

**Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017 Board Room**

- 1. Call to Order (Chairman Howell)** - Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Chairman Howell. Members present: Brent Moore, Lee Dedmon, and Chris Howell. Jeff Ramsey joined after the meeting was called to order. GCS Staff present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Danny Garrett, and Sierra Wray.
- 2. Review and Adoption of the January 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Chairman Howell)**- Lee Dedmon made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting. Brent Moore seconded. Minutes were approved.
- 3. Presentation of Interior Renderings for Stanley Middle School (LS3P, David Bellamy)** - LS3P came to show colors for flooring and other finishes. All furniture will match the color scheme of the school.
- 4. Update on Stanley Middle School Construction (Danny Garrett)** - The second floor is coming up. There is a lot of mechanical things taking place. The road will be widen over Spring Break. The school is estimated to be complete in October.
- 5. Update on Pleasant Ridge Elementary School Construction (Danny Garrett)** - Painting has started taking place. The main ventilation system is now in. Sheetrock is up in a lot of places. The weather has allowed time to catch up since it has been so nice outside.
- 6. Review of Transition Team Progress for New Schools (Morgen Houchard)** - There has been four meetings for Pleasant Ridge and one meeting for Stanley. The meetings are held to discuss how to properly close and open a new school. We have had previous experience with the closing of Rhyne Elementary and Forest Heights Elementary. The transition team is made up of members from Child Nutrition, TSS, Facilities, Personnel, Communications, and Academic Services.
- 7. Update on Land Acquisition for Belmont Middle School (Gary Hoskins)** - Working to get a final site study. There have been no issues as of yet. There will be a meeting with the County Commissioners on March 6, 2017.

8. Discuss Presentations by Architectural Firms to Design New Belmont Middle School (Morgen Houchard, Gary Hoskins) -

- March 20 - Board of Education approves architect contract
- March 28 - Gaston County Commissioners approves purchase of land and funding for architect
- April 1 - Sign contract with architect
- April - July - Design phase of project
- August - Bid project construction
- October - COunty sells \$40 million in bonds to fund construction of replacement Belmont MS

9. Update on New Time and Attendance System (Gary Hoskins) - The contract has been signed. The first system will be at DRM so that all of the kinks can be worked out.

10. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Howell)

- a. **Hard Hat Tour - Stanley Middle School - March 3, 2017 (10-12PM)** - Date was changed to March 24, 2017.
- b. **Forest Heights DEC update** - 1 ½ floors will be used for the Department of Exceptional Children and they will fund it.
- c. **Virtual academy name** - No name has been given at this time.
- d. **Other Business** - The pothole at Cherryville High will be fixed.

11. Meeting Dates

- a. **March 27, 2017**
- b. **April 24, 2017**
- c. **May 22, 2017**
- d. **June 26, 2017**
- e. **July 24, 2017**
- f. **August 28, 2017**
- g. **September 25, 2017**
- h. **October 23, 2017**
- i. **November 27, 2017**

Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:06pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 4:00pm in the Central Office board room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sierra H. Wray

