

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
September 9, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019, at the Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mrs. Boone made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 4:12 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mr. Byrum made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

During Public Comments Dawn Powell, Sarah Powell and Jen Cowen spoke about conflict within the Band Boosters organization. There was an incident after the football game on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, involving members of the band boosters, which has caused distress for Mrs. Powell and her daughter Sarah. They requested help from the board to resolve this matter. Mr. Felton thanked them for their comments, but indicated that per policy, the board is not allowed to respond to individuals who address the board, except to request clarification of points made by the presenter. He did indicate that the board is concerned about this being a reflection on our school system.

Amanda Hobbs, AIG Coordinator showed a power point of the AIG trip to Belize this past summer. She provided their itinerary and a brief summary of what they did each day. She said the students learned about the culture of the country, and were able to sample local food and participate in their local activities. It was an enjoyable trip for all, and she is looking forward to their trip to Barcelona, Spain in June, 2020.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams commented on some traffic problems at Buckland and Central Middle at the beginning of school, but all have been resolved. We have only been in school a short amount of time and already have dealt with fog delays and a hurricane. We are still waiting on a budget from the state.

During the Report from the Board, members commented on the School Open Houses they attended. They were very impressed with the principals, staff, and the amount of parents that attended. Mr. Felton gave an update on the completion of the renovation of the 6th and 7th grade wings at Central Middle.

Mrs. Sandra Pittman, our new finance officer, provided the July financial report and stated the New Beginnings Daycare Update would be forthcoming.

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

- Johnny & Hannah Wiggins to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Saniyah Depugh to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Gentry Leann Benard-Parrish released to attend Camden County Schools
- Clinton Mizelle to attend Central Middle, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Jamare Holley to attend Buckland Elementary
- Brianna Nichole Evans, Zachery Seth Patterson and Myra Winter Patterson to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Aryanna Gatling to attend Buckland Elementary
- Collin Nicholas Dunn to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Lilly Grace Kellett and Tinsley Anne Janney to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Olivia Long to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Preston Lassiter to attend Buckland Elementary
- Avery Harris and Noah Harris to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Lucas Poljacik to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Nathan Stevenson released to attend Perquimans County Schools
- Makayla Smith to attend Gates County High, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Kaelan Spence to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Sarah Smith to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Holten Ward to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Edenton/Chowan Schools
- Isaac Bradley Cooper to attend Gatesville Elementary, contingent upon payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2019 Regular Session
2. Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2019 Work Session
3. Buckland Elementary Fundraisers
4. Transportation Contracts for Exceptional Children’s Department
5. Occupational Therapy Services Contract with Rebecca Ammons
6. Equity Training CEU Credit for Board Members Attending
7. Board Member Travel

8. AIG Trip to Barcelona, Spain
9. 2019-2020 Tuition Request
10. Mileage Rate

Under New Business, Mrs. Sallie Ryan spoke about the equity workshop that was presented at convocation, by Mrs. Fartakas. She shared that she gained more insight into the importance of striving to create an equal learning environment for all our students. She asked that the board commit to expand our vision, look beyond our accomplishments, and set goals to provide opportunities for all demographics of students. Mr. Byrum made a motion that the board commit to expanding our vision, and require accountability of our staff to meet these goals. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. **NEW HIRES**

- Mary Brown –Teacher – T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Nikki Galzerano – Pre-K Teacher – Gatesville Elementary
- Shaquoya Bonner – 1:1 EC Teacher Assistant – T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Katron Greene – 1:1 EC Teacher Assistant – Gatesville Elementary
- George Kenny Ward – Transportation Assistant
- Joshua Cross – Assistant Football Coach – Gates County High
- Quincy Saunders – Assistant Football Coach
- Bryana Curtis – Part time lead Teacher – New Beginnings Day Care
- Crystal Evans – Social Studies Teacher – Central Middle School
- Hurley Jones – Part time Custodian – Gatesville Elementary School

2. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN**

- Timothy Jordan

3. **INTERNSHIP**

- Deana White

4. **MENTORS**

- Deirdre House – Central Middle
- Crystal Owens – Central Middle
- Beverly Plyler – Central Middle
- Teresa White – Central Middle
- Jennifer Dail – Central Middle
- Mary Hobbs – T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Lisa Wilkins – T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Brittany Parker – Buckland Elementary
- Renee Kittrell – Gates County High

5. **VOLUNTEER**

- Karen Tipton – T.S. Cooper Elementary

6. **VOLUNTEERS – COMMUNITY CENTER VOLLEYBALL/SOCCER**

- Nick Lories
- Ashley Horne
- Clara Alderman
- Myriah Wolfrey
- Todd Hargett
- Micheal “Chad” Lilley
- Jamie Lilley
- Denver Land
- Jessica Spruill
- Jonathan Hayes
- Nathan Brown
- Renee Nowell

7. **VOLLEYBALL/SOCCER OFFICIALS – GATES COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER**

- Damari Holley
- Shakara Riddick
- Cailyn Nowell
- Madison Weatherly
- Hannah Ward
- Haven Stiles
- Branden Nale-Lucas
- Myriah Wolfrey
- Cody Higginbotham
- Seth Fisher

8. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RESIGNATIONS**

- Jessie Lawrence
- Delton Smith
- Loren Parkinson
- Shelia Felton
- Deborah Holley
- Urania Harrell

9. **RETIREMENT**

- Martin Parker – Maintenance Dept.- Effective January 1, 2020

10. **RESIGNATIONS**

- Kierra Ballard – New Beginnings Daycare Part-time Lead Teacher
- Camillia Evans – New Beginnings Daycare Part-time Lead Teacher
- Rayshawn Gatling – Part-time Custodian – Gates County High

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The October Regular Session Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Central Office. Closed Session will begin at 3:00 pm, and Open Session at 4:00 pm.
- Dr. Williams, Mr. Felton and Mr. Byrum are attending the NCSBA Fall Law Conference in Asheville, NC October 16-18, 2019
- Dr. Williams, Mr. Byrum and Mrs. Boone are attending the NCSBA Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC November 18-20, 2019
- Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve Mrs. Mary Lee Taylor using the school facilities for private piano lessons, with signed waivers. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Byrum noted that the PTA organizations at the schools need to be aware they are required to have permission forms for students to have their pictures or videos posted for the public
- Dr. Williams informed about a donation made to the Gates County Association for Excellence, for the purpose of purchasing a computer mobile unit for the schools
- The board will hold a special called closed session on September 19, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Ray Felton, 441 Taylor Mill Road, Eure, NC. This meeting was later cancelled.

Mrs. Ryan made a motion to adjourn to re-enter closed session. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.