

Board Meeting Highlights
September 7, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Gates County Board of Education Office, beginning with closed session at 9:00 a.m. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the business meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There was moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Jodie Williams signed up for public comments. She thanked the board for their continued support of the New Beginnings Daycare, but had concerns about the lack of Security Resource Officers at the schools.

Dr. Williams approved the following out of district requests for 2016-2017:

- Caleb Christenhusz released to attend Perquimans County Schools
- Eric and Evan Eure to attend Buckland Elementary
- Aiyana Eason to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- Mollie and Charlotte Geyer to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Angel Walker to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Annabel Rogers to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Makayla Smith to attend Central Middle School

Mr. Jonathan Hayes presented a powerpoint about the online learning options for students at the high school. Some of the highlights are as follows:

NCVPS - North Carolina Virtual Public School

- We are provided an allotment by the state for the county
- Courses are listed in the GCHS Curriculum Guide at <http://gates.k12.nc.us/Page/2441>
- Some courses NCVPS offers are also offered at GCHS or through COA
- Hold spots for transfer students taking courses we do not offer to avoid loss of credit
- We have always used all of our funding
- This year funding for 10 spots was provided to Central Middle School
- Funding for 5 spots has been used for OCS Social Studies
- Start with Seniors and work down until the funding has been used
- Priority is given to classes not offered at GCHS or through COA

NCSSM - North Carolina School of Science and Math

- Residential
 - Students attend NCSSM campus for JR/SR year
 - Students apply and are selected by NCSSM
 - Presentation by NCSSM staff during FR/SO year
- Online
 - Students take course online through NCSSM

- Students still receive a number of the benefits as if they were on campus
- 30 courses offered through NCSSM (ex. Forensics)

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- College and Career Promise
- College Transfer Pathway
- CTE courses
- Courses offered online, on COA campus and Face to Face at GCHS
- Next step is telecommunication courses (working with COA through a grant to provide these courses)

Criteria For College and Career Promise

- Must be a Junior or Senior
*Freshmen and Sophomores are eligible for select CTE courses—see School Counselor
- Must be making appropriate progress toward high school graduation
- Must have a weighted GPA of 3.0 on high school courses for the College Transfer (CT) pathway or, if a Career and Technical Education (CTE) student, have a weighted GPA of 3.0 or the recommendation of the high school principal or her designee.
- Demonstrate college readiness on an assessment or placement test in English, Reading, and Mathematics.
- Meets all existing COA admissions criteria and all course prerequisites.
- Maintains a 2.0 GPA in college coursework after completing two courses.

Benefits of Taking College and Career Promise

- Readiness skills for success at the next educational level
- Builds credits towards a college certificate, diploma, or associate's degree at the same time that they are earning high school honors credits (5.0 on a 4.0 scale) for high school graduation thereby accelerating completion of a diploma, associate's degree, or four-year degree.
- Earn college credits that will transfer seamlessly to any of the 16 universities within the UNC system as well as participating independent colleges and universities (student must complete all 44 hours to ensure credit is transferable).
- Reduced cost for a two or four year degree; students save up to \$400 per college course in which they receive credit and/or placement, depending on which college they choose to attend at the end of their high school career.

Mrs. Tammy Boone, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Mr. Dean Roughton, Dean of Arts and Sciences and Secondary Education, at College of the Albemarle. Mr. Roughton provided information about the programs offered to our high school students through COA. He elaborated on the Career and College Promise program (CCP) that Mr. Hayes had discussed in his powerpoint. The CCP program provides dual enrollment educational opportunities for eligible North Carolina high school students in order to accelerate completion of college certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees that lead to college transfer or provide entry-level job skills. Through this program there are three pathways available for high school students:

1. College Transfer Pathway – student can begin taking college transfer courses towards a four-year degree
2. Career Technical Education Pathway – leads to an entry-level job credential, certificate or diploma
3. Early College – has to be a separate school – funding is not guaranteed

COA is working with the high schools in the area to promote these programs and provide information to students and parents.

Mr. Rube Blanchard gave the Financial Report for month two, and provided a financial update on the New Beginnings Daycare. He also provided information on the Revised Salary Schedules with the 1.50% increase by the state. He informed that our county had been selected for the 2016 Pension Audit, and after review, it was determined our records were accurate. He also noted that Steven Harrell, Deborah Jordan and Erika Legg had received NCASBO Certified School Business Specialist Certifications after completing 56 hours of training over a three year period. The Finance Department received a Recognition of Achievement certificate for excellence in the management of the North Carolina State Public School Fund for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting August 1, 2016
2. Approval of Minutes - Special Called Meeting August 19, 2016
3. Policy 9030 - Facility Construction
4. Resolution to Increase Tax Rate
5. Exceptional Children's Transportation Contracts
6. Buckland 3rd Grade Field Trip to Hampton, VA
7. GES Student Council Fundraiser Dance
8. GES Media Center Project
9. CMS AIG Fundraisers and Overnight Trips
10. Application for Public School Building Capital Fund
11. 2016-2017 Final Budget Resolution
12. CMS Beta Club Fundraisers and Overnight Trips
13. Sixth Grade Participation in Sports
14. GCHS Fundraisers
15. GCHS Hunter Safety Program
16. GCHS Transportation Contracts
17. Special Olympics Events
18. Nomination of the Board for the NCSBA School Board Leadership Award
19. T.S. Cooper School Improvement Plan
20. Gatesville Elementary 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan
21. Buckland School Improvement Plan
22. Gates County High School Improvement Plan
23. Agreement with Interpreting/Transliterating Services
24. Approval of Central Middle School Improvement Plan

There was no new business.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. TEACHERS

- Jean Nistler – T.S. Cooper – replacing Sherry Kight
- Hope Melton – CMS Computer 8 – replacing Tracy Fletcher
- Lori Cowper - Buckland – 3rd Grade – 2016-17 only - due to enrollment
- Wanda Hathaway – TSC – 3rd Grade – 2016-2017 only – due to enrollment

2. SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSISTANTS

- Nadine Faulkner – Gatesville Elementary

3. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Kelly McKnight – Non Certified
- Madeline DiPeppe – Non-Certified
- Donna Boyce – Retired Certified Teacher
- Deborah Vaughan – Long-Term Math Teacher at GCHS

4. SCHOOL NUTRITION SUBSTITUTES

- Carla Hendrix
- Michelle Broughman

5. MENTORS

- Susan Casper – GCHS
- Sherri Russell – GCHS
- Bill Jones – GCHS
- Amy Cooper – GCHS
- Lisa Wilkins – T.S. Cooper
- Mary Hobbs – T.S. Cooper
- Adrienne Beasley – T.S. Cooper
- Lori Lolie – Gatesville Elementary
- Kathryn Eure – CMS
- Deidre House – CMS

6. COACHES FOR CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Danyeal Crocker – Football Coach
- Andray Riddick – Assistant Football Coach
- Lauren Lilley – Athletic Director

7. RESIGNATIONS

- Robert Costen – CMS Assistant Football Coach
- Eric Bond – CMS Assistant Football Coach
- Lawrence E. Cherry, Jr.

8. EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

- Kristal Brooks – Teacher Assistant at Buckland – 1st semester (3 days per week)

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The October regular session board meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016 at Central Middle School. Closed Session will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by an open session at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Felton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go back into closed session. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.