

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
August 6, 2020

The Gates County Board of Education met in a regular session on Thursday, August 6, 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 9:00 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 enter into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). 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. The board entered closed session at 9:02 a.m.

The board reconvened open session at 10:01 a.m. with all board members present.

Mr. Leslie Byrum made a motion to amend the agenda by adding the discussion of Pre-K students participating in face-to-face instruction, and to approve the agenda with the addition. Mrs. Glendale Boone seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Amanda Pacitto noted that she may have to leave the meeting, if it goes beyond 11:15, due to a previous appointment.

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

There were no public comments.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Williams participated in a North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) zoom meeting, with other Superintendents, this morning, and he noted some points from the meeting

- Impact of ADM Drop for 2020-2021
- Child Nutrition Funding Needs
- Legislative Requests:
 - Provide ADM Hold Harmless on LEA Funding and Principal Salary
 - Allow Class Size Waivers for Virtual K-3 classes
 - Increase Child Nutrition Funding
 - Increase Funding for PPE's
 - Increase Technology Funding
 - Testing & Accountability Relief
 - Extend Limited State Emergency Leave for COVID-19

Board Report:

- Mrs. Sallie Ryan reported on the July 27, 2020 Race & Equity Meeting, where the following goals were set:
 - Advocate for equitable learning opportunities
 - Address matters of disproportionality
 - Collaborate with schools and staff to develop
 - Survey students and staff yearly on equity issues
 - Review racial and equity plans currently in use

Mrs. Sandra Pittman, Finance Officer, requested that the out-of-district tuition cost for 2020-2021 remain at \$1750.00 per student per year. Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to add this as Item No. Fifteen to the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Amanda Pacitto seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board Members stated their name and their vote. The motion passed unanimously. The board requested a contract be prepared for out-of-district parents to sign, that states the terms regarding tuition payments, and requires the principal signature. We also need to have a plan in place for students that are released to other counties; should they want to return to Gates County Schools.

Mrs. Pittman had provided monthly reports to the board prior to the meeting. We still do not have a state budget. Some past due tuition payments have been collected, but the uncollected amount is still high. State Funding for 2020-2021 will possibly be cut by approximately \$250,000, and Local Funding for 2020-2021 will be \$50,000 less than last year. The audit should be completed by 10-31-2020.

Questions:

- Will there be students not able to return due to unpaid tuition – Yes
- Is there any type of assistance program to help with tuition – No
- What are we doing for staff returning next week – Virtual convocation with recognition of years of service pins
- Will there be any students in the schools during the first nine weeks – Yes – students with special needs that cannot benefit from remote learning, which was approved at the July 22, 2020 special called session
- Do we have the results of the technology device needs survey that the principals conducted with parents – Not available today, but Dr. Williams will provide to the board
- Do we have a report on the Facebook survey regarding Remote Learning vs. Face-to-Face Instruction – No

Discussion- Pre-K Face-to-Face Instruction

Mrs. Jordan has received information that strongly encourages face-to-face instruction for Pre-K students. There is a possibility that we will lose some funding if we do not provide face-to-face instruction. We have six special needs students in the Pre-K program that would qualify for face-to-face instruction during the first nine weeks of remote learning. Board members had concerns with allowing Pre-K students to come to school and not allowing kindergarten students.

Mrs. Ryan made a motion to table this discussion until Mrs. Jordan can research the funding issue. The six Pre-K special needs students will be allowed to attend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leslie Byrum. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- Jaylen Perry and Sa'Myiah Perry to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Justin T. Powell to attend Gatesville
- Brianna M. Hart to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Avery & Gage Chlomoudis to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon release from Hertford County School
- Nathan Stephenson released to attend Perquimans County Schools, contingent upon acceptance from Perquimans County
- Haidyn & Sawyer Lyon to attend Buckland Elementary
- Jayanah Baker to attend Buckland Elementary
- Chase Farmer to attend Buckland Elementary and Lee Farmer to attend Central Middle, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools.
- Collin Dunn to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Joshua Aaron Hill, Jr. to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Aubrey Fox to attend Buckland Elementary
- McKenna Peters to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Michaela Grace Futrell to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Camryn Anne Piland to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Natalie Austin to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Ashton & Braden Rawls to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Lilley Hale released to attend Perquimans County Schools, contingent upon acceptance from Perquimans County Schools
- Mary Kathryn Bourn to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Makayla Smith to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Edenton/Chowan Schools
- Conner Cowper released to attend Edenton/Chowan Schools, contingent upon acceptance from Edenton/Chowan Schools
- Dakota Harley Hale to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Northampton County Schools
- Jenna & Reagan Strobel to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Karalyn Johnston to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary

- Kennedy Majette to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Madilyn Sorey to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Landon & Jaxon Olivey to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Khloe Watson to attend Buckland Elementary
- Ethan Allen to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Seth Hays to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Sarah Smith to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Daniel White, Jr. to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon release from Pasquotank County Schools
- Emerson Christison to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Addison Brooke and Kaiden Anne Riddick released to attend Edenton/Chowan County Schools, contingent upon acceptance from Edenton/Chowan

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2020 Regular Session
2. Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2020 Special Called Session
3. Economic Improvement Council Head Start Lease
4. State Public School Fund Budget Amendment No. 6
5. Current Expense Fund 2 Budget Amendment No. 4
6. Federal Grants Fund Budget Amendment No. 2
7. Capital Outlay Budget Amendment No. 2
8. Local Current Expense Fund 5 Budget Amendment No. 1
9. New Beginnings Daycare Fund Budget Amendment No. 4
10. Community Center Fund Budget Amendment No. 3
11. Local Current Expense Fund 8 Budget Amendment No. 6
12. Public Consulting Group Agreement
13. Economic Improvement Council Head Start Contract
14. T.S. Cooper Elementary Fundraiser
15. Out-of-District Tuition for 2020-2021

New Business

Mrs. Glendale Boone nominated Mr. Leslie Byrum to serve on the North Carolina School Boards Association 2020-2021 Board of Directors. Mrs. Sallie Ryan seconded the nomination. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their name and their vote, and the motion passed. Mr. Byrum abstained from voting.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

TRANSFERS

Employee	Transfer From	Transfer To	Replacing
Alronda Hathaway	Gatesville School	TS Cooper School	Travis Copeland
Peter Malak	Gates County High School	Central Middle School	Salome Randolph

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Teri Campbell – GCHS – replacing Rachel Badgett
- Barbara Wiant – GCHS – replacing Lisa Ward
- Kaye Barker – GCHS – replacing Whitney Farmer

RESIGNATIONS

- Reba Green-Holley – GCHS Assistant Cheerleader Coach
Effective: 7/14/2020
- Mary Eason – New Beginnings Daycare – Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Effective: 7/27/2020
- Tony Coley, Jr. – Gates County High School – Assistant Principal
Effective: 7/31/2020
- Charlene Barnes – New Beginnings Daycare – Part-time Lead Teacher – Effective: 7/31/2020
- Ivory Mitchell – Gatesville Elementary – Cafeteria Manager
Effective: 7/28/2020

Other Business:

- The September Regular Session Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 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.
- Board Members adopted schools as follows:

Ray Felton - Buckland
Glendale Boone - Gatesville Elementary
Leslie Byrum - Central Middle
Amanda Pacitto - Gates County High
Sallie Ryan - T.S. Cooper Elementary

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 vote, and the motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.