

Regular Session Board Meeting Highlights  
September 5, 2018

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at the Board of Education Office. Chairman Felton called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Glendale Boone & Dr. Daniel Dickerson. Mr. Byrum made a motion to go into closed session. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. The Gates County Board of Education members entered into closed session at 12:08 p.m., to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6).

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 1:14 p.m., with the following board members present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mrs. Boone 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, led by Krystle Williams, teacher at Buckland Elementary School.

Antonio Rook, MSEN (Math & Science Education Network) Program Director at Elizabeth City State University, spoke during Public Comments. He wanted to introduce himself and let the board know that he is looking forward to continuing to work with Gates County Schools.

Krystle Williams, recipient of the Jernigan Mini Grant, spoke about how she has implemented the Flexible Seating Program in her classroom, using the funds she received from the grant.

Roxanne Banks, Assistant Clinical Director for Integrated Family Services, provided information about therapy services that will be available for our students. More information will be provided to parents once a therapist is in place.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams reported the following:

- There was suspected asbestos in the Art Room at Gates County High. The room was temporarily closed, but test results came back negative.
- Years of Service pins, awarded at convocation, were received with smiles.
- Dr. Williams was very pleased with the first week of school. Everyone was on task.
- Bus traffic at Central Middle School has been running smoothly
- Congratulations to Dr. Shawn Wilson for being recognized, along with five other outstanding women leaders in the education profession, by the National Association of University Women, as Women of the Year
- The Technology Department has been working diligently to make sure teachers and staff have everything needed
- Progress is being made at Central Middle School.
- Dr. Williams will be working on pursuing funds through the Golden Leaf Grant Program

- Congratulations to all our schools for their Green Ribbon recognition. Thanks to everyone for all the work done with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Program (PBIS)

During the Report from the Board, Mr. Byrum urged board members to complete the Legislative Survey. The information collected will be a useful tool for the North Carolina School Boards Association. The board members commented on the open houses at the schools. They were all impressed with the hard work the staff had done to prepare. Mr. Felton commented that he is glad to see work started at Central Middle School. He also thanked Dr. Williams for his quick response in pursuing the Golden Leaf Grant Funds.

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

Mrs. Boone made a motion to move the Economic Improvement Council Agreement with the Exceptional Children's Department from Item No. Six under Items for Information, to Item No. Twenty-One under the Consent Agenda. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

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

- Ross Nichols to attend Gates County High School, with release from Hertford County Schools
- Nathan Stevens released from Gates County Schools to attend Perquimans County Schools, with acceptance from Perquimans
- Caleb Branch to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Lillie Ryan Stallings released from Gates County Schools to attend Perquimans County Schools, with acceptance from Perquimans
- Aiyana Eason and A'Nyla Knight to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Alisha Smith to attend Gates County High School and Sarah Smith to attend Central Middle School, with release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Brianna Hart to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Quinton Moore and Hope Moore to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Alana Lashley to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Emerson Christison to attend Gates County High School, with payment of tuition and release from Northampton County
- A'Brielle Stokes, Kaiden Stokes and Rickey Coker to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Jaylen Perry and Sa'Myiah Perry to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Lee Farmer and Chase Farmer to attend Buckland Elementary School, with payment of tuition and release from Hertford County Schools
- Mi'Ami Lassiter to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Olivia Long to attend Gatesville Elementary School and Daniel Long to attend Gates County High School, with release from Northampton County Schools

Dr. Williams requested that the nomination of Mr. Leslie Byrum for the Raleigh Dingham Award be added to the Consent Agenda as Item No. Twenty-Two. Mrs. Boone made a motion to

amend the Consent Agenda to add the nomination Mr. Byrum for the Raleigh Dingham Award, as Item No. Twenty-Two. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

1. Approval of Minutes - August 6, 2018- August 10, 2018 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of T.S. Cooper Fundraisers
3. Approval of T.S. Cooper Transfer of Funds
4. Approval of Buckland Elementary Fundraisers
5. Approval of T. S. Cooper Elementary Field Trip to Chowan County
6. Approval of Buckland Out-of-State Field Trip
7. Approval of Policy 1700 - Governing Principal - Removal of Barriers
8. Approval of Policy 1710-4021-7230 - Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying
9. Approval of Policy 3640-5130 - Student Voter Registration and Preregistration
10. Approval of Policy 4700 - Student Records
11. Approval of Policy 5071-7351 - Electronically Stored Information Retention
12. Approval of Policy 6442 - Vendor Lists
13. Approval of Policy 8220 - Gifts and Bequests
14. Approval of Policy 9120 - Bidding For Construction Work
15. Approval of Policy 9125 - Participation By Minority Businesses
16. Approval of Gatesville Elementary Fundraisers
17. Approval of Budge Amendment No. 1 - Local Fund No. 8
18. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1 - State Funds
19. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1 - Local Fund No. 2
20. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4
21. Approval of Economic Improvement Council Agreement
22. Nomination of Mr. Leslie Byrum for the Raleigh Dingham Award

There was no New Business.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

I. NEW HIRES

- Iva Boone – K-5 Teacher - T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Kimberly Clark – Social Studies Teacher - Gates County High School
- Peter Malak – Social Studies Teacher - Gates County High School
- Catherine Baker – Math Teacher - Gates County High School
- Stephanie Jordan – Bookkeeper - Gates County High School
- Melanie Blakely – English Teacher - Gates County High School
- Jeremy Taylor – Mechanic II – Transportation Department

2. SUBSTITUTE BUS/CAR MONITOR FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

- Shavonne Riddick

3. TRANSFERS

- Kenny Ward - Temporary Part-Time Mechanic – Transportation Department
- Renee Nowell – Child Specific Teacher Assistant - Central Middle School
- Marcus Barber – Child Specific Teacher Assistant - Gates County High School
- Latoya Wilson – Substitute Bus Driver
- Delois Williams – Gatesville Elementary School Bus Driver

4. RESIGNATIONS

- Stacey Bisignano – English Language Arts Teacher – Central Middle School
- Amy Hall – Social Studies Teacher – Central Middle School
- Sherri Russell – Junior Varsity Head Volleyball Coach at Gates County High
- Stephanie Pierce – Bus Driver/Gatesville Elementary School

5. GATES COUNTY HIGH COACH

- Katron Greene – Assistant Soccer Coach

6. MENTORS

- Karen Greene – Gates County High
- Lisa Perry – Gates County High
- Tamara Simons – Gates County High
- Deidra House – Central Middle
- Crystal Owens – Central Middle
- Lisa Wilkins – T.S. Cooper
- Ken Moors – T.S. Cooper
- Krystal Williams – Buckland

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular October session will be held at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office on Monday, October 1, 2018, with closed session beginning at 3:00 p.m., and open session at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Byrum made a motion to go back into closed session. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously. The board went back into closed session at 2:04 p.m.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to go out of closed session at 2:14 p.m. Mrs. Claire Whitehurst seconded the motion and board members approved the motion unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.