

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
June 8, 2020

The Gates County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, June 8, 2020, through a remote meeting using the Zoom format. This was agreed to by the board members in order to comply with the Governor's Order regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst, and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mrs. Claire Whitehurst made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Mrs. Glendale Boone seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion carried unanimously. The board entered closed session at 9:06 a.m.

The board reconvened open session at 10:15 a.m. with all board members present.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Leslie Byrum seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

Board Members recognized the following for the 2020-2021 school year: Some of the honorees were able to be present on the Zoom meeting.

Mary Hobbs	T.S. Cooper Elementary Teacher of the Year
Avis Holley	Buckland Elementary Teacher of the Year
Deirdre House	Central Middle Teacher of the Year
Kim Kirby	Gatesville Elementary Teacher of the Year
Sherri Russell	Gates County High Teacher of the Year
Lisa Copeland	T.S. Cooper Elementary Support Staff of the Year
Ginny Cowper	Gatesville Elementary Support Staff of the Year
Wendy Cox	Gates County High Support Staff of the Year
Sharon Riddick	Buckland Elementary Support Staff of the Year
Paula Walker	Central Middle Support Staff of the Year
Tracey Carr	Gatesville Elementary Volunteer of the Year
Anna Ewell	Central Middle Volunteer of the Year
Beth Ross	Buckland Elementary Volunteer of the Year

Karen Tipton
Maegan Watson

T.S. Cooper Elementary Volunteer of the Year
Gates County High Volunteer of the Year

Dr. Williams recognized the District Winners:

Deirdre House	District Teacher of the Year
Lisa Copeland	District Support Staff of the Year
Maegan Watson	District Volunteer of the Year
Jonathan Hayes	Principal of the Year

Superintendent Report:

- Graduation ceremonies were wonderful
- Have not received Reopening Plan from NC Department of Public Instruction
- Summer Feeding will continue as long as we are under State of Emergency. Yellow buses can only be used for delivery while we are under the State of Emergency.
- Jump Start Program for the summer and beginning of school
- Unrest in the country – need to have conversations with students to address
- Super proud of our teachers and all staff

Board Report:

- Graduation ceremonies were outstanding. The staff were very creative during these difficult times.
- Mrs. Whitehurst announced that she is resigning from the board, effective at the end of June. Her term ends in December, 2020 and she did not seek re-election. Amanda Pacitto was elected in March to serve in her seat. She requested that the board appoint Mrs. Pacitto to serve the remainder of her term.
Mrs. Whitehurst gave a heartfelt message about her time on the board. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. She feels that the board's first and most important duty is to always advocate for our students. The board thanked Mrs. Whitehurst for her service.

Mrs. Sandra Pittman, Finance Officer, had provided monthly reports to the board prior to the meeting. She noted that our budget is in good standing at about 94.7% of the budget spent and we should finish the year at close to break-even. Daycare has seen an increase in enrollment, with some children coming back, and has received a grant to help offset some of the local budget expense. The School Nutrition Department should end the year on a positive note. She noted that out-of-district tuition payments have been slow coming in. The board felt that a policy should be put in place to address past due payments. They asked Mr. Jeremy Wright to research this matter and report back to the board at the June 29, 2020 meeting, with a draft policy.

Dr. Williams approved the following Out-of-District Request for 2020-2021:

- Jerome Jones, Jr. to attend Buckland Elementary
- Cole Thomas Weller to attend Buckland Elementary

- Elizabeth Clark to attend Buckland Elementary
- DeMari J. Parker to attend Buckland Elementary
- Haylee & Morgan Casper to attend Buckland Elementary
- William Daniel Boyce to attend Buckland Elementary
- Johann Parker to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Nathan Unger to attend Buckland Elementary, Courtney Unger to attend Central Middle and Hannah Unger to attend Gates County High. Approval is contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Eric Eure to attend Buckland Elementary
- Blaid Denson to attend Buckland Elementary
- Owen Thomas Black to attend Gates County High. Approval is contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Blaire & Carter Tyler to attend Buckland Elementary
- Evelina Grant to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Andrea & Cristan Sutton to attend Buckland Elementary
- MollyAnn Ludmila Dickerson to attend Buckland Elementary
- Carson Revelle & Henry Charles Saunders to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. May 11, 2020 Regular Session Minutes
2. May 18, 2020 Special Called Session Minutes
3. Donations to Buckland Elementary
4. NC School Boards Trust Errors & Omissions General Liability Fund
5. Policy 1320/3560 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement
6. Policy 1610/7800 – Professional and Staff Development
7. Policy 2127 – Board Member Technology Use
8. Policy 2302 – Remote Participation in Board Meetings
9. Policy 3410 – Testing and Assessment Program
10. Policy 3460 – Graduation Requirements
11. Policy 3620 – Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
12. Policy 4110 – Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission
13. Policy 4120 – Domicile or Residence Requirements
14. Policy 4270/6145 – Concussion and Head Injury
15. Policy 4325 – Drugs and Alcohol
16. Policy 6325 – Parking Areas for Students
17. Policy 7240 – Drug-Free Alcohol-Free Workplace
18. Policy 7241 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators
19. Policy 7900 – Resignation
20. Revised 2019-2020 School Calendar
21. Flexible Summer Hours
22. CTE Application

23. Revised Draft 2020-2021 Calendar
24. Revelle Psychological Services Contract
25. Budget Amendment No. 5 – State Funds
26. Budget Amendment No. 2 – Federal Funds
27. Budget Amendment No. 3 – New Beginnings Daycare
28. Budget Amendment No. 2 – Community Center
29. Budget Amendment No. 5 – Local Fund No. 8
30. LINQ Renewal for 2020-2021
31. Surry Insurance Renewal
32. E-boards Solutions Renewal

There was no New Business.

The following personnel recommendations were approved, as discussed in closed session:

NEW HIRES

- Chelsea Winn – Teacher at Buckland Elementary – replacing Avis Holley
- Carledia Dozier – Exceptional Children Program Specialist/Coordinator at Gatesville Elementary – replacing Lori Ward
- Geannine Chlomoudis – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary – replacing Betty Perry
- Jennifer Hobbs – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary – replacing Robin Brown
- Anna Seaborn Pugh – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary – replacing Kimberly Kirby
- Ashley Barrow – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary – replacing Mae Rose
- John Wheeler – Social Studies Teacher at Central Middle – Replacing Salome Randolph
- Gary Arline – Science Teacher at Central Middle – Replacing Holly Harmon
- Nekia Williams – Exceptional Children’s Teacher at Central Middle – Replacing Kristal Brooks

TRANSFERS – 2020-2021

Employee	Transfer From	Transfer To	Replacing
Connie Umphlett	Teacher Assistant/TSC	Bookkeeper/TSC	Mary Eure
Holly Harmon	Teacher/CMS	Teacher/TSC	Jennifer Miller
Debbie Boyce	EC Teacher Assistant/TSC	Teacher Assistant /TSC	Connie Umphlett
Felisha Walton	EC Teacher Assistant /CMS	EC Teacher Assistant/GES	Rosalind Dillard
Rosalind Dillard	EC Teacher Assistant /GES	EC Teacher Assistant/TSC	Debbie Boyce
Wanda Hathaway	Behavior Support Assistant/BES	Teacher Assistant/GES	Linda Combo
Beverly Knight	EC 1:1 Assistant/CMS	EC 1:1 Assistant/ TSC	Iris Wiggins
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Sharon Hayer	Part-time Custodian/GCHS	Head Custodian/GCHS	Carolyn Johnson
Benecia Spivey	Bus Driver	EC Teacher Assistant/CMS	Felisha Walton

ADDITIONAL MONTH ADDED TO EMPLOYMENT

- Donald Hudson – CTE Technology – Gates County High – Additional Month (July) 2020-2021 School Year

INTERIM/CONTRACTED TEACHER

- Don White – CTE Agricultural Teacher – Gates County High – 1st Semester 2020

RESIGNATIONS

- Salome Randolph – Social Studies Teacher – Central Middle –
Effective: 6-12-2020
- Debbie Faulk – Bus Driver – T.S. Cooper Elementary
Effective: 6-30-2020

Other Business:

- The July Regular Session Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020. We will use the Zoom format to conduct the meeting remotely. Closed Session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Open Session at 10:00 a.m.
- Retirees will be recognized at the July meeting
- Joint Meeting with the Commissioners has been changed from Wednesday, June 10, 2020 to Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- Fiscal Year End Meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion at 11:27 a.m. to go out of the business session and resume the closed session. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board reconvened open session at 12:14 p.m. with all board members present.

After discussion in closed session, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst made a motion to hire a visual arts teacher and to rotate the three arts teachers among the elementary schools. Mrs. Glendale Boone seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote. All members voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Leslie Byrum. He voted no in regards to the rotation. Motion passed.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Sallie Ryan seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.