

Board Highlights February 3, 2014

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 Buckland Elementary School on February 3, 2014 at 7:14 p.m.

Chairman G. Douglas Lilley welcomed visitors and staff.

There were no sign-ups for Public Comment

Agenda Items

Michelle Munoz, Student Advisor to the Board, shared the Good News about the Elementary Schools, Morgan Barnes, Student Advisor to the Board, shared the Good News about Central Middle School, and Xavier Roscoe, Student Advisor to the Board, share the Good News about Gates County High School.

Students from Buckland Elementary School presented the Academic Report:
*Fifth Grade students from Mrs. Braatz's music class presented two amazingly performed songs, "The Solution" and "I'm Gonna Be". The songs were a confident portrayal of these students' positive expectations for their future. Mrs. Goldsby then called up students from all grade levels to proclaim what they have learned in school this year so far.

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"):

- * Public Schools
- * Voucher Affidavit
- * Read to Achieve
- * Affordable Health Care Act
- * AR Food Programs Review
- * Governor Promises Pay Raises for Teachers

During the Report from the Board, board members commended the Retirement Dinner that Mr. Leslie Byrum's family hosted at Hall Ruritan Club in honor of Mr. Randy Byrum's retirement. Leslie Byrum expressed his deep gratitude for the large turnout of Randy's Buckland Elementary School co-workers.

Claire Whitehurst reminded everyone of the Gala in honor of Tyler Gordon, the seventh grader at Central Middle School who is battling cancer. Tyler's mother, Cathie Knight, will be holding this Gala on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the First Lady House, 447 West Washington Street in Suffolk, Virginia. The cost is \$40.00 per person; men should wear a suit and tie and women should wear an evening dress. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Beng R. Fuh, a pediatric hematology and oncology physician. Tickets will be on sale until March 31, 2014.

Mrs. Whitehurst also stated how she would like to explore the possibility of changing the wording of the Vision and Mission statement. Board members agreed to reflect on this at the upcoming Annual Budget Retreat.

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

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

*Craig and Susan Baker for their children, James and Mary Grace Baker, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

Approval Items

Adrienne Bradley requested the approval of Policy 4400 – “Attendance” with a waiver of the thirty-day review.

Adrienne Bradley requested the approval of Policy 6140 – “Student Wellness” with a waiver of the thirty-day review.

John Smith requested the approval of Policy 6524 – “Network Security”.

John Smith requested the approval of the 2014-2016 Technology Plan.

Twanna Morales requested the approval of the 2014-2015 School Calendar.

Dr. Paula Simpson requested the approval of the Child Nutrition Procurement Plan.

Vivian Goldsby requested the approval of Buckland Elementary’s School Improvement Plan.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of the Band Lease Agreement for Gates County High School.

Gail Hawkins requested the approval of the NC Pre-Kindergarten Sign Up.

Rube Blanchard requested the approval of the following budget amendments:

Budget Amendment No. 4 – General Expense Fund 2

Budget Amendment No. 7 – State Funds

Budget Amendment No. 6 – General Expense Fund 8

Teachers

*Leslie Wright – PE/Health Teacher at Gates County High School – New Temporary Position for 2nd semester of 2013-2014 school year.

Long-Term Substitute

*Robert Costen – Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher at Gates County High School

Substitute Teachers

*Sherl Lowe – Certified

*Cassandra Pierce – Non-Certified

Substitute Activity Bus Driver

*Martin Parker

Coaches

*Luke Lories – Assistant Baseball Coach at Gates County High School

*Graylen Boone – Men’s Tennis Coach at Gates County High School

*James Woods – Assistant Baseball Coach for Central Middle School

Resignations

*Twanna Morales – Director of Elementary Education