

Special Called Session Board Meeting Highlights  
May 18, 2020

The Gates County Board of Education met in a special called session on Monday, May 18, 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 2:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst, and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Chairman Felton opened the meeting by stating that votes will be taken by roll call, whereby each member will state their name and how they vote.

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 2:02 p.m.

The board reconvened open session at 3:52 p.m. with all board members present.

Chairman Felton requested that the agenda be amended to add the following motions discussed in closed session:

**Motion 1 – Training for Finance Department**

Mrs. Sandra Pittman, Finance Officer, is to proceed with getting information regarding the hiring of someone to train in the finance department, with a starting budget of \$2500.00, and to report her findings at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

**Motion 2 - Bookkeeper Position at T.S. Cooper Elementary**

Hire a bookkeeper to fill vacancy, and this is not to be a shared position.

**Motion 3 - Office Assistant Position at Buckland Elementary**

Transfer Mrs. Carolyn Johnson from Gates County High to the office assistant position at Buckland, to begin immediately. This position will remain as a 10-month position.

**Motion 4 – Itinerant Visual Arts Teacher at Buckland**

Advertise for an Itinerant Visual Arts Teacher, and the elementary arts teachers be rotated between the schools, with a schedule determined by the elementary principals.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to approve the agenda with the added motions. Mrs. Claire Whitehurst seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board Members stated their name and their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Felton called for a vote for Motions 1 through 4:

- Glendale Boone        Yes
  
- Leslie Byrum        Motion 1 – No  
                              Motion 2 – Yes  
                              Motion 3 – No  
                              Motion 4 – No
  
- Claire Whitehurst    Yes
  
- Sallie Ryan            Yes

Motion passed.

Under New Business Chairman Felton reported there is \$27,000 left in the Central Middle School Construction Fund. There are still a few items that need to be addressed, and he hopes to have more information on these at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. Sallie Ryan stated that she has received some information from surveys that were completed by the principals, concerning the meals provided by the schools. She has concerns, and needs more information from Dr. Paula Simpson, School Nutrition Director. Dr. Williams commented that as long as we are in a State of Emergency, we will continue to provide meals for our students.

Dr. Williams also stressed his concern about the re-opening of schools in the fall. We need extensive assistance from the Department of Public Instruction. He will provide information as soon as he receives.

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 carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.