

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 20, 2011**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting with the Gates County Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011, in the Gates County Board of Education conference room, 205 Main Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Twine, Jernigan, Hora and Owens were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell and Gates County Board of Education Members, Doug Lilley, Dale Saunders, Ray Felton, Leslie Byrum and Glendale Boone.

Chairman Doug Lilley called the meeting to order.

Dr. Zenobia Smallwood, Superintendent, Gates County Schools, discussed the possible boiler conversion at the middle and high schools to natural gas.

Mr. Tommy Tilley, representative, Piedmont Natural Gas, stated there would be a significant fuel cost savings if the schools converted to natural gas. There is currently a two-inch supply line at highway 158. Piedmont plans to put in a four-inch line to aid commercial use. If there is sufficient usage/volume there would be no charge for installing the larger line. Mr. Tilley stated a feasibility study would have to be conducted. He will respond to Mr. Norfleet, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Chappell within the next three weeks to report statistical findings.

Mr. Tilley leaves the meeting.

Mr. Byrum stated the schools did not have any money set aside for natural gas conversion. He is concerned with the cost to get natural gas to the sites.

Mr. Norfleet stated he was very interested in the process but preferred to wait until Mr. Tilley returns with statistical information.

All parties involved will be gathering local usage data for Mr. Tilley.

Chairman Lilley thanked the Commissioners for the joint effort.

Chairman Lilley adjourned the meeting.

  
Graham L. Twine, Chairman

  
Diane R. Hendrix, Clerk

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