

Board Highlights November 6, 2013

The Gates County Board of Education met to discuss personnel as outlined in N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6).

The Gates County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting in the Media Center of Gates County High School on November 6, 2013 at 7:01 p.m.

Chairman G. Douglas Lilley welcomed visitors and staff.

Regina Hurdle, Special Olympics Coordinator for Gates County, addressed the board during public comment. Ms. Hurdle thanked the Gates County Board of Education for their continued support in allowing the use of their facilities for practice and buses for transportation. She spoke on the Bocce State Tournament the Special Olympics Team attended in Wilson, NC. Ms. Hurdle was proud to present that they had placed second on a number of occasions and third and fourth as well. She extended a thank you for all of the help and support received for Project Unify with regard to travel, uniforms, etc. Mr. Felton expressed his appreciation for Ms. Hurdle's comments, but assured her that she is the one to be commended.

Agenda Items

Morgan Barnes, Student Advisor to the Board, shared information from Gatesville Elementary School. Xavier Roscoe, Student Advisor to the Board, shared information from Buckland Elementary School and T.S. Cooper Elementary School. Michelle Munoz, Student Advisor to the Board, shared information from Central Middle School and Gates County High School.

Gates County High School presented the Academic Report:

- *PBIS – presented by Brandel Riddick and Melissa Douglas
- *TWLOH (“To Write Love On Her Arms”) – presented by Kendall Futrell
- *Project Unify – presented by Barbara and Ashley Toti

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams discussed the following topics (see PowerPoint on the district webpage under “News from the Desk of the Superintendent”):

- * Gatesville Elementary
- * Success at the Elementary Level
- * Teacher non-Tenure Law
 - Sequence of Information
 - Keeping Everyone Informed
 - Updates and Changes
 - Timeline of Activity

During the Report from the Board, three board members reported on their attendance at the Rosenwald School Program headed up by Ms. Reba Greene-Holley on October 30, 2013. Mrs. Whitehurst indicated that she got to witness the swearing in of the new

County Commissioner for the Eure, NC district and is really glad she went. She also mentioned to Mrs. Tammi Ward that when she and Mr. Byrum went to talk to the Speaker of the House and various senators last May, Republican Senator Bill Cook wanted to come to Gates County High school to speak with students in History and Government classes. Mrs. Ward has been in touch with Mr. Cook and they are working on a date. Mrs. Boone stated that the Rosenwald School Program was a great learning experience and Dr. Williams did a great job presenting. Mrs. Boone also expressed her enjoyment of the fall festival at Gatesville Elementary School. Mr. Byrum also commended Dr. Williams' presentation at the Rosenwald School Program. Mr. Byrum then spoke on the grant that Xavier Roscoe obtained and expressed his gratitude that Mrs. Tammi Ward allowed some students from the 4-H Program to participate. Mr. Byrum attended the Commissioner's Meeting this morning and a gentleman approached him commending everyone in the Gates County School District for being so transparent and proactive regarding education, even stating that Gates County Schools are by far the best. Mr. Mendenhall, Gates County Manager also approached Mr. Byrum regarding Eboard Solutions and wondered if that could be a "Shared Service". The School Board will explore that and return a response to Mr. Mendenhall. Mr. Byrum ended by conveying his disdain for the teacher tenure law and how he prays that it will not create a bad environment for the principals. He stated that in the past some board members across the state have bombarded their legislators with their desire to do away with tenure, which lead to this current legislation. Mr. Felton noticed last weekend in Raleigh that the Petting Zoo at the State Fair had been discontinued due to kids getting sick; thus he cautioned the principals to make sure proper hygiene is followed during field trips to local farms. He also brought up the fact that Ms. Susan Casper has stepped down as Chair of the Gates County Educators Against Cancer. He expressed what a fantastic job she did in raising money and hopes that someone exemplary would step forward to take her place, even perhaps a student. He also shared information he received by one of his employees. She is the mother of one of the Gates County Red Baron Cheerleaders. The Cheerleaders competed recently against a much larger school and came in second place. There is a video on YouTube entitled "White Oak GCHS".

Janet Mizelle presented the following 6300 series policies for a thirty-day review:

- 6340 – Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- 6305 – Safety and Student Transportation Services
- 6306 – School Bus Idling
- 6306-R – School Bus Idling Procedures
- 6315 – Drivers
- 6320 – Use of Student Transportation Services
- 6321 – Bus Routes
- 6330 – Insurance for Student Transportation Services

Rube Blanchard presented the following 6400 series policies for a thirty-day review:

- 6401 – Ethics and the Purchasing Function
- 6430 – State Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
- 6440 – Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
- 6450 – Purchase of Services

Rube Blanchard presented the financial report for the end of month four.

Dr. Williams approved the following Out-of-District Requests:

*Carla Clarke, for her son, Cody Higginbotham to continue at Gatesville Elementary School for the 2013-14 school year once they move to Sunbury.

Approval Items

Out-of-state trip for T.S. Cooper Elementary School. The fifth grade students would like to travel to the Jamestown Colony on November 15, 2013.

Budget Amendment No. 4 – State Funds

Budget Amendment No. 3 – General Expense Fund 8

Budget Amendment No. 3 General Expense Fund 2

Budget Amendment No. 3 – Federal Funds

Annual Application for the Public School Building Capital Fund from the NC Educational Lottery.

Revision to the Short-Term Suspension Policy No. 4351

Overnight trip for the Special Olympics at Gates County High School.

Overnight trip for the Gates County High School Red Baron Cheerleaders.

Annual Agreement between Gates County Public Schools and the Adolescent Care Center.

Temporary Full-Time Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant

Marcus Barber – Temporary Full-Time Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant at Gatesville Elementary School – Start Date: 10-22-2013

Part-Time Custodians

Alfrika Butts – Part-Time Custodian at Gatesville Elementary School

Long-Term Substitutes

Kathy Byrum – Long-Term Substitute at Gatesville Elementary School

Substitute/Activity Bus Drivers

Aretha Boone

Substitute Custodians

Larry T. Eason

Transfers

Laurie Morse – Temporary Exceptional Children’s Teacher Assistant at Gates County High School being transferred to Temporary Exceptional Children’s Teacher Assistant at T.S. Cooper Elementary School.

John Long – Art Teacher at T.S. Cooper Elementary School and Gatesville Elementary School being transferred temporarily to Gates County High School.

Tutors for Buckland Elementary School

Avis Holley – Teacher
Phillipa Smith – Teacher
Anita Winn – Teacher
Lauren Bright – Teacher
Michelle Newsome – Teacher
Ruby Holder – Teacher
Carol Wartian – Teacher
Susan Stahl – Teacher

Tutors for Gatesville Elementary School

Katherine Byrum – Retired Teacher
Carolyn Wiggins – Retired Teacher
Vicki Taylor – Retired Teacher
Cindy Buck – Retired Teacher
Cathie Eason – Former Teacher Assistant (approved non-certified substitute teacher)
Lori Lolie – Teacher
Leslie Keith – Teacher
Kim Kirby – Teacher
Arlene Bass – Teacher
Staley White – Teacher
Korey Lawlis – Teacher
Joyce Cutler – Teacher Assistant

Tutors for Gates County High School

Cindy Barber – Lab Facilitator (approved non-certified substitute teacher)
Amy Forward – Teacher
Charlie Mitchell – Teacher
Graylen Boone – Teacher
Glenda Pruden-Riddick – Teacher

Coaches for Gates County High School

Ray Bond, Jr. – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (replacing Eric Knight)

Jacob Harrell – JV Baseball Coach

Wayne Hathaway

Internship

Kenya Robinson – Internship at Gates County High School for 2013-2014 School Year

Resignations

Odessa Bond – Exceptional Children’s Teacher at Central Middle School (effective 11-30-2013)

Monique Harrell-Watford – 5th Grade Teacher at Gatesville Elementary School (effective 11-4-2013)