to produce a school newspaper, but due to limited supplies, they opted for the video instead. During the year they produced five episodes, and everyone present was able to enjoy one of those episodes.

During the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Williams reported on happenings at the schools:

- Successful Lockdown Drills have been performed at each of the schools
- Superintendent’s Aspiring Students Program was completed by four students

- Band Concert
- GCHS Dance Recital
- GCHS Senior Walk
- Beta Club Inductions
- Academic Awards
- Athletic Awards
- FFA Banquet

He extended a thank-you to the county commissioners for approving our budget request for 2018-2019, which will allow for higher supplements for our teachers.

He reported that we are making progress with the Central Middle School construction project. Bids have been submitted, and the county is working toward the final approval for the funds needed.

During the Board Report, Dr. Dickerson commented on the Robotics Program being implemented in our schools. Mr. Byrum was proud of our students that were awarded scholarships, and proud of the GCHS senior students who earned a 4.0 or higher, and received the Superintendent's Award. Mr. Felton commented on the Central Middle School project. He noted that with the bids received, we are facing having to make decisions about choices for the school, but promised that we will always do what is best for the students.

The board members and Dr. Williams recognized the 2018 retirees with plaques:

- Arlene Bass – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary
- Sharon Batts – Teacher Assistant at Gatesville Elementary
- Debra Boyce - Technology
- Pascale Harrell – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary
- Annie Jacox – School Nurse
- Peggy Walston – Teacher at Gates County High

Dr. Williams recognized Senior Student Advisors Dylan Eure and Chase Evans, and presented them with plaques in recognition of their work with the board.

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

Dr. Williams approved the following out-of-district requests for the 2018-19 school year:

- Christian Blaise Harrell to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Abigail Leigh Vaughan to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools, and payment of tuition
- Ayden Wright to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School, and Madison Weatherly to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Camden County Schools
- Bryson Carter, Jr. and Antoine Carter to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Noah Wilkins to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Alexandria Leigh Boyce to attend Buckland Elementary

- Justin Powell to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Johann Parker to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Owen Thomas Black to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition
- Virginia Bracy to attend Gates County High School
- Camryn Anne Piland to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County, and payment of tuition
- Raylen Hayes to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools

At this time a reception was held in honor of the retirees and the student advisors.

Mr. Felton reconvened the meeting and recognized Ms. Erika Robertson, who is serving as an intern this summer, sponsored by the Golden Leaf Foundation.

Under Unfinished Business, a report from the Daycare Committee was provided to the board prior to the meeting. Dr. Paula Simpson asked if there were any questions. There was a discussion among the board members. The members had some concerns about the proposals. Dr. Simpson asked if she could move forward with the hiring of personnel as stated in the report, and also the relocation of the Head Start Program to another location. The Board agreed that she could begin the process for these two items. They requested that the other items in the report be tabled at this time, until further study could be conducted. Everything will remain the same until further notice.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - May 7, 2018 Regular Session
2. Approval of Employee Summer Flexible Work Schedule
3. Approval of Career and Technical Education Local Planning System
4. Approval of Buckland Transfer of Funds
5. Approval of TEACCH Autism Program Contract
6. Approval for GCHS To Host a Summer Baseball Camp
7. Approval of GCHS Band Booster Club Fundraiser Event
8. Approval of GCHS Overnight Trip to the DPI Student Leadership Institute
9. Approval of Medicaid Reimbursement Management Agreement
10. Approval of Renewal of Errors & Omissions Insurance
11. Approval of Property & Boiler/Machinery Insurance
12. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 9 - State Funds
13. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 7 - Local Fund No. 2
14. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 - Local Fund No. 8
15. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 6 - Federal Funds
16. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 4 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4
17. Approval of Whole Child Resolution
18. Approval of Resolution to Engage in Electronic Payments
19. Approval of Policy 5030 - Community Use of Facilities

Mr. Byrum made a motion to approve the posting of a New Beginnings Daycare Director position and two part-time positions. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

Under New Business, Mr. Byrum noted there is some concern about the danger of students wearing headphones when getting on and off the school bus. It was suggested that we look into this matter.

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular July session will be held at Gates County Board of Education Central Office on Thursday, June 28, 2018, with closed session beginning at 5:00 p.m., and open session at 6:00 p.m.
- A Special Closed Session will be held Friday, July 27, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mrs. Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.