

Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
4:00 pm – June 6, 2022
943 Osceola Street – Board Room

1. **Call to Order (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was called to order 4:00pm.
Present: Kevin Collier, Dot Cherry, Brent Moore, and Jeff Ramsey. GCS Staff
Present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Aaron Slutsky, Sonya McGraw, Dr. Jeffrey Booker, and Sierra Wray.
2. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)** – Brent Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting. Dot Cherry seconded. Minutes were approved.
3. **Auxiliary Services Update (Morgen Houchard)** - Executive Director, Morgen Houchard, gave us an update on all Auxiliary Services Departments which include Safety and Security, School Nutrition, Transportation, and Facilities. We also received an update on scheduled summer projects.
4. **Human Resources Update (Morgen Houchard)** - Dr. Houchard also shared with us that both the in person and virtual job fairs were well attended. HR staff continues to work with, and support, principals through the hiring process. The department is now fully staffed with the new Executive Director of Human Resources to begin work on June 30. To date, there are roughly 125 retirees.
5. **Classified Employee Salary Adjustments (Gary Hoskins/Morgen Houchard)** - Associate Superintendent, Gary Hoskins, informed us that the HR and Finance departments are working on adjustments to the classified employee salary schedule.
6. **Stuart Cramer HS Wall Update (Gary Hoskins/Morgen Houchard)** – Updates were given.
7. **Out of County Tuition (Gary Hoskins)** - Mr. Hoskins informed us that the out of county tuition rate is \$1,759 which is based on the County contribution to the school district operations.
8. **School Business Systems Modernization Project Update (Gary Hoskins)** - We received an update on the School Business Modernization project, which the Finance Department continues to work on with and for all employees.
9. **Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** – There were no change orders to review/discuss.

- 10. Contract Review (Morgen Houchard)**
 - a. Holbrook MS Paving
 - b. New Hope ES Paving
 - c. Hunter Huss HS Paving (Revised)
 - d. Gardner Park ES Paving (Revised)
 - e. Catawba Heights ES Paving (Revised)
 - f. Cherryville HS LED Lights

The Committee reviewed the new and amended contracts for LED Lighting at Cherryville High School, Paving at New Hope Elementary and Holbrook, and adjusted contracts for paving projects at Hunter Huss High, Gardner Park, and Catawba Heights. The Operations Committee recommended these for approval and they appeared on the consent agenda.

11. Set Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2022 (Chairman Dedmon)

August 1st, 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

- 12. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon)** – There was no other business to discuss.
- 13. Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sierra H. Wray