

Board Meeting Minute Highlights
May 24, 2016

The Gates County Board of Education met in a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the Gates County Board of Education Central Office. Madam Chair Boone called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following board members were present: Glendale Boone, Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum, 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.

Dr. Williams provided information concerning Qualified School Construction Bonds, to help with construction costs for a new Central Middle School. He indicated that he has had discussions with Dr. Ben Matthews, from the Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Matthews has said that \$6,000,000 in bonds, with 0% interest rate is available, and we can apply for these funds. Board members had several questions concerning the QSCB funds, and felt that the commissioners would have questions as well.

Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to approve the CTE Technology Equipment bid to Amtek Company, Inc., to provide 3D Printers for our schools. Mr. Felton seconded the motion. Dr. Dickerson abstained from the vote. The remaining board members approved the motion unanimously.

There being no further business, Mrs. Whitehurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion unanimously. Madam Chair Boone adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

At that time the commissioners joined us, and Mrs. Linda Hofler, Chairman of the County Commissioners, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. County Commissioners Linda Hofler, Jack Owens, Henry Jordan and Ray Freeman were in attendance. Others attending the meeting were Natalie Rountree, Sandy Pittman, Rube Blanchard and Joe Harrell.

Board Members and the County Commissioners discussed the need for a new school. All seemed to be in agreement that we need to replace the building. The commissioners are concerned about funding and raising taxes for the citizens of Gates County. They also offered suggestions for future improvements for our elementary schools, which are housed in older buildings also.

Dr. Williams offered to invite Dr. Ben Matthews, from the Department of Public Instruction, to come speak about Qualified School Construction Bonds. All agreed this would be beneficial. Dr. Williams will arrange a date and time for a meeting.

The commissioners stressed the importance of providing a firm figure for construction costs, to allow them to make decisions.