

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Session
April 10, 2017

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2017, at Gates County High School. Chairman Felton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Ray Felton, Glendale Boone, Claire Whitehurst, and Dr. Daniel Dickerson. Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boone, and the board approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 6:03 p.m., with the following board members present: Ray Felton, Glendale Boone, Claire Whitehurst, and Dr. Dickerson.

Mrs. Boone made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Dickerson 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 Bryan Stallings.

There were no items for public comment.

During the Academic Report, Mr. Jonathan Hayes, Principal, presented plaques to recognize students' achievements: Ms. Jaylyn Smith to attend Governor's School East this summer at Meredith College, in Raleigh, Haley Brown will be representing Gates County High School at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference in Raleigh this summer, Will Leary and Ashley Talton, have been accepted to attend the North Carolina School of Science and Math.

Anne Brinkley, Agriculture Teacher at Gates County High School, along with FFA officers Bryan Stallings and Sarah White, presented a powerpoint highlighting what is available to students through the agriculture classes. They provided information on FFA activities, career development opportunities and competitions where Gates County students have done very well. Bryan plans to attend college at NC State and become a veterinarian. Sarah plans to pursue a career in horticulture. Mrs. Brinkley asked for the board's support in her endeavor to provide a greenhouse at the high school, where students can utilize their horticulture skills.

Student Advisor Dylan Eure provided a powerpoint with Good News from the schools.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams provided a brief update on the Central Middle School construction. He said that the committee met again today to interview project management firms. There are more meetings to come.

During the Board Report, board members reported on various training events they had participated in, and school events they had attended.

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

Dr. Williams approved the following out-of-district requests for the 2017-18 school year:

- Rylee Wade Mayle to attend Central Middle School
- Reece Williams to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Jack Greene to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School
- Johann Parker to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Eleanor Boyd to attend Gates County High School
- Avery Boyd to attend Central Middle School
- Shala’Jah Marie Stallings to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Shamira Parker to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Andrew Brown to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Aubrey Ashley to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Taylor Ward to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Drake Webster Harrell to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Makalyla Norman released to attend Hertford County Schools
- Skye and Trinity Murray to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Avery and Makaylin Hall to attend Buckland Elementary School
- Legend Lighty to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Harmony Gatling to attend Buckland Elementary School
- William Josiah Lee O’Neal to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Raylen Hayes to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Gavin Britt to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Brayden Rawls to attend T.S. Cooper Elementary School

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to move Policy 6220 – Operation of School Nutrition Services - from Unfinished Business, to the Consent Agenda. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - March 3, 2017 - Budget Retreat
2. Approval of Minutes - March 6, 2017 Regular Session
3. GCHS Beta Club Out-of-State Trip to National Convention in Florida
4. Permission to poll the Board for approval of Architect Contract with Pinnacle Architecture, P.A. and approval of Request for Qualifications to advertise for Construction Manager at Risk for Central Middle School
5. Permission for Narcan to be kept at GCHS
6. Contract with Educational Insights, Inc. for Evaluation Services
7. Abusive Head Trauma Policy For Preschool
8. Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma Policy for New Beginnings Daycare
9. GCHS Field Trip to Surry Nuclear Plant, VA, for Chemistry Students
10. GCHS Field Trip to Chesapeake, VA for PE & Weightlifting Classes
11. GCHS Field Trip to Jamestown, VA for EC Students
12. Change School Dismissal Time from 3:30 TO 3:10 PM Beginning 4-24-17
13. Property Insurance Renewal
14. Budget Amendment No. 7 - State Funds
15. Policy 6220 – Operation of School Nutrition Service

The following personnel items were approved:

NEW HIRES

Megan Somers – Math Teacher Central Middle School (2017-2018 School Year)
Alisha Hawk – Substitute Bus Driver

FIELD EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

Tyler Cline – Classroom Observation at Gates County High School Social Studies

RETIREMENT

Jennifer Hill (CTE Director)
Deborah Jordan (Payroll Specialist)
Teri Campbell (GCHS Science Teacher)
Linda Collin-Brickhouse (Buckland Media Specialist)
Joyce Cutler (Gatesville Elementary Teacher Assistant)
Randy Williams (Bus Mechanic)

RESIGNATIONS

Carroll Johnson (part-time custodian GCHS)
Yvonne Dixon (ESL/LEP Parent Involvement)
Penny Pittman (Buckland bus driver)
Holly Harmon (Pre-K Teacher Assistant)

TRANSFERS:

John Greene to Maintenance Director – effective 4/1/2017
Devin Riddick to Summer Support @ Central Office and Teacher Assistant Gatesville Elementary – effective 7/1/2017
Stephanie Riddick to Support Staff @ Central Office – effective 7/1/2017
Diane Brothers to Elementary Technology Lab Assistant – effective 7/1/2017
Monica Hathaway to Summer Technology Support and Lab Facilitator GCHS and CMS – effective 7/1/2017
Andrea Roach to Receptionist CMS – effective 7/1/2017

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The May regular session board meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Closed Session will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by an open session at 6:00 p.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 6:53.