

Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
4:00 pm – May 2, 2022
943 Osceola Street – Board Room

1. **Call to Order (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Present: Lee Dedmon, Kevin Collier, Dot Cherry, Brent Moore, and Jeff Ramsey. GCS Staff present: Gary Hoskins, Sonya McGraw, Morgen Houchard, Aaron Slutsky, Chip Irby, Angela Calamia, Paul Nault, and Sierra Wray.
2. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)** – Kevin Collier made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting. Lee Dedmon seconded. Minutes were approved.
3. **Board of Education Policy Updates (Sonya McGraw)** - Attorney, Sonya McGraw, presented to the committee that staff and senior leadership are currently reviewing policies from the School Board Association. The Reduction in Force Policy was included on the consent agenda.
4. **Summer Feeding Program (Angela Calamia)** - School Nutrition Staff provided updates on the Summer Feeding program, which will include hot and cold meals for students throughout the summer. Also, Free and Reduced meal applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be available for parents to complete and submit in July.
5. **Summer Facilities Projects (Chip Irby)** - Facilities and Maintenance staff shared information with us concerning their summer projects to be completed, which include life safety, painting, trailer relocation, carpet removal, and various flooring projects. Updates were also given on the Stanley Middle School Roof and the Stuart Cramer High School Wall.
6. **Stanley Middle School Roof Update (Paul Nault)** – Updates were given.
7. **Stuart Cramer High School Wall Update (Morgen Houchard/Chip Irby)** – Updates were given.
8. **New Grier Middle School Update (Morgen Houchard/Paul Nault)** - Executive Director, Morgen Houchard, shared with us that design work, cost estimates and a construction timeline are being worked on at this time for the new Grier Middle School. We will continue to receive updates as progress is made.
9. **Easement for Town of Dallas at Carr ES (Morgen Houchard)** – Easement work has begun.

- 10. Future Bond Projects (Gary Hoskins/Morgen Houchard)** - Associate Superintendent, Gary Hoskins, provided an updated on the future bonds project work with Gaston County leadership staff where they desire the process of issuing smaller bonds over multiple years versus issuing large lump sums like they have done in the past.
- 11. School Business Systems Modernization Project Update (Gary Hoskins)** - Mr. Hoskins also updated us on the School Business Modernization Project. The Payroll Department continues to work on individual needs, retro pay, and retirement links. Representatives from Cherry Road have been on site to offer support. Both the Human Resources and Finance Departments will be fully staffed soon.
- 12. Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** – There were no change orders to review/discuss.
- 13. Contract Review (Morgen Houchard)**
 - a. Home Turf Landscaping Service (Robinson, Hawk’s Nest, Gardner Park)
 - b. Bobby Sanders Landscaping Service (Woodhill, Southwest, HH Beam, Lingerfeldt, Forest Heights)
 - c. Home Turf Landscaping Service (North Belmont, Mt Holly, Stanley, East Gaston)
 - d. Wise Lawnmower Company (Bessemer City (BC) HS, BC MS, BC Central and BC Primary)
 - e. Dump Truck Purchase

The Committee reviewed and recommends for approval the contracts for Landscaping services for sixteen schools and the addition of a surcharge for the purchase of a dump truck for our Facilities and Maintenance Department.

- 14. Next Meeting will be June 6th at 4:00pm in the Central Office Board Room (Chairman Dedmon)**
- 15. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon)** – There was no other business to discuss.
- 16. Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm.