

Board Meeting Highlights  
December 7, 2015

The Gates County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday December 7, 2015, at Buckland Elementary School. Madam Chair Glendale Boone called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Ray Felton, Claire Whitehurst and Dr. Daniel Dickerson.

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, led by Baylee Morton, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Buckland Elementary School.

Dr. Williams opened the floor for nominations for the position of chairperson of the Board of Education. Mrs. Glendale Boone was nominated for the position of chairperson. Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the nomination. Dr. Dickerson seconded the motion. A call for vote for chair of the Board of Education was made.

FOR NOMINEE Glendale Boone, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY
DICKERSON	✓	
FELTON	✓	
BYRUM	Not Present	
WHITEHURST	✓	
BOONE	✓	

Dr. Williams opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice chairperson of the Board of Education. Mr. Ray Felton was nominated for the position of vice chairperson. 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.

FOR NOMINEE Ray Felton, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY
DICKERSON	✓	
FELTON	✓	
BYRUM	Not Present	
WHITEHURST	✓	
BOONE	✓	

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

Dr. Williams turned the meeting over to Madam Chair Boone.

Ms. Deja Gainey, representing Mrs. Barbara Toti, signed up for public comments. She provided information about the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gates County Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, to be held on January 30, 2016. She invited everyone to attend, and said there is still a need for more food vendors.

Mrs. Sallie Ryan also signed up for public comments and gave information about the Open Wide Outreach Ministry. This ministry, through St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Gatesville, and with the help of concerned citizens, is providing food bags for needy children to take home from school, for the week-end. The parents or guardians complete an application, and the information is kept confidential, known only by the principals and guidance counselors. Currently, the ministry is servicing 27 students. She had sample bags for the board members to see what is enclosed. Mrs. Ryan said there is a need for this ministry, and encouraged others to get involved.

Mrs. Gail Hawkins shared information about current events at Buckland Elementary during the Academic Report, and provided an entertaining video of the students.

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

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Williams and board members recognized the Holiday Card Art Contest winners from each school and presented them with a certificate. The winners were: Emma Bright, Grade 4, from T.S. Cooper Elementary School, Baylee Morton, Grade 5 from Buckland Elementary School, Jaelynn Lawrence, Grade 5 from Gatesville Elementary School, Alysa Johnson, Grade 8, Central Middle School and Dustin Kirby, Grade 9, Gates County High School.

Dr. Williams announced that our Gates County Board of Education had won the prestigious Leadership Award at the NCSBA Annual Conference in Greensboro, on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Our board was chosen from among the 115 school districts in the state.

During the Report from the Board, Mrs. Whitehurst talked about the HOSA District Meeting that she and Mrs. Boone helped to host at the high school. She complimented our teachers who had won three out of the five Bright Ideas grants, and was impressed with our high school band at recent competitions.

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

Mrs. Donna Winborne gave a brief review of the audit findings for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. She complimented the finance department for their hard work and attention to detail, which resulted in not having a management letter issued this year.

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

1. Minutes from the Special Called Joint Session with the Commissioners October 29, 2015
2. Minutes from the November Regular Session November 2, 2015

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

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

3. Farm Land Lease to James E. Brinkley
4. Education Service Renewal
5. Pre-K Fundraiser
6. GCHS Athletics' Fundraiser
7. Request to Move Funds - Central Middle School
8. Policy 1310/4002 - Parental Involvement
9. Policy 1320/3560 - Title I Parent Involvement
10. Policy 1710/4021/7230 - Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying
11. Policy 1742/5060 - Responding to Complaints
12. Policy 2302 - Board Meeting Remote Participation
13. Policy 2310 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
14. Policy 2500 - Hearings before the Board
15. Policy 3320 - School Trips
16. Policy 3405 - Students at Risk
17. Policy 3420- Student Promotion
18. Policy 3460 - Graduation Requirements
19. Policy 4040/7310 - Staff-Student Relations
20. Policy 4110 - Immunization and Health Requirements
21. Policy 4152 - Unsafe School Choice Transfer
22. Policy 4303 - Discipline Administration
23. Policy 4320 - Tobacco Products - Students
24. Policy 4335 - Criminal Behavior
25. Policy 4351 - Short-Term Suspension
26. Policy 4353 - Long-Term Suspension
27. Policy 4400 - Attendance
28. Policy 5022 - Registered Sex Offenders
29. Policy 5026/7250 - Smoking & Tobacco Products
30. Policy 5027/7275 - Weapons
31. Policy 5030 - Community Use of Facilities
32. Policy 6305 - Student Transportation
33. Policy 6315 - Drivers
34. Policy 6550 - Vandalism

35. Policy 7335 - Employee Use of Social Media
36. Policy 7500 - Workday and Overtime
37. Policy 7730 - Employee Conflict of Interest
38. Policy 7950 - Non-Career Status Teachers Non-Renewal
39. Policy 9010 - Site Selection
40. Policy 9020 - Facility Design
41. Policy 9110 - Selection of Architects, etc. for Construction
42. Policy 9400 - Sale, Disposal & Lease of Board-Owned Property
43. Community Center Pay Grade Salary Schedule
44. Budget Amendment No. 1 - Local Fund No. 8
45. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Local Fund No. 2
46. Budget Amendment No. 2 - State Funds
47. Budget Amendment No. 2 - Federal Funds

Mrs. Bradley requested a name change from Gail Hawkins to Chante Jordan in item number ten, to delete paragraph requiring personnel to sign verification in item number thirty-six, and requested that item number sixteen be held for further discussion.

Mr. Felton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items three through forty-seven with the exception of item no. sixteen. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

Under New Business Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to nominate Leslie Byrum to serve on the NCSBA Legislative Committee. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously.

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

1. TEACHERS  
Randy Bratton - Spanish Teacher at Gates County High School (currently Long-Term Substitute Spanish Teacher at GCHS) - Effective: 12-1-2015
2. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS  
Barbara Wiant - Certified  
Effective: 1-1-2016
3. COACHES  
Natosha Lucas - Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach at Gates County High School -  
Effective 12-1-2015  
  
Richard Turner -Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at Central Middle School -  
Effective 12-1-2015

4. 2015-16 TUTORS FOR T.S. COOPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Marva Bond - Retired Teacher  
Loretta Jones - Retired Media Coordinator  
Kathy Sissons - Retired Teacher  
Ken Moors - Teacher  
Marcia Hobbs - Teacher  
Mary Hobbs - Teacher  
Wanda Harrell - Technology Assistant  
Connie Umphlett - Teacher Assistant  
Sherry Kight - Teacher  
Meredith Armstrong-Pritchett - Teacher  
Pat Handy – Teacher  
Kristi Steiner-Winn - Teacher  
Janice Askew - Media Coordinator

5. AIG COORDINATORS

Staley Marie Pierce – Gatesville Elementary School  
JoJo Nichols – Buckland Elementary School  
Janet McElfresh – Central Middle School  
Amanda Hobbs – Central Middle School  
Diana Wiggins – T.S. Cooper Elementary School

6. RESIGNATIONS

Stephen Perry - Agriculture Teacher at Gates County High School  
Effective: 11-19-2015  
Alfrika Butts - Part-time custodian at Gatesville Elementary School  
Effective: 11-12-2015

In Other Business, the following items were discussed:

- January Regular Meeting will be held Monday, January 11, 2016 at Gates County High School beginning with Executive Closed Session at 6 pm and open session at 7 pm.
- Board Members will attend the Lions Club Annual Christmas Parade in Gatesville on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Dr. Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Whitehurst seconded the motion and the board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.