

**Gaston County Board of Education  
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2017, 5:00PM  
Board Room**

- 1. Call to Order (Chairman Howell)** – Meeting was called to order at 3:01pm by Chairman Howell. Members present: Chris Howell, Lee Dedmon, Jeff Ramsey, and Brent Moore. GCS Staff present: Dr. Morgen Houchard, Danny Garrett, Curtis Poplin, Cindee Matson, and Sierra Wray.
  
- 2. Review and Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes (Chairman Howell)** – Lee Dedmon made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting. Jeff Ramsey seconded. Minutes were approved.
  
- 3. Update on Pleasant Ridge Elementary School Construction (Danny Garrett)** - Pleasant Ridge Elementary is progressing on schedule and is currently 6 weeks ahead of Stanley Middle. Mr. Hoskins will facilitate a hard hat tour of the campus on January 27, 2017 @ 10:00am for any board members wishing to be present.
  
- 4. Update on Stanley Middle School Construction (Danny Garrett)** - Stanley Middle School is also progressing on schedule. We have scheduled a hard hat tour on March 3, 2017 @ 10:00am. The gap in the tour should allow us to see the schools at the same phase of construction.
  
- 5. Update on Status of Improvements to the 13 Schools Included in the 2014 Comprehensive Facilities Assessment (Morgen Houchard, Chip Irby)** - We had a brief discussion on the 2014 Comprehensive Assessments of the 13 schools. Of those schools, two of them are either being replaced or will be replaced in the next couple of years with the building of Pleasant Ridge and Stanley Middle.
  
- 6. Discuss Capital Projects for 2017 (Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard)** - As we prepare for our budget presentation, the staff will identify the 2017 goals before our retreat this weekend \$5,000,000.00 worth of projects. This list will be grouped by townships and priority based. Our committee felt this would be a valuable piece of information to use when discussing our budget request with our County Commissioner counter-parts.

- 7. Update on Land Acquisition for New Middle School (Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard)** - We will have a closed session during our board meeting on Saturday to be brought up to speed on the current status and possible changes since our last meeting.
- 8. Contract and Expenditure Review (Gary Hoskins)** - Our committee received a list of “contract and expenditure” cost - 6 of these dealt with the construction of the new school (Furniture, Maker Walls, Cabling for Communication, Data, Camera, and Intercom). Item (g) dealt with entering a contract with Educon for Energy Management and Conservation.
- 9. Update on New Time and Attendance System for Back Office (Gary Hoskins)** - Mr. Hoskins updated us on a “New Time & Attendance” system that will be implemented for hourly employee’s at all central offices.
- 10. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Howell)** - We began an initial discussion with staff concerning a new “Bond” initiative.
- 11. Set Next Meeting Dates (Chairman Howell)** - Our committee settled on having monthly meetings that will take place on the 4th Monday of the month @ 4:00pm. The frequency of these meetings will be dictated by our committee with input from staff.
- 12. Adjourn (Chairman Howell)** – Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 4:19pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 at 4:00pm in the Central Office Board Room.