

Special Called Closed Session Board Meeting
June 29, 2021

The Gates County Board of Education met in a special called session on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, through a remote meeting using the Zoom format. Chairman Ray Felton called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Ray Felton, Mrs. Glendale Boone, Mr. Leslie Byrum, Mrs. Sallie Ryan and Mrs. Amanda Pacitto. They were joined by Superintendent Dr. Williams, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Boone, Board Attorney Mr. John Leidy, Human Resources director Mrs. Chante Jordan, Clerks to the Board Mrs. Cathy Riddick and Mrs. Jacqueline Davenport.

Dr. Williams requested that an additional item be added to the list of personnel recommendations to the agenda to include Mrs. Janice Askew, summer school employee, prior to board approval of the meeting. Mr. Byrum made the motion to add the recommendation and to request discussion of the new hire recommendation of Mrs. Bobbi White as the interim director of the Gates County Community Center. Mrs. Amanda Picatto seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for individual votes. Board members stated their votes, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Byrum then made a motion to approve the board agenda as amended and Mrs. Pacitto seconded the motion. Mr. Felton called for individual votes. Board members stated their votes, and the motion was carried unanimously.

There was no unfinished business.

Dr. Williams requested approval of personnel recommendation, as discussed in closed session, and are listed below:

 1. New Hire

Bobbi White -- Interim Director Gates County Community Center

Discussion was held regarding whether or not Mrs. White would be a contract employee. School board attorney, Mr. Leidy, made the suggestion that Ms. White be employed as a school employee for a specified period of time with the understanding that if a resolution to the Community Center is reached with the county prior to the end of the time period, the employment would end since she would be serving as interim director. It would further be understood if the county ultimately takes the Community Center over, it would be up to the county to decide who to hire as the full-time director.

Mr. Byrum suggested the time period be limited to three months to allow for resolution of the situation with the Community Center. Other conditions of Mrs. White's hiring as interim director would allow for a cell phone for county business, an allowance of a 4-day work week and a monthly salary of \$4,666.67. No county vehicle for transportation to and from her home in Camden would be provided.

2. Assignment Change

Renaldo Windham -- District Data Manager for Gates County High School

3. Transfers

Amy Roth -- TS Cooper Elementary

4. Student Teacher

Kristin Kapps -- Gatesville Pre-K Program

5. Resignation

_____ Rosalind Dillard -- TS Cooper Elementary

6. Volunteer

_____ Jawan Riddick -- Girls Basketball, Central Middle School

7. Teacher Contract Renewal

_____ Gary Arline -- Central Middle School

Yolanda Dillard -- Gatesville Elementary School

8. Additional Duty Stipend

Renee Nicholson -- MIPPA for Community Center

9. Summer School Employee

_____ Janice Askew

On the approval of the closed session personnel items, Mr. Leslie Byrum made a motion to approve items one through nine, including items discussed regarding item one. Mrs. Glendale Boone seconded. Mr. Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

In Other Business, Dr. Williams asked if anyone was aware of someone in the community that could perform alterations on the newly acquired uniforms for the new ROTC program beginning in the fall. Mrs. Amanda Pacitto and Mrs. Sallie Ryan suggested Hannah Owens, a local resident. Dr. Williams thanked them for the suggestion and said he would reach out to Ms. Owens.

Mrs. Glendale Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into open session to approve personnel recommendations. Mrs. Amanda Pacitto seconded the motion. Chairman Felton called for a vote. Board members stated their vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman

