

Board Meeting Highlights  
April 4, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday April 4, 2016, in the cafeteria at Central Middle School. Prior to the meeting being called to order Madam Chair Glendale Boone read the following statement "The board understands many of you have had some very sincere concerns regarding a perception of a lack of communication and support, however, the board individually and collectively supports you and your efforts to educate our children and sincerely appreciates every effort you make to afford our children the best educational experience possible." Madam Chair Boone then called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.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 a moment of silence followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.

Mrs. Sherl W. Lowe signed up for public comments. Mrs. Lowe is a retired Gates County Schools teacher, and is now employed as a tutor and substitute teacher in our school system. She voiced her concerns as a Gates County citizen, and as a grandparent of children who will be entering the school system. She made a heartfelt plea for the board to consider staffing needs when they look at the budget for the 2016-17 school year. With her duties at Buckland Elementary School, she has been able to witness firsthand how the elimination of positions has greatly impacted the daily requirements needed to teach our children. She thanked the board for the job they are doing, and encouraged them to keep fighting for our schools.

Mrs. Chante´ Jordan, interim principal at Central Middle School, presented a video of her staff and students, highlighting student activities. Some of the staff were present for the meeting, and Mrs. Jordan asked them to introduce themselves.

Student Advisors Deja Gainey and Jay Brooks presented a powerpoint with Good News from the schools.

Dr. Williams asked that the agenda be amended to add Item No. Fifteen – Petition For Election To Replace Central Middle School. A copy is attached and made part of these minutes.

During the Superintendent's Report Mrs. Tammi Ward, principal at Gates County High School, presented information regarding the HOSA State Leadership Conference held last week. The GCHS HOSA Club won five awards for community and service recognition:

Alzheimer's North Carolina Assoc. North Carolina HOSA State Service Project  
Leukemia/Lymphoma HOSA National Service Project

Prevent Blindness of North Carolina Service Project  
American Red Cross Outstanding Recognition Award

Our school was also one of 24 high schools/colleges from across the state to receive the prestigious Gold Star Chapter Awards, and this is the fifth year that the GCHS HOSA Club has won this award.

There were over 2,000 participants attending this state leadership conference.

Five students placed in round two of their competitive events making them one of top twenty in the state:

Quinton Odom - Vet Assisting  
Michelle Snelgrove/Tiffany Stewart - Health Career Display  
Jared Hobbs - Sports Medicine  
Samantha Strano - Nursing Assistant

Five students placed in top ten in their events as follows:

Ashley Hall- Extemporaneous Writing  
Haley Neal - Physical Therapy  
Lindsey Bunch - Home Health Aide  
Jordan Hofler - Home Health Aide  
Jameson Stallings - Sports Medicine

Two students placed with medals and will advance to the national level this summer:

Christopher Smith - 2nd place Nutrition  
Olivia Parker - 1st place Nursing Assistant

Christa Bazemore- won with outstanding knowledge testing, speech, and interview for the District 1 NC HOSA Executive Council. She will represent our school and state also at nationals as a HOSA State Officer. She will begin leadership training in May.

Lisa Ward, RN, HOSA Advisor was also awarded one of the 21 Gold Star Advisor Awards given out to outstanding HOSA Advisors from across the state. She then went on to receive the highest advisor award for HOSA and was named as the North Carolina HOSA ADVISOR OF THE YEAR for 2015-2016. She will also continue to serve on the NC HOSA Board of Directors for next school year and will represent our state at the International HOSA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this summer.

Mrs. Tammi Ward congratulated Mrs. Lisa Ward, and her students, for a job well-done.

Mrs. Ward also congratulated Jay Brooks, who has been accepted to attend Governor's School, and Deja Gainey, for participating in the Habitat for Humanity project.

During the Report from the Board, Mrs. Whitehurst said that she had attended the Fairytale Courtroom play, presented by the Drama Club at Gates County High School, and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. She and Mr. Byrum attended the NCSBA Spring Law Conference and were given a lot of helpful information.

Mrs. Boone read a letter from Krystle Williams and Whitney Farmer, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teachers at Central Middle School. They shared, that through DonorsChoose.org, they received donations that allowed them to purchase 30 Chromebook computers for their students to use in the classroom. They gave a special thank-you to the businesses and individuals that made this possible.

Mrs. Tammy Boone, Chief Academic Officer/Federal Programs, provided information that she had learned at a meeting in March, regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act. The president signed this bill into law on December 10, 2016. There are still a lot of unanswered questions regarding the implementation of this law, but the state is starting the process of formulating a plan. Mrs. Boone encouraged everyone to voice their recommendations by visiting the Department of Public Instruction website, and go to the "Let's Talk" section to enter suggestions. It is critical that we voice our recommendations as soon as possible, since this program will be implemented with the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Rube Blanchard gave the Financial Report for month eight, and gave a financial update on the New Beginnings Daycare.

Dr. Williams approved the following Out-Of-District requests for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Webster and Ann Harrell for their children, Trent and Drake Harrell, to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Rebecca Leary for her son, William Leary, III, to attend Gates County High School, pending release from Hertford County Schools
- Kristen Ward for her daughter, Taylor Ward, to attend Buckland Elementary School, pending release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools
- Amy Hall for her children, Avery and Makaylin Hall, to attend Buckland Elementary School, pending release from Hertford County Schools

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - March 7, 2016 Regular Session
2. Consideration of Request for Approval of Exceptional Children's Transportation Contracts - Chante' Jordan
3. Consideration of Request for Approval of T.S. Cooper Elementary Kindergarten Field Trip - Jeremy Wright
4. Consideration of Request for Approval of Gatesville Elementary Fundraiser for Beta Club and Student Council - Scott Corrente
5. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 4270/6145 - Concussion and Head Injury - Adrienne Bradley

6. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 6421 - Pre-Audit Certification - Adrienne Bradley
7. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4 - Rube Blanchard
8. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 - Community Center Fund No. 7 - Rube Blanchard
9. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 - Daycare Fund No. 6 - Rube Blanchard
10. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 3 - Federal Funds - Rube Blanchard
11. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 4 - Local Fund No. 8 - Rube Blanchard
12. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 - Local Fund No. 2 - Rube Blanchard
13. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 6 - State Funds - Rube Blanchard
14. Consideration of Request for Approval of Contract with Donna H. Winborn, CPA, PC, to conduct audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 – Rube Blanchard
15. Petition For Election To Replace Central Middle School

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. LONG-TERM EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT  
 Rose Murphy – Long-Term EC Substitute Teacher Assistant at Buckland Elementary – replacing Laurie Morse – Effective: 3-16-2016  
*Tentatively approved by Superintendent 3-15-2016*
2. TRANSFER  
 Laurie Morse – Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistant at Buckland Elementary, transferred to Pre-K Teacher Assistant at Gatesville Elementary – replacing Pamela Hoskins – Effective 3-16-2016  
*Tentatively approved by Superintendent 3-15-2016*
3. RETIREMENT  
 Wanda Harrell – Technology Assistant at T.S. Cooper Elementary  
 Effective: 7-1-2016  
 Linda Nowlin – Kindergarten Teacher at T.S. Cooper Elementary School  
 Effective: 7-1-2016  
 Mary Anna Ewell – Teacher Assistant at Buckland Elementary School  
 Effective: 7-1-2016

Janet McElfresh – Social Studies Teacher at Central Middle School  
Effective: 6-1-2016

4. GATES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COACH  
Lisa Perry – Head Track and Field Coach – *Tentatively approved by Superintendent 3-7-2016*
5. REVISED CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL COACH ASSIGNMENT  
James Liles – Transferred from Assistant Softball Coach to Head Softball Coach  
*Tentatively approved by Superintendent 3-23-2016*
6. CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL REVISED COACHES' SUPPLEMENTS  
James Liles – Head Softball Coach  
Lauren Lilley – Assistant Softball Coach  
Charles Campbell – Assistant Baseball Coach  
Kristal Brooks – Girls' Track Coach
7. VOLUNTEERS  
Teddi Russell – Gatesville Elementary School – *Tentatively approved by Superintendent 3-3-2016*  
  
Katherine Weiss – Gatesville Elementary School
8. VOLUNTEER COACH FOR CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Cindy Barber – Track Coach
9. SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER  
Rose Murphy – *Tentatively approved by Superintendent 3-18-2016*
10. RESIGNATION  
Kelley Harris – Power School Data Manager/Secretary at Buckland Elementary School – Effective: 3-21-2016

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- The May Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016, at the Gates County Board of Education Office, beginning with Closed Session at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Open Session at 7:00
- National School Boards Association 76th Annual Conference - Boston, MA - April 9-11, 2016 – Mrs. Boone, Mr. Byrum and Dr. Williams will be attending

There being no further business Dr. Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Felton seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. to reconvene into closed session.