

Board Meeting Highlights
November 2, 2015

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday November 2, 2015, at Gatesville Elementary School. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

The Board discussed the staff Christmas party, given by the board, to be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 from 3:30 to 5:30, at the Central Middle School cafeteria. Mr. Byrum will contact caterer, provide dessert and provide invitations. Mr. Woods will be contacted about availability and request Elaine Simpson to coordinate decorations. The board members will each be responsible for five door prizes.

There was also discussion regarding amending the board agenda to reflect a moment of silence, rather than an invocation. Mr. Byrum made a motion to approve this amendment. Mr. Felton seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There being no further business Mr. Felton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, to go into closed session. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Madam Chair Boone called the Open Session into order at 7:12 p.m., with all board members present.

Mrs. Whitehurst 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 to the American Flag.

Mrs. Joy Greenwood from Merchants Millpond State Park, signed up for public comments. She provided information concerning \$400 Field Trip Grants, for schools to use for their students to visit North Carolina State Parks. She provided the principals with applications, for these grants, from Friends of State Parks. North Carolina State Parks, as well as National Parks, are celebrating their 100 year anniversary and are encouraging children and their families to visit parks around the country. Fourth Grade Students are encouraged to go on-line and print coupons that can be used by the student and their family to visit any National Park free. Fourth Graders can also get a free bandana at Merchants Millpond.

During the academic report, Mr. Corrente highlighted field trips that students had participated in. Fall festival was a great success and Mr. Corrente thanked Mary Bunch and Joyce Cutler for organizing the event. He pointed out the new floor in the library, and thanked the maintenance department for providing.

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

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams introduced Ted Cole, with Davenport and Company, LLC. Mr. Cole spoke briefly about financing options available to counties when building a new school. Mr. Cole is a bond attorney, and has a lot of experience as a financial advisor for these types of projects. He stated he would be willing to meet with our county commissioners and provide information.

During the Report from the Board, Mr. Byrum spoke about attending the law conference in Asheville last month, and participating in sessions regarding prayer in public meetings. With this in mind, the board voted, in earlier session, to discontinue the invocation and replace with a moment of silence.

Mr. Rube Blanchard gave the Financial Report for month four. He also gave an update on New Beginnings Daycare. The daycare's financial stability has improved greatly and if it stays on target, there should be an \$8000 to \$9000 profit for the year. The board was very appreciative of all the hard work by all involved.

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

1. Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting October 5, 2015
2. Minutes from the Special Called Work Session October 20, 2015
3. Minutes from the Special Joint Meeting with County Commissioners October 20, 2015

Mr. Felton made a motion to approve Consent Items one through three. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

4. Buckland Elementary Field Trip
5. Central Middle School Broadbent Fundraiser
6. Central Middle School Media Center Fundraisers
7. T.S. Cooper's Updated School Improvement Plan
8. Gates County High School Band Overnight Trip
9. Gates County High School Soil Judging Overnight Trip
10. New Beginnings Daycare Fundraiser
11. T.S. Cooper 5th Grade Field Trip
12. Budget Amendment No. 1 – State Funds
13. Budget Amendment No. 1 – Local Fund No. 2
14. Budget Amendment No. 1 – Daycare Fund No. 6

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items four through fourteen. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There was no new business.

Dr. Williams presented personnel recommendations for approval, as discussed in closed session.

1. TEACHERS

Lovie Roscoe – Math Teacher at T.S. Cooper – replacing Doretha Woods
Suzanne Newbern – Dance Teacher at Gatesville Elementary School

2. CARPENTARY SUPERVISOR/WASTEWATER OPERATOR

Kenneth W. Cowper, Jr. – Carpentry Supervisor/Wastewater Operator – replacing Gary Stevens

3. RESIGNATIONS

Melanie Sakoman – Bus Driver at T.S. Cooper Elementary School

4. MENTORS FOR 2015-2016

Mary Hobbs – T. S. Cooper Elementary School

5. OBSERVATION FOR PRACTICUM

Catherine Armstrong – Elementary Schools

6. STUDENT TEACHER

Hillary Bunch – Speech Language Pathology at T.S. Cooper Elementary School

7. COACHES AT GATES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

Graylen Boone – Head Coach – Varsity Girls' Basketball
Tommy Arline – Head Coach – Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve personnel items one through seven. Mr. Felton seconded the motion and board members approved the motion unanimously.

In Other Business, the following items were discussed:

- NCSBA Annual Conference – Greensboro, NC – November 16-18, 2015
- December regular meeting to be held at Buckland Elementary School December 7, 2015
- Board Members will attend the Lions Club Annual Christmas Parade in Gatesville on December 12, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- Board Members will host a staff appreciation Christmas party Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at Central Middle School from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business Mr. Felton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go back into closed session. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.