

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Session
October 3, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2016 at Central Middle School, beginning with closed session at 5:30 p.m. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

Mr. Byrum made a motion to amend the agenda, by adding Item Number 13 – Budget Amendment Number One – State Funds, to the Consent Agenda, and also adding the discussion of the Gates County Schools Employee Transfer Form to the Unfinished Business Agenda. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There was moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by William Maurer, Central Middle School student.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Adrienne Bradley, Director of Student Services, introduced Dr. Jared Miller with Sentara Orthopedic and Sports Medicine in Elizabeth City. Dr. Miller spoke about the partnership with Sentara and Gates County Schools, to provide our school system with an athletic trainer. This program will provide our athletic department with a much needed service, to provide care for our injured athletes, especially in the area of concussion management. Up to this point, they have been unable to fill the position, but are actively searching for the most qualified applicant. In the interim, until someone is hired, they are providing services at our games on Friday nights.

During the academic report, Mr. Hunter spoke about the need for a new building to house our middle school students. He also introduced one of the band students from Central Middle, William Maurer, who provided entertainment by playing music, which was enjoyed by all.

Student Advisors Jay Brooks, Dylan Eure, and Chase Evans provided a powerpoint with Good News from the schools.

Dr. Williams provided a power point giving information regarding the condition of the Central Middle School building, and the need for a new school.

Dr. Williams also informed that all five schools had received Green Ribbon Positive Behavior Intervention and Support recognition.

Lola Rountree presented information regarding test scores for Gates County Schools. Our district met the 95% Rule, which requires at least 95% of students be tested. Our schools did very well in comparison with other schools in the area, as reflected in the chart below:

End-of-Grade [Math-grade 3] (Grade Level Performance)	1 st out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
End-of-Grade [Reading-grade 7] (Grade Level Performance)	1 st out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
End-of-Grade [Math grade 3] (College and Career Ready)	2 nd out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
End-of-Grade [Math grade 7] (College and Career Ready)	2 nd out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
End-of-Grade [Reading grade 7] (College and Career Ready)	3 rd out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
End-of-Grade [Science grade 8] (College and Career Ready)	3 rd out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
Graduation Rate - 87.1%	Higher than the state average of 85.8%
Overall (Grade 3 through Grade 8): College and Career Ready	5th out of 19 Districts in the Northeast
Overall Grade Level Proficiency	5th out of 19 Districts in the Northeast

Dr. Williams approved the following out of district requests for 2016-2017:

- Makayla Norman released to attend Hertford County Schools
- Samari Keys to attend Gatesville Elementary

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

During the Unfinished Business, the Board offered suggestions for the Employee Transfer Form.

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting September 7, 2016
2. Buckland Elementary's 5th Grade Field Trip to Jamestown, VA on 11-21-2016
3. Exceptional Children's Contract Agreement with Rebecca Ammons, Occupational Therapist
4. Exceptional Children's Transportation Contract
5. Gates County High OCS Project/Fundraiser
6. Gatesville Elementary Physical Education Equipment Drive
7. Gates County High Fundraisers
8. Gates County High English 10 Honors Class Overnight Trip to Washington, DC – October 31 – November 1, 2016
9. Budget Amendment No. 1 – Local Fund No. 2
10. Budget Amendment No. 1 – Federal Funds
11. Budget Amendment No. 1 – Daycare Fund
12. Budget Amendment No. 1 – Local Fund No. 8
13. Budget Amendment No. 1 – State Funds

During New Business, Dr. Williams informed that T.S. Cooper Elementary School, having been classified as a Low Performing School last year, has improved tremendously under the leadership of Mr. Jeremy Wright, Principal, and is no longer in this classification. He also wanted those present to know that our Board of Education attended a work session on Friday, September 30, 2016 at the Merchants Millpond State Park, where Mr. Richard Schwartz, Attorney at Law, presented information regarding legal updates affecting our schools.

The following personnel items were approved:

1. RESIGNATION

- Kimberly Johnson – Assistant Cheerleading Coach at Central Middle

2. MENTOR

- Meredith Pritchett – T.S. Cooper

3. VOLUNTEER

- Regina Hurdle - Effective: 10/3/2016

4. TRANSFER

- Shirleen Figgs to Lead Cook at T.S. Cooper Elementary School

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The November regular session board meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Buckland Elementary School. Closed Session will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by an open session at 6:00 p.m.
- The annual Staff Christmas Party will be held at Central Middle School.

There being no further business, Mr. Felton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.