

Board Highlights
Work Session/Board Retreat
October 6, 2014

The Gates County Board of Education members entered into work session at 2:00 pm with the following board members present: Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst and Mrs. Glendale Boone.

Items of Discussion

1. Regulations adoption into Policy
Mr. Scott Murray, attorney NCSBA, provided an explanation of how school districts can adopt regulations specific minded for their districts. A handout was provided to illustrate, cost, series ready for dissemination and definition of a “Regulation”.
2. Building new schools Ideas
Dr. Jim Watson conducted a presentation of possibilities of constructing new schools. He provided an overview of historical funding with bar graphs, pie charts and percentages of interest rates in specific areas of the state. Dr. Watson disseminated handouts of information for an enhanced view of past construction practices. Renovating schools on school property is another option he provided to assist our vision and mission of new schools. He offered STEM schools tours to visit and grasp a clearer picture of STEM school education.
3. Superintendent/School Board Document
On October 6, 2014 the members of the Gates County School Superintendent & Gates County Board of Education conducted a retreat. Dr. Barry Williams, Superintendent of Schools, believes that when boards/superintendents decide where to focus their time and district resources, nothing is more important to improving student achievement than district level leadership. The Board and Dr. Williams along with Mr. Leidy covered the agreement highlighting the new additions, exercises, goals/objectives and departmental targets for the 2014-2015.