

Board Highlights April 7, 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 Conference Room of the Gates County Board of Education Office on April 7, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman G. Douglas Lilley welcomed visitors and staff.

Public Comments

Barbara Toti, Performing Arts Teacher at Gates County High School, addressed the Board during Public Comment. She handed out “save the date” tickets inviting board members to come out to the baseball field on April 29, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to honor eleventh grader, Brian Whalen’s late mother, Mary Linnemeyer Clough who passed away January 17, 2014 from ovarian cancer. Ms. Toti announced that she is selling these tickets, which will include a barbeque sandwich, chips, a baked good, and a drink for \$6.00/ticket. They will be out at the baseball field serving the meals and will be wearing teal shirts with the number 15 on them and MLC in celebration of Mary’s life. There will be articles about ovarian cancer there, and proceeds from the dinner will go to Relay for Life in her memory. They are hoping to raise enough to give a love offering to the family to help cover expenses as well.

Kerri Szymanski also addressed the Board during Public Comment. On March 7, 2014 at approximately 6:50 a.m., her daughter Jamie Szymanski, a 6th grader at Central Middle School, was waiting for the bus and someone attempted to abduct her. Ms. Szymanski would like to see if Gates County Schools could put out some sort of alert in the event something like this happens again. She also feels that children should not have to wait outside for the school bus. She would like for school buses to be required to wait a minute or two for children to collect their things while waiting inside their home. Chairman Lilley assured her that the Board perceives this to be very serious and would look into it with careful consideration.

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, shared the Good News about Gates County High School.

There was no Academic Report for the month of April

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"):

- * Federal/State Laws = Underfunded Mandates
- * Superintendent/School Board Request
- * Director's/Principal's Request/Teacher Request
- * Leadership Perspective (Past/Present/Future)
- * 5-Year Strategic Plan Lens
- * Budget 101

During the Report from the Board, Mrs. Claire Whitehurst expressed how much she and her grandson, Carter enjoyed the Dragon play that the Playmakers put on. Mr. Lilley took an opportunity to thank Dr. Williams for his Superintendent's Report and acclaimed that the Board feels the same and is right there with him. Mrs. Whitehurst attended the Beta Club Induction at Central Middle and applauded the eighty plus inductees. She also praised the information she received at the NCSBA Spring School Law Academy she recently attended in Raleigh, NC. Mr. Byrum commended the excellent turn out of STEM Night at Central Middle School Monday, March 10, 2014.

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

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

- * John and Kristin Woodard for their son, Landon Woodard, to attend Gatesville Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year and pay tuition.
- * Shawna Mullins for her son, Caleb Daniels, to attend Gatesville Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.
- * Amy Hall for her daughter, Avery Hall, to attend Buckland Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.
- * Ann Harrell for her son, Trent Harrell, to attend Buckland Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.
- * Courtney Jordan for her son, Aiden Jordan, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.
- * Mona Rawls for her daughter, Gabrielle Rawls, to attend Gates County High School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.
- * Kristen Ward for her daughter, Taylor Ward, to attend Buckland Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year, pending release from Edenton-Chowan Schools.
- * Deborah West for her son, Christopher West, to attend Central Middle School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

* Stacy White for her daughter, Kayla White, to attend Central Middle School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

* Susan Casper for her son, Brendan Casper, to attend Gatesville Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

* Rebecca Leary for her son, William Leary III, to attend Central Middle School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

* Amy Horton for her son, Geno Godwin, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

* Lisa Wilkins for her children, Elle and Noah Wilkins, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

* Shirley Greene for her children, Katie and Jack Greene, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School for the upcoming 2014-15 school year.

Adrienne Bradley presented the following policies for a thirty-day review:

Policy 5000 – Schools and the Community

Policy 5120 – Relationship With Law Enforcement

Policy 9000 – Planning to Address Facility Needs

Policy 9020 – Facility Design

Policy 9120 – Bidding for Construction Work

Policy 9200 – Care and Maintenance of Facilities

Approval Items

Adrienne Bradley requested the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Gates County Health Department and Gates County Schools.

Adrienne Bradley requested the approval of the NC Driving School Renewal Contract.

Gail Hawkins requested the approval of the Program Services Contract between the Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Orientation Mobility Services and Gates County Schools.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of an overnight trip to take approximately 28 Gates County High School students to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Summer Football Camp on June 16-18 at UNC Pembroke.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of an overnight trip for Gates County High School's Senior Beta Club (approximately 30 members) to attend the National Convention at the Convention Center in Richmond on June 25-28.

Tammi Ward requested the approval of the FBLA Conference March 21-22.

Monique Hicks requested the approval for three elementary school teachers to attend an out of state professional development session, the Daily Five and the Daily Café on April 12-13 in Washington, D.C.

Tammy Boone requested the approval of the School Improvement Plan Revisions for Central Middle School.

Tammy Boone requested the approval of an overnight trip for Central Middle School's Envirothon Team to compete in the State Competition in Burlington, NC on April 25-26.

Tammy Boone requested the approval for Central Middle School to hold its annual Viking Ball on Friday, May 2nd from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Rube Blanchard requested the approval of the following budget amendments:

Budget Amendment No. 2 – Capital Outlay Funds

Budget Amendment No. 5 – Federal Funds

Budget Amendment No. 6 – General Expense Fund 2

Budget Amendment No. 8 – General Expense Fund 8

Budget Amendment No. 9 – State Funds

Rube Blanchard requested the approval for the contract with Douglas A. Hollowell, PC to conduct our audit for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2014.

Rube Blanchard requested the approval of the proposed budgets for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Dr. Williams requested the approval of the Teacher Resolution for Gates County Schools.

Dr. Williams requested the approval of the Read to Achieve Resolution.

Dr. Williams requested the approval of the renewal lease agreement between The Gates County Board of Education and James Earl Brinkley.

Teachers

*Gerald Lee – Exceptional Children’s Teacher at Gates County High School

Coaches

*Richard Turner – Assistant Track Coach at Central Middle School

Substitute Teachers

*Lori Cowper – Certified

*Joseph A. Perry – Non-Certified

*Christee White – Non-Certified

Internship

*Tiffany Long – Internship at Central Middle School

Retirement

*Wallace Johnson – Science/Social Studies Teacher at Central Middle School – effective 7-1-2014

*Elvie Boone – Custodian Crew Leader with Maintenance Department – effective 7-1-2014

Resignations

*Charlie Mitchell – English Teacher at Gates County High School effective 6-11-2014

*Lisa Jones – Child Nutrition Assistant at Gatesville Elementary School effective 3-12-2014

*Marie Perry – Information Highway Facilitator at Gates County High School effective 4-21-2014