

Special Called Session Board Meeting Highlights
October 29, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in a special called session on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at the Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Sallie Ryan.

Mr. Felton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss T.S. Cooper Elementary's rating as a Low Performing School. Mr. Felton began the meeting by stating to Mrs. Amber Buxton, Principal, that the board supports her, and they are here to help in any way they can. Mrs. Buxton gave a very detailed plan of action, comprised by her committee, to improve test scores and make their school successful. She outlined the areas of concern, and their strategic plan for addressing these concerns. River Bay Educational Consultants, a company that has been formed to assist schools across the state, has been hired to do a comprehensive study of the school. They will provide a report and offer suggestions. She feels confident that she and her staff will see improvement for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to go into closed session. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board members entered into closed session at 9:48 a.m.

After the conclusion of the closed session at 11:04 a.m. Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Felton adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.