

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Session
October 2, 2017

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2017, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Felton called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The following board members were present: Ray Felton, Glendale Boone, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson. Mr. Byrum 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. Whitehurst, and the board approved the motion unanimously. The Board entered into closed session at 5:03 p.m.

Mr. Felton reconvened open session at 6:05 p.m., with the following board members present: Ray Felton, Glendale Boone, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mr. Felton informed that the agenda needed to be amended to add Item No. Fourteen – Request for Buckland Elementary out-of-state field trip to Hampton, VA, Item No. Fifteen – Request for Gates County High School BETA Club out-of-state field trip to Williamsburg, VA and Item No. Sixteen – Request for Bus Driver and Activity Bus Driver Salary Increases.

Mr. Byrum made a motion to approve the amended agenda with the additions of Items 14-16. 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.

During Public Comments, Mrs. Barbara Toti, Teacher at Gates County High, reminded everyone that October is National Arts and Humanities Month. She thanked the board and the community for all the support, of the various projects, in the past. She informed there will be a Mama K Scholarship Benefit Lunch on Monday, October 9th at Gates County High School. She invited everyone to come out and enjoy lunch. Proceeds will provide college scholarships to graduating seniors. In the past, over \$4,000 has been awarded to seniors to help further their education. This scholarship is in memory of Cheryl Kennedy, who was a great supporter of our schools. She also reminded everyone of the Tread The Mill Event at Merchants Millpond State Park on Saturday, October 28th. Everyone was also invited to a special performance at the high school on Monday, October 16th. Sharon Hill, Arts Education Director, will be a special guest. And last, but not least, a reminder of the annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics in January, 2018.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams congratulated Mrs. Diana Wiggins, guidance counselor at T.S. Cooper Elementary School, for receiving a \$3000 Grant from Dollar General. He also congratulated all three elementary schools for earning Green Ribbon Recognition for their Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) implementation. He noted that several of our HOSA students are representing at the district level. He and Mr. Felton traveled to Charlotte last week to pursue \$2.5 million in grant money. He, along with Tammy Boone, John Smith and Ann Harrell, attended a Future Focus Network conference last week. Leaders from across the state come together to discuss the needs of our schools, and where our vision should be focused, to adequately prepare our students for success. He provided a booklet highlighting

test scores for Gates County, and areas around the state. He stated that Gates County is doing very well, but there is always room for improvement. Mrs. Tammy Boone is working with curriculum tools that will help our teachers work toward improving test scores.

The board members commented on various school events they had attended, and how proud they are of our faculty and students. Board members presented the principals with a token of appreciation, in honor of Principals' Appreciation Month.

Mr. Blanchard gave the Financial Report and provided an update on the New Beginnings Daycare. He stated the daycare had a Year-To-Date profit of approximately \$6300. They currently are participating in a Cookie Dough Fundraiser, which has been very successful in the past.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - September 11, 2017 Regular Session
2. Approval of Special Olympics Overnight Trips
3. Approval of Buckland Elementary Out-of-State Field Trip to Jamestown, VA - 11-9-2017
4. Approval of Transportation Contracts for Exceptional Children Department
5. Approval of Gatesville Elementary Out-of-State Field Trip to Yorktown, VA - 11-20-2017
6. Approval of Transportation Contract
7. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip to Chesapeake, VA on 11-20-2017
8. Approval of GCHS FFA Fundraiser
9. Approval of GCHS FFA Overnight Trips
10. Approval of GCHS Climate Committee Fundraiser
11. Approval of T.S. Cooper Out-of-State Field Trip to Jamestown, VA
12. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1
13. Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1
14. Approval of Buckland Elementary School out-of-state field trip to Hampton, VA
15. Approval of Gates County High School BETA Club out-of-state field trip to Williamsburg, VA
16. Approval of Bus Driver and Activity Bus Driver Salary Increases

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

1. Teacher Assistant
 - Pamela Clark – Teacher Assistant At T.S. Cooper Elementary For 2017-2018 school year
2. Substitute Teacher
 - Sallie Ryan - Certified

3. Mentor
 - Adrienne Beasley – T.S. Cooper Elementary School
4. Bus Driver
 - Stephanie Pierce
5. Volunteers
 - Tina Morgan – T.S. Cooper Elementary School
 - Dimensia Hall – Gatesville Elementary School
 - Hannah Rogers – Gatesville Elementary School
6. Gates County High School Coach
 - Hope Melton – Head Girl's Basketball Coach

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The regular November session will be held at Buckland Elementary School on Monday, November 6, 2017 with closed session beginning at 5:00 p.m. and open session at 6:00 p.m.
- Voting Delegates, for the North Carolina School Boards Association Annual Convention in Greensboro, NC on November 13-15, 2017, will be Glendale Boone, Claire Whitehurst, and Leslie Byrum.

There being no further business, Mrs. Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.