

Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
4:00 pm – August 1, 2022
943 Osceola Street – Board Room

1. **Call to Order (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was called to order at 4:02pm. Present: Lee Dedmon, Dot Cherry, and Jeff Ramsey. GCS Staff Present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Aaron Slutsky, Kecia Coln, Angela Calamia, and Sierra Wray.
2. **Introduce Dr. Kecia Coln, Executive Director of HR (Gary Hoskins)** – Dr. Kecia Coln was introduced to the Operations Committee.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)** – Dot Cherry made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting. Lee Dedmon seconded. Minutes were approved.
4. **New Grier Middle School Update (Morgen Houchard)** – David Bellamy, Principal with LS3P, our architectural firm for Grier Middle School, gave us an update on the current progress of plans and design for the new school.
5. **Summer Projects Update (Morgen Houchard)** - Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, Morgen Houchard, provided an update on our summer projects, which will be presented to the Board at the next Board Meeting.
6. **School Nutrition Titan-Oracle Integration (Angela Calamia)** - Angela Calamia, our Director of School Nutrition, informed and updated us on the Titan-Oracle Integration which is our new school nutrition software that will be implemented this school year.
7. **Human Resources Update (Kecia Coln)** - Kecia Coln, our new Executive Director of Human Resources, shared with us that the Human Resource team has been actively recruiting at colleges both in person and virtually. They are currently registering for upcoming job fairs for the 2022-2023 school year. The department is working diligently to process applications and get them through Oracle for school leadership.

8. 2022-2023 Budget Update (Gary Hoskins)

Associate Superintendent, Gary Hoskins, provided details about the bi-annual salary increases approved by the General Assembly and the Governor. He explained that the initial 2.5% raise was increased to 4.0% by the state. Classified employees will receive the greater of \$15 per hour or the 4.0%. Teachers and instructional support will receive 4.8% to 7.2% total increase based on employee steps. He also discussed directed grants to three high schools that were appropriated to GCS from the State's Local Project Reserves. Finally, the Committee was informed that the 2022-2023 Budget Resolution would be presented to the Board at their next meeting.

9. School Business Systems Modernization Project Update (Gary Hoskins) - We received an update on the School Business Modernization project, which the Finance Department and Human Resources Department continues to work on with Oracle and CherryRoad Technologies.

10. Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins) – There were no change orders to review/discuss.

11. Stuart Cramer High School Ambulance Transfer (Gary Hoskins) – Discussed the potential swap of an ambulance with the County.

12. Contract Review

The Committee reviewed the following new and amended contracts and recommended them for approval. They will appear on the Board's consent agenda at their next meeting.

- a. Gaggle and Lightspeed Safety Solutions (Aaron Slutsky)
- b. GCSTECH22-23 Microcomputers and Peripherals RFP (Aaron Slutsky)
- c. VoIP Contract (Aaron Slutsky)
- d. WAN Contract (Aaron Slutsky)
- e. Cellular Telephone Contract (Aaron Slutsky)
- f. FTS (Floyd Foster Transport) Contract Amendment (Morgen Houchard)
- g. Conexion Mobility Contract Amendment (Morgen Houchard)
- h. Transportation Contract Conexion Mobility
- i. Transportation Contract American Alternative Transportation (AAT)
- j. Transportation Contract Floyd Foster Transport (FTS)
- k. Transportation Contract Carolina Specialty Transport (CST)
- l. LED Lighting Replacement at Warlick Academy
- m. Landscaping Contract for the Cherryville Schools

13. Reminder of Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2022 (Chairman Dedmon)

September 6th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th

All meetings will be held at 4:00pm in the Central Office Board Room unless otherwise noted

14. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon) – There was no other business to discuss.

15. Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon) – Meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sierra H. Wray