

## **Board Highlights October 7, 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 October 7, 2013 at 7:12 p.m.

Chairman G. Douglas Lilley welcomed visitors and staff.

Barbara Toti addressed the Board during public comment regarding:

- \*The "Tread the Mill" fundraiser 11-2-13
- \*The "Polar Plunge" 2-8-14
- \*Playmakers 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- \*The importance of teaching the Arts in schools

### **Agenda Items**

Xavier Roscoe, Student Advisor to the Board, shared information from Buckland Elementary School and Gatesville Elementary School. Morgan Barnes, Student Advisor to the Board, shared information from Central Middle School and 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"):

- \*Graduation Rate Award
- \*Legislative Updates
- \*Teacher Tenure Law
- \*A New Teacher's Perspective
- \*An Important Message from the President
- \*The Month of October

Dr. Williams also spoke about October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Bullying Prevention Month, Disability Awareness Month, and Principal Appreciation Month. He then presented the principals with a cake to show our appreciation for everything they do.

Dr. Williams announced that he would hold an essay contest for 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Each essay should outline the job description of principals, qualities that principals have, how hard they work, and what they all do. Dr. Williams will reveal the winner at the November Board Meeting.

During the Report from the Board, each board member thanked the principals and presented each one with a gift.

Gail Hawkins presented a Powerpoint on disability awareness containing quizzes to help reflect how difficult it is for children with disabilities such as dyslexia or autism.

Adrienne Bradley presented the Concussion Response Update for a thirty-day review. Upon approval Gates County High School and Central Middle School would identify two staff members at each school who can serve as First Responders who would need to be CPR & First Aid certified, working toward 20 hours of injury prevention management training. These identified personnel would also receive a supplement for this.

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

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

\*Weldon McKnight, for his daughter, Dakota McKnight to attend Buckland Elementary School during the 2013-14 school year.

\*Amanda Piper, for her grand-daughter, Autumn Couch to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School during the 2013-14 school year.

### **Approval Items**

Out-of-state trip for Gates County High School. The FBLA and HOSA Clubs would like to take a trip to Busch Gardens Williamsburg on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

Overnight trip during spring break for Gates County High School students to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity Challenge trip. They will start with ten students and plan to travel no further than six hours away. There will be a fee for students, but it will include food, travel, lodging as well as on-site insurance.

Overnight trip for Gates County High School. The Gates County Special Olympic Bocce Team would like to take an overnight trip to attend the Bocce State Tournament in Wilson, NC on October 18, 2013.

Fundraiser request for the Diversity Committee at Gates County High School.

Approval for Gates County High School to hold their third annual Holiday Bazaar and Art Faire.

Approval for Central Middle School Athletic Boosters to hold a Virginia Diner Fundraiser.

Approval for Central Middle School to hold their annual Fall Festival.

Two book fairs for Central Middle School.

Two candy gram fundraisers at Central Middle School.

Fundraiser requests for T.S. Cooper Elementary School.

Budget Amendment No. 3 – State Funds

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Approval of the Board Superintendent Agreement

**Long-Term Substitute Teachers**

Robert Costen – Long-Term Substitute Carpentry Teacher at Gates County High School for first semester of 2013-2014 school year – replacing Gary Stevens – Start Date: 9-10-2013

**Substitute Teachers**

Jessie Lawrence – Certified

June Bond – Non-Certified

**Substitute/Activity Bus Drivers**

Sherry Reid

Garrett McNeal

**Tutors for Central Middle School**

Crystal Owens – Teacher

Jennifer Dail – Teacher

Krystle Williams – Teacher

Deidre House – Teacher

Janet McElfresh – Teacher

Donald Hudson – Teacher

Deborah West – Teacher

Alice Casterlow – Teacher

Elaine Simpson – Teacher

**Internship**

Sal'ome Randolph – Internship at Central Middle School for 2013-2014 School Year. Her cooperating teacher is Janet McElfresh

**Resignations**

Maria Clarke – Exceptional Children’s Teacher at Gates County High School – effective 10-28-2013 – Last day worked 10-25-2013

Charlie Rascoe – Part-time Custodian at Gatesville Elementary effective 9-9-2013