

Work Session Board Meeting Highlights
August 13, 2019

The Gates County Board of Education met in a work session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at T.S. Cooper Elementary School. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following were present:

- Mr. Ray Felton, Chairman
- Mrs. Glendale Boone, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Leslie Byrum, Board Member
- Mrs. Claire Whitehurst, Board Member
- Mrs. Sallie Ryan, Board Member
- Gail Hawkins, Principal at Buckland Elementary
- Dr. Shawn Wilson, Principal at Gatesville Elementary,
- Tony Coley, Principal at Central Middle
- Jonathan Hayes, Principal at Gates County High
- Amber Buxton, Principal at T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Lovie Roscoe, Teacher at T.S. Cooper Elementary - Mrs. Roscoe is doing an internship for her administrative license.
- Dr. Barry Williams, Superintendent,
- Mrs. Tammy Boone, Assistant Superintendent,
- Mrs. Chante´ Jordan, Director of Human Resources/Exceptional Children
- Cathy Riddick, Clerk to the Board

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

Mr. Felton recognized Dr. Williams, and he presented a powerpoint on Visioning and Goal Setting, with the following points:

- Instilling confidence in our employees and students
- Purpose and Mission of Gates County Schools
- Strategic Plan
- Culture & Relationships
- Teamwork
- Educate, Empower and Engage
- Policies and Structures
- Instruction and Assessment
- Student Achievement
- Professional Development

Mrs. Chante´ Jordan continued from the Human Resources Department with the following:

- System Thinking
- Recruitment
- Equal Opportunity

- Forward Thinking
- Empowerment
- Connectedness
- Support

Mrs. Tammy Boone spoke about Curriculum and Instruction:

- iReady Reading
- Wonders
- Letterland
- Ready Math
- STEMscopes
- Supplemental Resources
- Goals
 - Increase Literacy for all students
 - Demonstrate growth for all students
 - Increase Proficiency to at least 60 percent for ELA
 - Increase Proficiency to at least 60 percent for Math
 - Implement Gates on the Go Program
 - Continue to support the Saunders Science Scholars Program
 - Reach Every Student, Everyday!

Each of the principals provided information regarding their schools.

Mrs. Gail Hawkins – Buckland Elementary

- Vision & Goals with theme "Scuba Diving vs. Water Skiing"
- Test Scores from 2018-2019
- Thinking outside the box
- Analyzing Data in a different way – digging deeper (scuba diving) vs. skimming the top (water skiing)
- Students will be asked to read 20 minutes a day
- Mentoring the whole child

Dr. Shawn Wilson – Gatesville Elementary

- Mission for GES
- Test Scores from 2018-2019
- Growth Pattern for Reading
- Programs being utilized
- Goals for 2019-2020 align with Strategic Plan
 - Decrease office and bus referrals
 - Meet or exceed growth for all sub groups
 - Increase proficiency in Reading and Math

- Approach for meeting these goals
- Everyone has responsibility

Mrs. Roscoe shared information for T.S. Cooper Elementary, on behalf of Mrs. Buxton, due to Mrs. Buxton having to leave to attend another meeting.

- Vision for T.S. Cooper
- Stats for Reading Growth
- Programs being utilized at T.S. Cooper
- Goals for 2019-2020
 - PAW period being moved to end of day
 - Students to complete date tracking notebooks and student led conferences
 - Increase student stamina for reading and math
 - Professional Development for Teachers
 - Use of Collaboration Board
- Recipe for Excelling Students
- Providing a safe environment

Mr. Tony Coley – Central Middle

- Vision
- 2018-2019 Test Results
- Goals
 - Increase English Proficiency to 55%
 - Increase Math Proficiency to 50%
 - Improve Transitions
 - Minimize Distractions
- Strategies
 - Co-Teaching twice per week
 - Formal conference
 - Rubric for Interventions
 - IXL Khan Academy
 - Mentoring Programs
 - Additional incentives for positive behavior

Mr. Jonathan Hayes – Gates County High

- Vision & Mission
- Test Scores for 2018-2019
- Goals
 - Increase proficiency scores in academic courses
 - Increase ACT scores
 - Increase the graduation rate to 85%
 - Freshmen mentoring program utilizing all staff

Dr. Williams and the board members thanked everyone for their participation.

Mrs. Ryan 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 11:58 a.m.