

**Gaston County Board of Education  
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2017 4PM Board of Education Board Room**

- 1. Call to Order (Chairman Howell)** – Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Chairman Howell. Members present: Brent Moore, Lee Dedmon, Jeff Ramsey, Chris Howell. GCS Staff present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Danny Garrett, Cindee Matson, Curtis Poplin, and Chris Hall.
- 2. Review and Adoption of the March 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Chairman Howell)**  
Lee Dedmon made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting. Jeff Ramsey seconded. Minutes were approved.
- 3. DRM Project Update and Information (Cindee Matson, Curtin Poplin)** - Cindee Matson and Curtis Poplin presented to the committee the relevance of technology to the Gaston County Schools and an update on the Data Center Project.
- 4. Update on Pleasant Ridge Construction (Danny Garrett)** – Danny reported that final curb and guttering were being placed on the bus parking lot and the canopy was in place to receive the covering. Some terrazzo has been placed in area D and terrazzo prep work is taking place in area C. HVAC work looks good and is ahead of schedule. Roof work over the cafeteria should be complete after a few days with no rain. The project is on schedule for a mid June delivery date. We will work with the builder to plan a staging process for parts of the school. The architect's field report was shared with the committee.
- 5. Update on Stanley Middle Construction (Danny Garrett)** – Danny reported that the infrastructure is coming together with a few walls still being erected and with all the steel on the roof. Block has been waterproofed and ready for brick veneer. Selection of the brick from the manufacturer is still in progress (matching samples). Road to the north will need to remain closed for further construction work due to the latest wet weather. Some discussion on the timeline with no worries from the architect or owner. Designer's site observation report was shared with the committee.
- 6. Update on Meeting with town of Cramerton (Gary Hoskins)** - A positive meeting was held with the attorney, town manager, and town planner of Cramerton. A discussion about placing a school on the adjacent property to Stuart Cramer High School was had with specific questions concerning zoning. Cramerton staff shared their development plan of the area, for which a new school was not part of. The process for rezoning was received. Additional funding will be needed to conduct the necessary site prep work for the application for the change in zoning.
- 7. Capital Review (Morgen Houchard, Gary Hoskins)** – The status of the forty million dollar bond for a new middle school in the South Point Township was discussed along

with an alternate plan for the bond proceeds to be used for capital needs throughout the county. Further discussion will take place at the next Operations Committee Meeting .

- 8. Update on Potential Legislation - Class Size Reduction (Morgen Houchard)** - HB13 has moved to committee and we should be receiving more information soon. It is a moving target at the present time. We are hoping for some relief with time, but are preparing to comply with the current legislation. Three schools have shared concerns regarding space limitations (Belmont Central, Woodhill, and Carr) and our facilities department is working on solutions.
- 9. System Wide Sign Update (Chris Hall)** - Chris shared with the committee the system-wide plan to replace all entrance signage. Correspondence has been made to discuss with every principal at every school and a prototype of the signage was shared with the committee.
- 10. 1992 Ford Taurus to Surplus (Morgen Houchard)** - Transportation department wants to surplus a 1992 Ford Taurus that was replaced by a new vehicle for travel. Mr. Howell asked that we first check with all of our automotive departments first and if not one responds then surplus the vehicle.
- 11. Purchase of New Vehicle and Buses (Morgen Houchard)** - Transportation is recommending to purchase three new vehicles: One regular activity bus (replace 1990 bus); one mini activity bus (replace 1995 bus); and one F250 (replace a 1989 Chevrolet S10).
- 12. Other Business (Chairman Howell)** - None
- 13. Future Meeting Dates** – The next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2017