

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
March 5, 2018

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 5, at T.S. Cooper Elementary School. Vice-Chairman Boone called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. The following board members were present: Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum and Mrs. Claire Whitehurst. Mr. Byrum made a motion to go into closed session to discuss matters that are confidential by law, including confidential student matters, 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 personnel as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Whitehurst, and the board approved the motion unanimously. The Board entered into closed session at 4:12 p.m.

Mrs. Boone reconvened open session at 5:02 p.m., with the following board members present: Glendale Boone, Leslie Byrum and Claire Whitehurst.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

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

During Public Comments, Mrs. Janice Askew, Media Specialist, at T.S. Cooper Elementary, gave information about the Book Fair taking place at T.S. Cooper School this week. She also invited everyone to come to Gates County High School on March 23, 2018, for the North Carolina Battle of the Books, where the elementary schools will be competing against other. The winner will go to our regional competition.

During the Academic Report, Mr. Jeremy Wright, principal, presented a book entitled “The Human Body Book” which was compiled by the 5th grade. He showed a video of Carson Stallings presenting his Black History report on Duke Ellington, and a video that was prepared by Exceptional Children students.

Ms. Linda Hofler provided information on the 350th anniversary of the Carolina Charter. The Charter will be available at the Museum of the Albemarle on May 11th and 12th, 2018. It is very rare for the Charter to travel, as it is under 24 hour guard, so this a special treat to be able to see it this close to home. Fourth and seventh grade students are invited to attend, and teachers can request reimbursement for a portion of the travel expense. She encouraged everyone to attend.

During the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Williams reported that he has invited Dr. Joseph Erardi, to speak Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Gates County High School Performing Arts Building. Dr. Erardi is a retired Superintendent from Newtown, CT, where the Sandy Hook shootings took place. He is going to speak on the mistakes made in a tragedy. Dr. Williams has invited Superintendents in our region to attend, and the association of northeast superintendents has

offered to pay the cost. Dr. Erardi will provide information to help provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

Dr. Williams provided information on the K-3 Class Size Legislation that should become law next week. The following is the timeline for the implementation:

	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
2017-2018	1:20 (K-3)	1:23 (K-3)
2018-2019	1:20 (K-3)	1:23 (K-3)
2019-2020	1:19 (K-3)	1:22 (K-3)
2020-2021	1:18 (K-3)	1:21 (K-3)
2021-2022	1:18 (K)	1:21 (K)
	1:16 (Grade 1)	1:19 (Grade 1)
	1:17 (Grades 2-3)	1:20 (Grades 2-3)

Dr. Williams commented on “The Human Body Book” that Mr. Wright provided, and said this is a great example of our students and teachers working together to showcase what they are learning in the classroom. He encouraged everyone to go to our website each day in March, to vote for the Gates County High School biology students’ video “Mutation Station!”. If there are enough votes, the high school could possibly win up to \$10,000.00.

During the Board Report, Mrs. Whitehurst commented on the projects she saw at Gatesville Elementary School, and what a good job the students had done. Mr. Byrum commented that the calendar committee, especially Mrs. Tammi Ward and Mrs. Barbara Knight, did an excellent job in preparing the 2018-2019 calendar. He also understood there have been discussions about uniform semesters between all five schools.

Mr. Rube Blanchard gave the Financial Report and provided an update on the New Beginnings Daycare.

Dr. Williams approved the following out-of-district requests for the 2017-18 school year:

- Bryson Carter to attend Buckland Elementary School, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Kylee Bowman to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Maci Brown, Sadie Brown and Nathaniel Kindley to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan Schools

Dr. Williams approved the following out-of-district requests for the 2018-19 school year:

- Victor Rountree to attend Gates County High School, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - February 5, 2018 Regular Session
2. Buckland Out-of-State Field Trip
3. Exceptional Children Transportation Contract
4. Gates County High School BETA, FCA & FFA Fundraisers
5. Gates County High School Advanced PE & Weightlifting Classes Out-of-State Field Trip
6. Gates County High School DREAM Team Out-of-State Field Trip
7. Gates County High School AIG Out-of-State Field Trip
8. 2018-2019 School Calendar
9. Budget Amendment No. 6 - State Funds
10. Approval of Policy 7410 - Teacher Contracts
11. Permission for Dr. Williams to present 2018-2019 Budget Request to County Manager

The following personnel items were approved:

1. NEW HIRES

- Daryl Williams – Substitute Bus Driver
- Dena Martin – Substitute Bus Driver
- Teri Campbell – Activity Bus Driver
- Teri Campbell – Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher at GCHS
- Penny Pittman – Substitute Bus Driver

2. RESIGNATIONS

- Charlene Walker – New Beginnings Daycare

3. ATHLETIC COACHES (Employees)

- Ashley Burkett – GCHS Assistant Softball Coach
- Terry Edwards – Central Middle School Head Baseball Coach
- Hope Melton – Central Middle Assistant Track Coach

4. VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC COACHES

- Ben Bright – GCHS Baseball
- Douglas Smith – GCHS Baseball
- Amber Harrell – GCHS Softball

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular April session will be held at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office on Friday, March 30, 2018, with closed session beginning at 9:00 a.m. and open session at 10:00 a.m. *The times were later changed to closed session beginning at 11:00 a.m., and open session beginning at 12:00 p.m.*

There being no further business, Mr. Byrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Vice Chairman Boone adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.