

Special Called Budget Board Meeting Highlights  
February 25, 2021

The Gates County Board of Education met in a special called budget session on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at the Historical Courthouse in Gatesville, NC. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Sallie Ryan and Mrs. Amanda Pacitto.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Leslie Byrum seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Williams presented a draft presentation of what he plans to present to the county commissioners. He noted that changes may occur based upon personnel decisions, state/federal funding, enrollment, employee benefit package, ect. His presentation included the following:

- Vision – Growth-Academics-Teaching-Excelling all students-Safe learning environment
- Mission – provide each student personalized educational opportunities through collaboration among students, teacher, parents and community
- Goal – collaborate with all stakeholders to provide a nurturing educational environment that empowers all students to be college and career ready with a commitment to support and inspire all students to reach their maximum potential in becoming productive citizens
- Improvement Projects:
  - Internet for schools and community
  - Athletic Track
  - Navy National Defense Cadet Corps
- Request for 5% salary increase for Classified Staff

Mrs. Chante Jordan, Human Resources and Exceptional Children Director, presented information about the current enrollment and number of teachers at each of the elementary schools. She also provided projected numbers for the 2021-22 school year. She then provided staff requests from each of the schools and departments.

She included information regarding the Exceptional Children's Program enrollment. We currently have 277 eligible students in the program, and she provided how many students and staff are at each school.

John Smith, Director of Technology presented requests for School Safety and Security:

- Safety supplies ad resources
- Update cameras at CMS
- Update identi-a-kid system at each school
- Continue safety upgrades at each school
- School Resource officer support

He also presented requests from the technology department:

- Ipad charging stations
- Smart Boards
- Bogens System Upgrade
- Computer Lab
- Teacher Laptop Upgrade

Sandra Pittman, Finance Director, provided information regarding the current year funding for Local Fund No. 2 (\$2,808,000) and the cost for the additional requests presented earlier (\$1,392,410). She also provided information for the community center current year funding (\$231,575) and the additional request of \$15,998 to offset increased benefits and FY21 funding reduction.

Capital Outlay current county appropriation is \$200,000. We are requesting an additional \$1,379,400:

• Maintenance/Buildings:	\$1,109,400
• Technology	230,000
• Wheel Lifts	<u>40,000</u>
	\$1,379,400

Dr. Williams completed the presentation by adding that the State contributes about two-thirds to the Department of Public Instruction's overall spending. Counties contribute about a quarter, though some counties give significantly more than others. The sources for each individual school district's budget varies based on how many local tax dollars the district received.

Mrs. Sallie Ryan made a motion to approve the Draft Budget Presentation to present to the County Commissioners on March 17, 2021. Mrs. Glendale Boone seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sallie Ryan seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman