

Special Called Session Board Meeting Highlights  
August 17, 2020

The Gates County Board of Education met in a special called session on Monday, August 17, 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 9:01 a.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Sallie Ryan, and Mrs. Amanda Pacitto.

Mr. Leslie Byrum made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Amanda Pacitto 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.

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

- Bryce Vogle to attend Buckland Elementary
- Caleb Christenhusz to be released to attend Perquimans County Schools
- Livia Odom to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Julia Fay Morris to attend Buckland Elementary and Tristen Elizabeth Morris to attend Central Middle, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Madison Mae Belch to attend Central Middle, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County
- Clinton Mizelle to attend Central Middle, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Ella Harrell to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Jaxson Waters to attend Buckland Elementary
- Trinity Murray to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Saniyah Depugh to attend Gatesville Elementary
- John Hicks to attend Gatesville Elementary

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Pre-K Instruction Discussion**

Mrs. Chante' Jordan, Director of Exceptional Children, reported that she had researched funding for Pre-K. Funding will be provided based on enrollment and not daily attendance. We should not lose funding unless a parent insists that their child receive face-to-face instruction. In this instance, we are required to try to meet this request, using resources in our area. Our resources are limited, and therefore if the parent withdraws the student, we would lose funding for that student.

Comments from Board Members:

- Pre-K Remote Learning must end by November 6, 2020

- Pre-K program does not have to follow plan chosen for K-12 students
- What information do we have concerning parents that have chosen home-schooling, or who are using retired teachers for instruction
- We could face criticism if we allow Pre-K to come back to face-to-face instruction, and not allow other grades
- With reports from across the country concerning students returning to schools, we do not feel we can keep students safe
- Pre-K teachers feel that some face-to-face instruction would be more beneficial
- Should consider offering face-to-face instruction for Pre-K in October, 2020

Mrs. Sallie Ryan made a motion to table the decision regarding Pre-K instruction until the September 14, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Amanda Pacitto seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS – Tuition Agreement**

Dr. Williams reported that he and Mr. John Leidy, Board Attorney, had composed the agreement presented. Mr. Leslie Byrum made a motion to approve the tuition agreement with monthly payments required. Mrs. Sallie Ryan seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sallie Ryan noted that she had been approached by a parent concerning the use of the community center for student instruction. This is something that can be discussed when we determine when we will be moving to Plan B.

Mr. Leslie Byrum 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 into closed session at 9:32 a.m.

The board reconvened open session at 10:18 a.m. with all board members present.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. **CO-ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – CENTRAL MIDDLE**
  - Jennifer Dail
2. **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**
  - Alice Casterlow – Retired Teacher
3. **BEGINNING TEACHER MENTORS**
  - Elaine Simpson - CMS
  - Kathryn Eure – CMS
  - Jennifer Dail – CMS

- Beverly Plyler – CMS
- Teresa White – CMS
- Lisa Wilkins – TSC
- Brittany Parker – BES
- Krystal Williams – BT Support Coach

Mr. Leslie Byrum asked about athletic purchases for central middle school, using funds left from construction. It was agreed to address this matter at the September 14, 2020 meeting.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 10:31a.m.