

## **Board Highlights March 6, 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 Gatesville Elementary School on March 6, 2014 at 1:26 p.m.

Chairman G. Douglas Lilley welcomed visitors and staff.

There were no sign-ups for Public Comment

### **Agenda Items**

Students from Gatesville Elementary School presented the Academic Report:

\*Students began with the “Dragon Pledge” depicting the pride they share for their school. Students then showed off various posters and projects honoring Black History Month as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Third Grade students were depicted in a video slide show representing some of their impressive projects of houses they had constructed. First Grade students did an adorable dance and song, called “Green Eggs and Ham”. Mrs. Sallie Ryan took the opportunity to praise Mrs. Korey Lawlis, calling her the “Grant Queen”. Mrs. Lawlis was able to obtain six grants, which have helped to purchase Kindles, a Math Computer Program, and helped with the various necessities of the Media Center.

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”):

- \* Voucher Temporary Ruling
- \* Read to Achieve Options
- \* AR Food Programs Review Results
- \* Artwork – Central Middle School
- \* T.S. Cooper Elementary School Receives Award
- \* Hard Work and Dedication Certificates
- \* Severe Weather Drill

Dr. Williams presented certificates to Board Members who had completed training during the 2013-14 school year as part of the NCSBA Academy of School Boardmanship.

During the Report from the Board, Mrs. Boone announced that she will continue to visit T.S. Cooper Elementary School and that she has been invited to come and read to some of the students. She commended the students and expressed how impressed she was that they knew so much about the story she read to them. Mrs. Whitehurst was invited to read to some of the students at Buckland Elementary School and expressed her disappointment at being unable to come out due to illness. She was also discouraged that she was unable to help with the High School Show Choir Competition, but is pleased to be well again and back on the mend. Mrs. Whitehurst commended the program she attended at

Buckland Elementary School a couple of weeks ago. She also announced that she would be attending the NCSBA Spring School Law Academy in Raleigh, NC March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Leslie Byrum praised Mrs. Tammi Ward and called her “top notch”. He stated that she sent him a very detailed weekly bulletin about her school. Mrs. Glendale Boone spoke up and claimed that Mr. Jeremy Wright deserved mentioning as well, as he sent her a daily newsletter about his school. Mr. Doug Lilley acclaimed a “ditto” to all schools and professed how lucky we are as a district to have such wonderful schools and hands on, caring principals.

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

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

\*Ruth Rountree for her son, Victor Rountree, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year and waive the tuition.

\*Tamara Simons for her daughter, Madeline Simons, to attend Gates County High School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

### **Approval Items**

Adrienne Bradley requested the approval of Policy 6125 – “Administering Medicines to Students”.

Sallie Ryan requested the approval of Gatesville Elementary School’s School Improvement Plan.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of Gates County High School’s Band Camp Request.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of an overnight trip for Gates County High School’s Red Baron Cheerleaders to attend the National Cheerleading Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC on March 14<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of the FBLA Conference.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of an overnight trip for the HOSA State Leadership Conference.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of an overnight trip for Gates County High School’s Special Olympics Team.

Rube Blanchard requested the approval of the following budget amendments:

Budget Amendment No. 8 – State Funds

Budget Amendment No. 2 – Capital Outlay Funds

Budget Amendment No. 5 – General Expense Fund 2

Budget Amendment No. 7 – General Expense Fund 8

Tammy Boone requested the approval for fundraisers to offset some of the cost of cheerleading camps and uniforms from March 2014 through May 2014.

Tammy Boone requested the approval to allow Mr. Charles Revelle to come out on April 14, 2014 to take Freestyle Pictures for students of Central Middle School.

Dr. Williams requested the approval for the Read to Achieve letter to the NC Department of Public Instruction.

**Director of Elementary Education**

\*Tammy Boone – Director of Elementary Education for Gates County Schools – replacing Twanna Morales

**Substitute Teachers**

\*Debra Byrum – Certified

**Tutors for Buckland Elementary School**

\*Heather Boyd – Speech Pathologist

\*Alisha Hawk – Teacher Assistant

\*Debra Byrum – Retired Teacher

\*Kristal Brooks – Teacher Assistant

**Coaches**

\*Leslie Wright – Softball Coach at Gates County High School

\*Megan Mento – Assistant Softball Coach at Gates County High School

**Resignations**

\*Elizabeth Martin – Bus Driver (She would like to remain on Substitute/Activity Bus Driver List, Substitute Bus Monitor List and Substitute Teacher List)

**Substitute/Activity Bus Driver**

\*Leslie Wright

