

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Session
December 5, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office, beginning with closed session at 5:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting being called to order, the oath of office was administered to Claire Whitehurst and Ray Felton, by Cathy Riddick, Notary Public, for their four year term, beginning December, 2016.

Dr. Williams then opened the floor for nominations for the position of chairperson of the Board of Education. Mr. Ray Felton was nominated for the chairperson position. Dr. Dickerson made a motion to approve the nomination. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. A call for vote for chair of the Board of Education was made. Board Members, Glendale Boone, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Dickerson voted “yes” for the nomination of Ray Felton, as Chairman.

Dr. Williams opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice chairperson of the Board of Education. Mrs. Glendale Boone was nominated for the vice chairperson position. Dr. Dickerson made a motion to approve the nomination. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion. A call for vote for vice chair of the Board of Education was made. Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Dickerson voted “yes” for the nomination of Glendale Boone, as Vice-Chairman.

Congratulations to Mr. Ray Felton as Chairman and Mrs. Glendale Boone as Vice Chair.

Chairman Felton, called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Leslie Byrum, Dr. Daniel Dickerson, Ray Felton, and Claire Whitehurst.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to amend the agenda to delete Item No. Sixteen, Request for Approval of Policy 3565/8307 – Title I Program Comparability of Services, and to approve the agenda with this deletion. Mrs. Boone seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

There was moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jay Brooks, Gates County High School student, and Student Advisor to the Board.

Mr. Earl Rountree signed up for Public Comments. He stressed the importance of the Gates County Board of Education and the County Commissioners working together to improve our school infrastructures. He stressed that we all want what is best for our students.

Mrs. Barbara Toti, teacher at Gates County High School, also signed for Public Comments. She wanted to share a success story of one of our students, Brandon Jefferies. Mr. Jefferies graduated from Gates County High School and has gone on to become successful in the music business. He presented a concert at Gates County High School on December 3, 2016, with a powerful message about choices that we make in life. He credits Gates County High School for encouraging him and helping him along his path to success.

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

Dr. Williams recognized the Holiday Card Contest Winners from each school. They are as follows: Jeremiah Dillard, 5th Grade, Buckland Elementary School, Jasmine Holcomb, 5th Grade, Gatesville Elementary School, Karleigh Riddick, 5th Grade T.S. Cooper Elementary School, Caitlynn Overton, 7th Grade, Central Middle School, and Madison Melton, 9th Grade, Gates County High School. They were each given a certificate and a token of appreciation.

Dr. Williams also honored Gates County High School students, William Harrell, Nyasia Luke, Cheston McEachern and Ethan Von Wolff. These students entered a video, highlighting what is good about public schools, in the North Carolina School Boards Association Video Contest. They won third place for the state of North Carolina. These students were honored at the NCSBA 47th Annual Conference Awards Ceremony in Greensboro, on November 17, 2016. Dr. Williams presented them with a certificate and a token of appreciation.

Dr. Williams also noted that Mr. Leslie Byrum was named to the All State Board at the NCSBA Annual Conference. He noted that Mrs. Chante Jordan presented at one of the break-out sessions at the conference, and did a wonderful job in her presentation on the challenges facing the Exceptional Children's program.

In the Report from the Board, Mr. Byrum noted that board members, from across the state, have commented to him about how great our school system is. He also thought that our high school students did a great job on the video submitted to the NCSBA. He said the Law Conference in Asheville, concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act update, was very informative. Mrs. Whitehurst and Dr. Dickerson were extremely proud of the number of Bright Idea Grants that have been awarded to our schools. They were very appreciative of the hard work and dedication of our teachers. Dr. Dickerson is working on submitting requests for other grants that will help our school system, and county, to continue to improve and match the challenges that we will face in the future. Mr. Felton and Mrs. Whitehurst commented on webinars, concerning school board issues, they had attended in the past few days. They both thought they were informative, and liked the format since it saves the district money, by not having to incur cost for travel.

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

The following Unfinished Business Items were approved:

1. Policy 9030 - Facility Construction
2. Policy 6420 - Contracts with the Board
3. Policy 9120 - Bidding for Construction
4. Policy 9130 - Supervision of Construction Contracts

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - November 7, 2016 Regular Session
2. Farm Land Lease to James E. Brinkley - Dr. Williams
3. Board Members to Travel to the National School Boards Association Annual Conference in March, 2017
4. FEMA Resolution

5. Board Members Code of Ethics Statement for 2017
6. GCHS Fundraisers
7. GCHS Out of State Field Trip to Virginia on December 15, 2016
8. Budget Amendment No. 3 - Federal Funds
9. Budget Amendment No. 3 - State Funds
10. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Capital Outlay Fund No. 4
11. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Community Center Fund No. 7
12. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Local Fund No. 8
13. Request for Approval to Purchase New Finance/HR Software
14. Request for Approval to Sale Surplus Vehicles
15. Request for Approval of GCHS Senior Beta Club Overnight Trip to Greensboro

The following personnel items were approved:

1. SCHOOL HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT
Melissa White – School Health Care Assistant at T.S. Cooper Elementary (Grant position funded through 6-9-2017)
2. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
Annette Rian – Non-Certified
3. TUTORS
Marva Bond – T.S. Cooper (retired teacher non-certified)
Loretta Jones – T.S. Cooper (retired teacher non-certified)
Doretha Woods – T.S. Cooper (retired certified teacher)
4. RETIREMENT
Adrienne Bradley – Director of Student Services/Public Information Officer
5. RESIGNATION
Austin Hill – School Psychologist
6. STUDENT TEACHERS
 - Kristal Brooks – Buckland Elementary - January, 2017 – April, 2017
Kirby Parker – Advising Teacher
 - Chelsea Taylor - Buckland Elementary – January, 2017 – April, 2017
Susan Parker – Advising Teacher
7. COACHES – CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - Marcus Barber – Boys’ Basketball – Effective: 12-1-2016
 - Aundray Riddick – Assistant Boys’ Basketball – Effective: 12-1-2016
 - Robert Costen – Girls’ Basketball – Effective: 12-1-2016
 - Deidre House – Assistant Girls’ Basketball – Effective: 12-1-2016
 - Michayla Knight – Assistant Cheerleading – Effective: 11-14-2016

8. TRANSFERS

Employee	From	To	Replacing	Effective Date
Kristal Brooks	Buckland/K	Buckland/EC	Becky Davis	1-4-2017
Becky Davis	Buckland/EC	Buckland/K	Kristal Brooks	1-4-2017

9. ACTIVITY AND SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

Shelly Rose Murphy

In Other Business the following items were discussed:

- The January regular session board meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 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 will meet with the county commissioners in a joint meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Gates County Courthouse.
- 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, Dr. Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and board members approved the motion unanimously. Chairman Felton adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.