

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights
May 7, 2018

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2018, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, and Mrs. Claire Whitehurst. Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to enter into closed session at 4:04 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 personnel as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6).

Glendale Boone made a motion, to go back into Open Session, Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously. Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 5:15 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum and Mrs. Claire Whitehurst.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the agenda, with amendment to Item No. Thirteen on the Closed Session Agenda. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams reported that we are making some progress on the Central Middle School project. Contractors (electrical, structural, mechanical, ect.) will be at Central Middle School on May 15, 2018, to evaluate the school for bids. On May 29, 2018, Bid Day will be held at the gym of CMS. On May 30, 2018, there will be a meeting to prepare documents to submit to the county for the Local Government Commission. The Application will be submitted to the county on June 5, 2018. The county will go to the Local Government Commission on July 10, 2018.

During the Board Report, board members commented on several school events they had attended. They all felt the schools have done a wonderful job. Ray Felton gave a report on some sessions he attended at the National School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX in, April. He was most impressed with the session on sports injuries, which concentrated on impact to the chest area, where the heart is located. There were representatives from a company that has created protection for the chest area. He felt we should definitely give this some thought. He also felt the session on Career and Technical Education was very informative, and that we should strive to prepare our students for jobs in those fields.

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

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

- Andrew Brown to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Landon James Buck to attend Central Middle School, and Riley Nicole Buck to attend Buckland Elementary School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools, and payment of tuition
- Dustin Kirby to attend Gates County Schools, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Austin Davis Warren released to attend Edenton/Chowan County Schools, contingent upon acceptance by that school system
- McKinley Jean Stevens to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Calleigh Williams to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan Schools and payment of tuition
- Braden Rawls and Ashton Rawls to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Katie Allison Matthews, Shelby Elizabeth Matthews and Madison Lynn Matthews, to attend Gatesville Elementary School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Sela McNair and Zaria McNair to attend Buckland Elementary School, contingent upon release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Carter Tyler to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Calvin Harrell to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition
- Broden Wesley Newsome to attend Buckland Elementary School, and Brycen Wayne Newsome, to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Makynley Roberts and Macy Roberts to attend Buckland Elementary, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition
- Michaela Grace Futrell to attend Central Middle School, and Steven Bryant Futrell to attend Gates County High, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition
- Sakendra Wilson to attend Buckland Elementary School
- William Daniel Boyce to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Elizabeth Clark to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Eleanor Boyd to attend Gates County High School, and Avery Boyd to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools
- Jamison Grace Slaughter to attend Gatesville Elementary School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition
- Regan Strobel and Jenna Strobel to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Eric Eure to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Gavin Parker Britt to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition
- Rylee Maylee to attend Central Middle School, contingent upon release from Hertford County Schools and payment of tuition

- Austin Cole Eure to attend Buckland Elementary School, contingent upon release from Bertie County Schools, and payment of tuition
- Carson Forehand to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Juliann Lynn Chappell to attend Buckland Elementary School

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - March 30, 2018 Regular Session
2. Approval of Attendance to the NCSBA Policy Conference - June 18-22, 2018
3. Approval of School Nutrition Procurement Plan - Dr. Paula Simpson
4. Approval of GES Junior Beta Club Calendar Sale Fundraiser - Dr. Shawn Wilson
5. Approval of GCHS HOSA Overnight Field Trip - Jonathan Hayes
6. Approval of GCHS Senior Beta Club Overnight Field Trip - Jonathan Hayes
7. Approval of GCHS FFA Overnight Field Trip - Jonathan Hayes
8. Approval of GCHS Fundraisers - Jonathan Hayes
9. Approval of FCA Overnight Field Trip - Jonathan Hayes
10. Approval of GCHS Volleyball Team Overnight Field Trip - Jonathan Hayes
11. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 8 - State Funds - Rube Blanchard
12. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 6 - Local Fund No. 2 - Rube Blanchard
13. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 4 - Local Fund No. 8 - Rube Blanchard
14. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 - Federal Funds - Rube Blanchard
15. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 3 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4 - Rube Blanchard
16. Approval of Gates County Special Olympics Teams' Overnight Trip - Tammi Ward

Under New Business, there was discussion regarding Facility Use. Dr. Williams asked Cathy Riddick, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, to explain the request. Ms. Riddick reported that Mrs. Antoinette Holley, Director of Social Services, had contacted the central office concerning using school facilities for a Fashion Show Fundraiser, for the Gates County Aging and Adult Services Task Force. She understood that we now require insurance, and was requesting that the requirement be waived. Ms. Riddick responded to Mrs. Holley with a copy of the policy, and explained why this is a requirement. She also told Mrs. Holley that she would check with the board to see if this could be waived.

Mr. Leslie Byrum said that it is not a law that we have to require insurance. He feels that the Task Force would be a governmental agency, and therefore would be exempt under G.L. 115C-206.

John Leidy, Board Attorney, spoke about the insurance requirement. He agreed with Mr. Byrum, that it is not a law, but felt that it is in the best interest of the school system to have the insurance to protect us; which is why we have Policy 5030 in place. He said that the school system does have insurance coverage, however, there is a \$25,000 deductible. In the case of a law suit, the school system would be responsible for legal fees, ect., up to \$25,000. He suggested that the policy be amended to allow governmental agencies to use the facilities without the insurance requirement, as long as they will agree to not hold the school system responsible for any claims that may be filed.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to amend Policy 5030, to waive the insurance requirement for governmental agencies, with an idemnity clause to protect the school system. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

Under Item No. Two, Mrs. Boone made a motion to nominate Leslie Bryum to be considered for the 2018 NCSBA Legislative Committee. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

Dr. Williams presented personnel recommendations for approval, as discussed in closed session:

1. NEW HIRES

- Tiffany Lashley – Central Middle School – 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher

2. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

- Holly Harmon – Long-Term Substitute 8th Grade Health/PE Teacher at Central Middle School for the remainder of 2017-18 school year

3. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Donna Spruill – Certified
- Joandell Blake – Non-Certified

4. TRANSFERS

- Diane Brothers – transfer from Director at New Beginnings Daycare to Teacher Assistant Technology Specialist – Effective 8-16-2018
- Steven Harrell – transfer from finance department to Technology Technician – Effective 7-1-2018

5. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT

- Rayshawn Gatling – EC Bus Monitor – Effective 4/16/2018

6. REHIRE

- Jennifer Odom – Bus Drive

7. TUTORS

Gates County High School

- Don White – FFA competition in welding

Central Middle School

- Elaine Vann-Simpson – CMS Homebound
- Deidra House – CMS Homebound

- Stacey Bisignano – CMS Homebound
- Stacy Unger – CMS Homebound

8. VOLUNTEER

- Stacy Pierce

9. OBSERVATION HOURS

- Ashley Burkett – Gates County High School

10. RETIREMENT

- Debra Boyce – IT Technician – Effective 7/1/2018

11. RESIGNATIONS

- Kendrick McCullough – Part-time Custodian – GES – Effective 4/9/2018

12. ATHLETICS

- Resignation: Whitney Hobbs – CMS Head Softball Coach – Effective 4/10/2018
- New Hire: Megan Somers – CMS Assistant Softball Coach

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular June session will be held at Gatesville Elementary School on Monday, June 4, 2018, with closed session beginning at 5:00 p.m., and open session at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mrs. Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.