

Board Meeting Highlights
Master Board Training
March 20, 2015

The Gates County Board of Education met Friday, March 20, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Gates County Board of Education Office, for Master Board Training. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. The following board members were present: Leslie Byrum, Glendale Boone, Claire Whitehurst, Ray Felton, and Daniel Dickerson.

Mr. Ralph Warren led Session One, which was entitled “Building our Team”.

Objectives of the Training:

- Understanding teams and groups
- Relating current team strengths and how to improve
- Identifying your style as a team player
- Analyzing the team profile
- Developing better ways of communicating
- Building Trust

Board members were asked to complete surveys and participate in activities, which focused on the objectives of the training.

There was a break for lunch at 12:00, and the training resumed at 12:50 with Session Two – “Improving Communication”.

Mr. Warren led the discussion which included the following topics:

- Identifying barriers and difficulties in effective communication
- Developing active listening skills
- Analyzing styles of communication and increasing assertive response skills
- Using positive feedback skills to influence behavior
- Identifying board-building behaviors

The Board members participated in the discussion, and offered insight into their roles as members of the Board.

This concluded sessions two and three of five sessions. The board members decided to meet May 12, 2015, beginning at 2:00 p.m., to complete session four.

The session ended at 4:15 p.m.