

Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2017, 12:00PM - Board Meeting Room

- 1. Call to Order (Chairman Howell)** - Meeting was called to order at 12:36pm by Chairman Howell. Members present: Chris Howell, Jeff Ramsey, Brent Moore, and Lee Dedmon. GCS Staff present: Morgen Houchard, Curtis Poplin, Cindee Matson, Frank Fields, Gary Hoskins, Jeff Booker, and Sierra Wray.
- 2. Review and Adoption of the May 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Chairman Howell)** - Jeff Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2017 meeting. Lee Dedmon seconded. Minutes were approved.
- 3. Ashbrook Request (Rebecca Wilson)** - Principal and Athletic Director are asking that they be allowed to name the Cross Country course honoring the legacy of Coach Al Hess. Official name "The Alfred Hess Cross Country Trail."
- 4. Cellular Telephone Contract (Cindee Matson, Curtis Poplin)** - TSS presented a new cellular telephone contract for Board Approval.
- 5. Energy Management Program (Chip Irby, Andy LaRowe)** - Andy LaRowe, of EduCon briefly discussed the Energy Management Program. Gaston County Schools will hire two new energy managers that EduCon will train the employees. This will involve language for a new board policy to support the program.
- 6. McAdenville Upfit, Phase Two (Chip Irby, Morgen Houchard)** - Phase two will include paving, curbing, sidewalk, dropping ceilings in the hallways, and lighting in the hallways. This will complete the project.
- 7. School Nutrition (Frank Fields)**
 - a. Procurement Plan 2017-18** - A requirement by DPI and it must be approved by the board. Describes the bidding process for all categories that School Nutrition bid on. Abides by all USDA and State of North Carolina and local requirements and thresholds.
 - b. Food Supply, Beverage, and Ice Cream Bids** - Board will need to approve the bids on food supplies, beverages, bread, and Ice Cream
 - c. Annual Report 2016-17** - The State of School Nutrition Report. All relevant aspects of the program. A report will be given out at the upcoming Board Meeting.
- 8. Bond Funding Discussion (Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard)** - Funding will be used for either a new middle school or for capital improvement. No decision has been made.

9. **Pleasant Ridge Elementary Construction Update (Danny Garrett)** - Project is on time and on budget.
10. **Stanley Middle Construction Update (Danny Garrett)** - Project is on time and on budget.
11. **DEC Forest Heights Renovation/Remodel (Morgen Houchard)** - DEC is using some of their funding to update and make renovations to office space at Forest Heights for some of their staff.
12. **Sole Source Provider Approval (Morgen Houchard)** - Company to provide sole source work on the auxiliary gym at North Gaston.
13. **Construction Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** - Change orders are now required to put brick on the backside of the retaining walls and braces on hanging lights for Pleasant Ridge and Stanley Middle.
14. **Other Business (Chairman Howell)** - Cost of intercom system at Pleasant Ridge.
15. **Set Next Operations Committee Meeting (Chairman Howell)** - Exact date will be determined later, but will be in July 2017.