

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
January 7, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 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, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan. Mr. Byrum was unable to attend due to illness.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to enter into closed session at 3:00 p.m. and Mrs. Claire Whitehurst seconded the motion to discuss matters that are confidential by law, including confidential student matters, and to approve closed session minutes, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1); to confer with the Board Attorney and preserve the attorney/client privilege as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3); and to discuss confidential personnel matters as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 4:00 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mrs. Boone made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no Public Comments.

Mrs. Elaine Simpson, representing the Central Middle School Interior Design Committee, reported that the committee had selected an almond color for the gutters and downspouts. They selected blue for the roof. They felt these colors would blend with the existing colors.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams presented certificates of achievement to the board members, in honor of January being Board Appreciation Month.

During the Report from the Board, Mr. Felton commented on the lack of progress at Central Middle School. He expressed his frustration with getting the necessary permits needed to begin construction. Other board members commented on the various school events they attended.

Mr. Rube Blanchard, Finance Officer, gave the Financial Report and provided an update on New Beginnings Daycare. He requested that the board approve a mileage rate increase from 54.5 cents per mile to 58 cents per mile (for trips not exceeding 100 miles). Trips that exceed 100 miles will remain at the current reimbursement rate of 33 cents per mile. This is in response to a change in IRS mileage rates, and is effective January 1, 2019, as announced by the Office of the State Budget and Management.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to add the request for mileage rate increase from 54.5 cents per mile to 58 cents per mile (for trips not exceeding 100 miles) as item number twenty-six on the

Consent Agenda. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - December 3, 2018 Regular Session
2. Policy 6125 - Administering Medicines to Students
3. Policy 6140 - Student Wellness
4. Policy 6220 - Operations of School Nutrition Services
5. Policy 6305 - Safety and Student Transportation Services
6. Policy 6315 - Drivers
7. Policy 6401/9100 - Ethics and the Purchasing Function
8. Policy 6450 - Purchase of Services
9. Policy 6560 - Disposal of Surplus Property
10. Policy 7130 - Licensure
11. Policy 7300 - Staff Responsibilities
12. Policy 7405 - Extracurricular and Non-Instructional Duties
13. Policy 7610 - Defense of Board Employees
14. Policy 7730 - Employee Conflict of Interest
15. Policy 7920 - Reduction in Force: Teachers and School Administrators
16. Policy 8305 - Federal Grant Administration
17. Policy 9110 - Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Construction Managers at Risk
18. Policy 9120 - Bidding for Construction Work
19. Approval of Cargo Container for Transportation Department - Ron Ward
20. T.S. Cooper Music Department Fundraiser - Amber Buxton
21. Gates County High School Band Booster Fundraisers - Jonathan Hayes
22. Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars
23. Budget Amendment No. 5 - State Funds - Rube Blanchard
24. Budget Amendment No. 4 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4 - Rube Blanchard
25. Budget Amendment No. 3 - Local Fund No. 8 - Rube Blanchard
26. Mileage Rate Increased from 53.5 cents per mile to 58 cents per mile (for trips not exceeding 100 miles). Trips that exceed 100 miles will remain at the current reimbursement rate of 33 cents per mile.

There was no New Business.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. NEW HIRES
 - Carla Clarke – Substitute Bus Driver
 - Patricia Plumley – Bus Driver
2. TRANSFERS
 - Shakinma Lewis – transferred from New Beginnings Daycare to Transportation
 - Cathie Knight-Eason – transferred from Teacher Assistant to Technology Assistant

3. MENTOR

- Renee Kittrell – Gates County High School

4. RESIGNATION

- Christy Stevens – Teacher at Gatesville Elementary School

5. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

- Pascale Harrell – Certified

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular February session will be held at the Central Office on Monday, February 4, 2019, with closed session beginning at 3:00 p.m., and open session at 4:00 p.m.
- The Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Board Member Adoptive Schools are as follows:

Glendale Boone	T.S. Cooper Elementary
Ray Felton	Central Middle School
Leslie Byrum	Gates County High School
Claire Whitehurst	Gatesville Elementary
Sallie Ryan	Buckland Elementary

Mrs. Boone made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.