

Board Meeting Highlights
March 7, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday March 7, 2016, in the conference room of the Gates County Board of Education office. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mr. Felton made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Whitehurst 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, led by Jay Brooks, student at Gates County High School.

Mrs. Barbara Toti, teacher at Gates County High School, signed up for public comments. She informed that she has submitted a Resolution designating March, 2016 as Arts Education Month for Gates County Schools. This is listed on the board agenda. She said the drama department is kicking off the month, with a play at the high school, Friday, March 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Toti is very passionate about the arts being a part of the education curriculum, and stressed how important it is to provide opportunities for our students to experience the arts. She thanked the Board for their support in the past.

Deja Gainey, Olivia Parker and Jay Brooks, student advisors, presented a powerpoint with Good News from the schools.

During the superintendent's report, Dr. Williams presented NCSBA certificates to the board members who had completed 30 hours of training during the 2014-2015 school year. The certificates reflected their training hours during their career as board members:

Leslie Byrum – Scholars Circle – (901+ Training Hours)
Glendale Boone – Diploma of Honor – (500-600 Training Hours)
Claire Whitehurst – Certificate of Achievement – (101-200 Training Hours)
Daniel Dickerson – Certificate of Merit – (31-100 Training Hours)

He congratulated them for their achievement.

During the report from the board, Mr. Felton reminded everyone about the Relay for Life Event at Chowan University on April 8-9, 2016, and how important it is to support the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Glendale Boone said that she had participated in the Emotions event held on February 29, 2016 at Gates County High School, with all five schools participating. Mr. Byrum attended also.

Tammy Boone, Chief Academic Officer/Federal Programs, provided information concerning student qualifications for the AIG program. She indicated that we have not tested students for this program in eight years. We currently have 72 students participating. We have identified 67 potential students, and letters will be sent to parents/guardians requesting their permission for their child to participate in the program. A reception has been scheduled for March 24, 2016 at Central Middle School, to welcome the newly placed students and their parents.

Mr. Rube Blanchard gave the Financial Report for month seven, 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:

- Craig and Susan Baker for their children, James and Mary Grace Baker, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School, pending release from Perquimans County Schools
- Shirley and John Greene for their children, Katie and Jack Greene, to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Jason and Kimberly Riddick for their children, Kaiden and Addison Riddick, to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Dr. Ruth Rountree for her son, Victor Rountree, to attend Central Middle School, pending release from Edenton/Chowan County Schools

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - February 1, 2016 Regular Session
2. Approval of Minutes - February 29, 2016 Budget Meeting
3. Consideration of Request for New Beginnings Daycare Fundraiser - Superintendent Prior Approval 2-8-16
4. Consideration of Request for CMS Girls' Basketball Team Field Trip - Superintendent Prior Approval 2-26-2016
5. Consideration of Request for Approval of Gatesville Elementary School Cookbook Fundraiser - Scott Corrente
6. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 1720/4015/7225 - Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure - Adrienne Bradley
7. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 2420- Adoption of Policies - Adrienne Bradley
8. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 4700 - Student Records - Adrienne Bradley
9. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 6420 - Contracts with the Board - Adrienne Bradley
10. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 8510 - School Finance Officer - Adrienne Bradley

11. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 9120 - Bidding for Construction Work – Adrienne Bradley
12. Consideration of Request for Approval of Policy 9220 - Security of Facilities - Adrienne Bradley
13. Consideration of Request for Approval of Gates County High School Fundraisers for Cheerleaders and Dance Class - Jonathan Hayes
14. Consideration of Request for Approval of Gates County High School Field Trips for The Science Department, Cheerleaders and Health/PE Classes - Jonathan Hayes
15. Consideration of Request for Approval of Gates County High School HOSA Club Overnight Field Trip - Jonathan Hayes
16. Consideration of Request for Approval of Exceptional Children's Transportation Contracts - Chante Jordan
17. Consideration of Request for Approval of Resolution Declaring March, 2016 as Arts Education Month - Barbara Toti
18. Consideration of Request for Approval of Parking License and Indemnity Agreement with Native Wings of Health - Dr. Williams
19. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 - Federal Funds - Rube Blanchard
20. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 3 - Local Fund No. 8 - Rube Blanchard
21. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 4 - Local Fund No. 2 - Rube Blanchard
22. Consideration of Request for Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 - State Funds - Rube Blanchard

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. TEACHERS
Tracy Fletcher – CTE Teacher at Central Middle School – replacing Ann Harrell
Tentatively approved by Superintendent 2-8-2016
2. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
Julia Beamon – Non-Certified - Retired Teacher Assistant
3. OBSERVATION HOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHER
April Bond – K-4 Classroom – beginning March, 2016
4. FIELDWORK PLACEMENT
Nick Gaffney - Fieldwork with Susan Braatz, Music Teacher, at Buckland Elementary during Spring Semester, 2016

5. TUTORS FOR BUCKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sheryl Lowe – Retired Teacher
Carolyn McDaniels – Retired Teacher
Susan Stahl – Former Teacher
Kathy Sissons – Retired Teacher

6. COACH FOR CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kristal Brooks - Assistant Track Coach

7. COACH FOR GATES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Danny Hale – Assistant Baseball Coach

8. RESIGNATIONS

Aron Martin – Assistant Principal at Gates County High School –
Effective: 2-3-2016

Vivian Goldsby – Curriculum & Instruction Support Specialist
Effective: 2-29-2016

James E. Sanders – Substitute Bus Driver – Effective: 1-2-2016

In Other Business, the following items were discussed:

- April regular meeting will be held at Central Middle School, on April 4, 2016 beginning with the Executive Closed Session at 6:00 p.m., followed by an open session at 7:00 p.m.
- NCSBA Spring Law Conference – Raleigh – March 17-18, 2016 – Mr. Byrum and Mrs. Whitehurst attending
- Spring Break - 3-28-16 - 4-1-16
- National School Boards Association 76th Annual Conference - Boston, MA April 9-11, 2016 – Dr. Williams, Mr. Byrum and possibly Mrs. Boone attending

There being no further business Mr. Byrum 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 7:44 p.m.