

Board Highlights September 9, 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 Conference Room of the Gates County Board of Education Office on September 9, 2013 at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman G. Douglas Lilley welcomed visitors and staff.

Agenda Items

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

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"):

- *State Superintendent News (Dr. June Atkinson)
- *Legislative Revisions
- *Feeling the Effects
- *Opening of School
- *District Accreditation
- *District Leadership

Dr. Williams also shared a video called, "We Are Leaders", that touched on the importance of being a leader. He also expressed his appreciation for all teachers despite what is going on with the legislation.

Dr. Williams then handed out framed certificates to each principal acknowledging AdvancED accreditation for their schools.

Dr. Williams showed another video called, "We Can Turn Up the Heat One Degree", which gave encouraging insight on how turning things up just one degree can make all the difference.

Each principal was then asked to hand out "awards" to the Board Members for their outstanding performances at Convocation on August 21, 2013. The awards were given as follows:

- *Best Actor – Mr. G. Douglas Lilley
- *Best Supporting Actor – Mr. Leslie Byrum
- *Best Actress – Mrs. Claire Whitehurst
- *Best Supporting Actress – Mrs. Glendale Boone
- *Best Comic – Mr. Ray Felton

Mr. Felton apologized for not being able to attend, but shared that he has heard how wonderful Convocation was. Mrs. Tammi Ward agreed and stated that her faculty has commented that it was the best Convocation ever.

Mrs. Monique Hicks distributed cupcakes made by Mrs. Heidi Bright of Central Middle School. The cupcakes were in honor of Gates County Schools' District Accreditation.

During the Report from the Board, Mr. Lilley spoke about the District 1 Meeting they all attended. The information received was very informative. Mr. Byrum elaborated on how the NCSBA has started an action center to help expand their lobbying efforts.

Mr. Byrum also spoke on STEM. The focus is on stimulating children and Martin County Schools has obtained a grant for their middle school and will follow through with the students' progress through high school as well. Mr. Byrum also talked about the policies and legal update. He finished by giving recognition to the outstanding entertainment and meal they enjoyed.

Mrs. Whitehurst spoke of the plethora of valuable information she received regarding North Carolina Virtual Public School, and The School for Science and Math. She stated that Virtual Public School has over 160,000 students enrolled and this is by far the largest enrollment thus far.

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

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

*Kenya Morris, for her son, Ke'sean Watson to be released from Gates County Schools to attend DF Walker Elementary School during the 2013-14 school year pending acceptance into Edenton-Chowan County Schools.

*Andrew Riddick, for his daughters, Lyric Campbell and Addison Riddick to attend Gatesville Elementary School during the 2013-14 school year.

*Delois Williams, for her son, Denzell Williams to attend Buckland Elementary School during the 2013-14 school year.

Approval Items

Adrienne Bradley requested the approval of policy 5030 – Community Use of School Facilities. It was decided after careful consideration to include a Certificate of Insurance and to have the Gates County Board of Education be named as “additional insured”.

Mrs. Bradley also presented a new condensed Facilities Use Application Form.

Fundraiser requests for T.S. Cooper Elementary School

Fundraiser requests for Buckland Elementary School

School dance request for Central Middle School. The PTA and Athletic Boosters would like to have a school dance at Central Middle School on Friday, September 20, 2013 and Friday, February 7, 2014. Both dances will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Overnight trip request for Central Middle School. Janet McElfresh would like permission to take Central Middle School students who participate in academic competitions across the state to the Twelve Competition in Winston-Salem, the Quiz Bowl in Durham, The Quill Competition in Durham, and the Art Showcase and Show Choir in Kannapolis

Fundraiser requests for Central Middle School

Overnight trip request for Central Middle School. The Central Middle School Cheerleading Squad would like to travel to Duke Cheer Day for a cheerleading clinic and to cheer at the Duke vs NC State Football Game on November 9, 2013

Request for Janet McElfresh to accompany Central Middle School's Jr. Beta Club to a Leadership Academy from October 12-15, 2013 in Charlotte, NC

Overnight trip request for Central Middle School. Janet McElfresh would like to take thirty Central Middle School students to the State Convention in Greensboro, NC from February 2-4, 2014

Request for an addition to the Central Middle School Handbook

Fundraiser requests for Gates County High School

Request for the continuation of social media sites and web based applications for Gates County High School

Request for Barbara Toti of Gates County High School to conduct a Theatre Arts Program in the Performing Arts Center building after school from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Request for an addition to the Gates County High School Handbook

Exceptional Children's Transportation Contract for the 2013-14 school year

New Beginnings Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)

Request to contract with Rebecca L. Helms, Licensed Psychological Associate for the 2013-14 school year

Fundraiser requests for Gatesville Elementary School

Request to revise the hiring procedures for substitute teachers

Budget Amendment No. 1 – General Expense Fund 8

Budget Amendment No. 1 – Federal Funds

Budget Amendment No. 1 – General Expense Fund 2

Budget Amendment No. 2 – State Funds

Child Nutrition Initial Budget for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

Request to write off two returned checks written to New Beginnings Daycare

Request to amend the “Request for Authorization of Travel Expenses” form

Request to write off the outstanding balance for out-of-county tuition

Request to write off the outstanding balances for New Beginnings Daycare

Teachers

Jacob Harrell – PE/Health Teacher at Central Middle School (replacing Stephen Atstupenas) Start Date: 8-26-2013

Teacher Assistants

Laurie Morse – Exceptional Children’s Teacher Assistant at Gates County High School – New Temporary Full-Time position for 2013-2014 school year – only when students are in school – Start Date: 9-10-2013

Child Nutrition Assistant

Maelyn Ross – Child Nutrition Assistant at T.S. Cooper Elementary School – replacing Shirleen Figs (transferred to Central Middle School) Start Date: 9-9-2013

Part-time Custodians

Ulysis S. Knight, Jr. – Part-time Custodian at Buckland Elementary School
replacing TaShawne Powell - Start Date: 9-10-2013

Imani R. Lightfoot – Part-time Custodian at Buckland Elementary School
replacing Bernard Byrum - Start Date: 9-10-2013

Substitute Teachers

Jarvia Newsome – Certified
Susan Stahl – Certified
Renee Wagner – Certified
Richard McElfresh – Certified
Cathie Knight Eason – Non-Certified
Cindy S. Barber – Non-Certified
RaJhai Spencer – Non-Certified

Long-Term Substitute Teachers

Patricia Felton – Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Robert Harrell, Jr. – Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Richard McElfresh – Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Exceptional Children’s Teacher
Vacancy until position is filled
Start Date: 8-26-2013

RaJhai Spencer – Long-Term Substitute CTE Technology Teacher at Gates County High
School
Start Date: 9-9-2013

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Assistant

Rebecca Davis – Long-Term Substitute Teacher Assistant

Bus Drivers

Fenton Bond, Jr. – Bus Driver at Central Middle School – replacing James Sanders
Start Date: 8-26-2013

Jessica Jordan – Substitute/Activity Bus Driver

Tonya Williams – Substitute Activity Bus Driver

Jennifer Odom – Substitute Activity Bus Driver

Increase in Term of Employment

Barbara Wiant – Career and Technology Education Teacher – changing term of employment from 10 months to 11 months, due to added duties – effective 8-1-2013 for 2013-2014 school year

Transfers

Elizabeth Martin – Bus Driver – transferring from Sub Bus Driver to Regular Bus Driver – replacing Shwanda McCullough at Central Middle School effective: 8-26-2013

Robin Spivey – Bus Driver – transferring from Gatesville Elementary School to Gates County High School – replacing Anna Jordan – effective: 8-26-2013

Delois Williams – Bus Driver – transferring from Substitute Driver to Regular Driver – replacing Susan Champlin at Buckland Elementary School effective: 8-26-2013

Shirleen Figgs – Child Nutrition Assistant at T.S. Cooper Elementary School transferring to Central Middle School, replacing Otelia Mozell (retired) effective: 9-9-2013

Coaches for Central Middle School

Donald Hudson – Assistant Soccer Coach replacing Whendy Brakefield

James Woods – Athletic Director replacing Stephen Atstupenas

Dawn Perry – Assistant Volleyball Coach replacing Whitney Perry

Whendy Brakefield – Head Soccer Coach replacing Stephen Atstupenas

Chris Stiles – Assistant Boy's Basketball Coach

Chris Stiles – Baseball Coach replacing Stephen Atstupenas

Wallace Johnson – Track Coach

Darryl Watkins – Assistant Track Coach

Resignations

Anna Jordan – Bus Driver – effective: 8-13-2013