

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Session
November 7, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Buckland Elementary School, beginning with closed session at 4:30 p.m. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the business meeting to order at 6:10 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 approve the agenda. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There was moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Zachary Stewart, Buckland 5th grade student.

Mr. Lee Brooks and Ms. Leah Craddock signed up for public comments. Mrs. Boone recognized Mr. Brooks, who commented that he was in favor of a new school, but felt that it would have been better to build one school to house the high school and the middle school. Mr. Leslie Byrum commented that it does cost more to build a high school than it does to build a middle school. However, if the tax referendum does not pass, the board will be looking at other options. Mr. Brooks was also concerned about the lack of a band teacher at the middle school. Dr. Williams noted that due to budget constraints, the band teacher position at the middle school had to be cut, but the program seems to be working well with one band teacher, since this provides consistency with the band students transitioning from the middle school to the high school. However, this will be considered when we plan the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Boone recognized Ms. Leah Craddock. Mrs. Craddock had concerns about the cost of the building and wanted to know if there are plans in place to provide for the needs at our other schools. She was concerned about the tax increase continuing. She did comment that she wants to provide the best for our students and thanked the board for their service.

Under Items for Information, Mrs. Boone requested that Mr. Rube Blanchard be allowed to present first. Mr. Blanchard gave the Financial Report for month four, and provided a financial update on the New Beginnings Daycare.

During the academic report, Buckland teachers Michelle Newsome and April Sheets, along with students Zachary Stewart, Emma Sheets, Alvin Vinson and Kera Woodhouse, presented an informative skit, using the Jeopardy Game format, to provide insight into the daily schedules of the Buckland Pandas. Everyone did a great job.

Student Advisor Jay Brooks, 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.

In the Report from the Board, Mrs. Boone thanked Mr. Felton for his letter, in the Gates County Index, in support of building a new school.

Mr. Byrum commented that he had attended the NCSBA Fall Law Conference in Asheville in October. Dr. Dickerson commented on the meeting with Commissioners concerning grants for better health care in our county. Other board members commented on school events they had attended and Mrs. Whitehurst encouraged everyone to attend the Veterans Day Program, in Gatesville, on Friday, November 11th.

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

- Shakira Alleyne, KyAshia Belfield and Deserae Boone to attend Gatesville Elementary School
- Jebraia Mitchell released to attend Hertford County Schools

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of September 30, 2016 Work Session Minutes
2. Approval of October 3, 2016 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
3. Policy 9030 - Facility Construction
4. Policy 6420 - Contracts with the Board
5. Policy 9120 - Bidding for Construction Work
6. Policy 9130 - Supervision of Construction Contracts
7. Gatesville Elementary Fundraiser
8. Gatesville Elementary Fifth Grade Field Trip to Jamestown, VA on 11-22-2016
9. Training Credit for Board Members for Work Session Held on September 30, 2016
10. T.S. Cooper Elementary Fifth Grade Field Trip to Jamestown, VA on 11-21-2016
11. Gatesville Elementary Student Council Events
12. Central Middle School Cheerleading Fundraiser at Applebee's in Suffolk, VA, 11-19-16
13. Budget Amendment No. 2 - State Funds
14. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Local Fund No. 2
15. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Federal Funds
16. Budget Amendment No. 1 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4
17. Revised School Calendar
18. Merit Based Bonus Compensation

The following personnel items were approved:

1. TEACHER ASSISTANT
 - Diane Brothers – Teacher Assistant at T.S. Cooper Elementary School – Replacing Wanda Hathaway
2. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
 - Jessie Lawrence – 7th Grade Language Arts replacing Krystal Williams
 - Armental Crawford – 8th Grade Math replacing Courtney Hale
3. SUBSTITUTES
 - Timothy Jordan – Bus Driver
 - Tracey Carr – Non Certified Substitute Teacher

4. VOLUNTEER

- Gary Nistler – Gates County High School

5. BUS DRIVER TRANSFERS

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>REPLACING</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Shwanda McCullough	CMS	GCHS	Route Changes	8/29/2016
Ernestine Wilson	GCHS	CMS	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “
Benecia Spivey	GES	CMS	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “
Jennifer Odom	CMS	GCHS	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “
Jennifer Odom	GCHS	T.S. Cooper	Tim Jordan	10/24/2016

6. RESIGNATION

- Timothy Jordan – Bus Driver

7. PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIPS

- Kim Saunders – School Counseling Internship at T.C. Cooper Elementary
- April Bond – Reading Practicum at Buckland Elementary School
- Iva Edwards – Exceptional Children’s Practicum at Buckland Elementary

8. GATES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COACH

- Hope Riddick Melton – Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The December regular session board meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 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.
- The board members will participate in the annual Gates County Lions Club Christmas Parade, in Gatesville on December 10, 2016, beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- The board will host a Staff Appreciation Banquet at Central Middle School on Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Felton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.