

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Session
February 6, 2017

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2017 at Gatesville Elementary School, beginning with closed session at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Felton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Leslie Byrum, Dr. Daniel Dickerson, Ray Felton, and Claire Whitehurst.

Mr. Byrum made a motion to amend the agenda to strike through Item number 50 – Approval of Invoice for December Staff Appreciation Banquet. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Kaylee Seward, Gatesville Elementary Student.

Mrs. Barbara Toti, teacher at Gates County High School, spoke during the Public Comments section. She thanked the school system for their support of Special Olympics, especially for the Polar Plunge event in January. She handed out Save the Date cards for the presentation of The Wizard of OZ on March 11th and March 12th, 2017. This will be the 100th production at Gates County High School. Mr. Felton thanked Mrs. Toti for her dedication.

Student Advisor Dylan Eure provided a powerpoint with Good News from the schools. It was noted, by the board, that Dylan had competed for office at the State Beta Convention, and that Gates County High won many awards. Jay Brooks, student advisor, has been accepted at West Point Academy.

During the Academic Report, Mr. Corrente, Principal at Gatesville Elementary, gave highlights of events at their school. Suzanne Newbern, Dance Teacher at Gatesville Elementary, informed about the bulletin board showcasing creative ways students are expressing “It’s Great To Be A Dragon”. Zamaria Kinsley, Annabelle Sadler and Emily Seward shared their thoughts. Mrs. Robin Brown's 5th grade students at Gatesville Elementary used their knowledge and resources to build a roller coaster while studying force and motion. Partnering with Ms. Keli Boone, 4H agent for Gates County NC Cooperative Extension office, the students studied how speed, acceleration, height, stability, and friction all play a part in building various roller coasters that included ski jumps, hills, valleys, hoops, and spirals out of pipe insulation, tape, blocks, boxes, cups, binders etc. Dr. Williams and Mr. Felton had the pleasure of sending the marbles down the tracks during the presentation. Students representing the 5th grade were Jonah Dickerson, Aniaya Hathaway, Carter Hudgins, Tara Hutchinson, Grace Legg, Thomas Pierce, Kaiden Riddick, Olivia Rountree, and Sarah Silvers.

During the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Williams thanked the teachers that were in attendance. He asked that a Resolution on K-3 Class Size Ratios be adopted by the Board at the meeting. He informed that even with the approval of the construction for Central Middle School, the maintenance department will continue to address ongoing problems at the existing building.

In the Report from the Board, board members commented on various events they had attended at the schools.

Mr. Blanchard gave the Financial Report for month six, and provided a financial update on the New Beginnings Daycare. Some suggestions were made to help the financial success of the daycare.

Dr. Williams approved the following out-of-district request:

- Addison Riddick to attend Gatesville Elementary
- Mary Grace Baker to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary
- James Baker to attend Central Middle School

There was no Unfinished Business.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - January 2, 2017 Special Called Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes - January 19, 2017 Regular Session
3. Request for Central Middle School Athletic Boosters Fundraiser
4. Request for Approval of Policy 1310-4002 - Parental Involvement
5. Policy 1320-3560 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement
6. Policy 1400 - Governing Principle - School Initiatives
7. Policy 1800 - Governing Principle - Stewardship of Resources
8. Policy 2010 - Board and Superintendent Relations
9. Policy 2220 - Official School Spokesperson
10. Policy 3320 - School Trips
11. Policy 3460 - Graduation Requirements
12. Policy 3565-8307 - Title I Program Comparability of Services
13. Policy 3620 - Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
14. Policy 4003 - Translating Policies for Students and Parents
15. Policy 4040-7310 - Staff-Student Relations
16. Policy 4100 - Age Requirements for Initial Entry
17. Policy 4110 - Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission
18. Policy 4120 - Domicile or Residence Requirements
19. Policy 4125 - Homeless Students
20. Policy 4135 - Tuition for Discretionary Admission
21. Policy 4150 - School Assignment
22. Policy 4333 - Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats and Clear Threats to Safety
23. Policy 4700 - Student Records
24. Policy 5000 - Schools and The Community
25. Policy 5022 - Registered Sex Offenders
26. Policy 5027-7275 - Weapons and Explosives Prohibited
27. Policy 7130 - Licensure
28. Policy 7241 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators
29. Policy 7430 - Substitute Teachers
30. Policy 7720 - Employee Political Activities
31. Policy 7810 - Evaluation of Licensed Employees
32. Approval of Policy 7811 - Plans for Growth and Improvement of Licensed Employees
33. Policy 7820 - Personnel Files
34. Policy 9110 - Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Construction Managers at Risk

35. Policy 9400 - Sale, Disposal and Lease of Board-Owned Real Property
36. Policy 3225-4312-7320 - Technology Responsible Use
37. Policy 4335 - Criminal Behavior
38. Policy 6306 - School Bus Idling
39. Policy 6524 - Network Security
40. Policy 7425 - School Administrator Contracts
41. Policy 1710-4021-7230 - Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying
42. Request for DPI To Make Installment Payments For The Purchase Of Replacement School Buses
43. Request to Sell Maintenance Trailer
44. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 3 - Local Fund No. 8
45. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 - Federal Funds
46. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 - State Funds
47. GCHS Basketball Overnight Trip

There was no new business.

The following personnel items were approved:

1. TEACHERS
 - Melissa Sawyer- Math Teacher - GCHS
2. STUDENT TEACHERS
 - Gabriell Harrell – Gatesville Elementary – Supervising Teacher: Heather Denny – 1st Grade
 - Mark Loudin – Central Middle School – Supervising Teacher: Amy Hall – 6th Grade Social Studies
3. PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT
 - Elizabeth Martin – Buckland Elementary School – Exceptional Children’s Program
4. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
 - Marcus Barber – Central Middle School -Exceptional Children’s Program
5. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
 - Chiquie Gregory – Certified
 - Elaine Vaughan - Certified
6. VOLUNTEERS
 - Bryanna Custis – Buckland Elementary
 - Mary Ewell – Central Middle School
7. PRACTICUM
 - April Bond – Buckland – Supervising Teacher: Susan Bazemore
 - Iva Edwards – Buckland – Supervising Teacher: Carol Wartian
 - Mary Brown – Gatesville – Supervising Teacher: Laura Dickerson

8. CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES

- Charlie Campbell – Baseball Head Coach
- John Long – Assistant Baseball Coach
- Chris Stiles – Assistant Baseball Coach
- Whitney Hobbs – Softball Head Coach
- Jennifer Dail – Assistant Softball Coach
- Marcus Barber – Track Head Coach
- Krystal Brooks – Assistant Track Coach

9. GATES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COACH

- Chad Fleming – Assistant Softball Coach

10. TUTORS FOR BUCKLAND ELEMENTARY

- Sherl Lowe – Certified Retired Teacher
- Debbie Byrum - Certified Retired Teacher
- Kathy Sissons - Certified Retired Teacher
- Elaine Vaughan – Certified Retired Teacher

11. RETIREMENT

- Joe Harrell – Maintenance and Facilities Director

12. RESIGNATION

- Vickie Lemaster – New Beginnings Day Care

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The March regular session board meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at T.S. Cooper Elementary School. Closed Session will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by an open session at 6:00 p.m.
- A Budget Retreat will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.