

Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
8:30am – March 6, 2023
943 Osceola Street – Board Room

1. **Call to Order (Chairman Moore)** – Meeting was called to order at 8:30am. Present: Brent Moore, Lee Dedmon, Dot Cherry, A. M. Stephens III, and Jeff Ramsey. GCS Staff Present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Aaron Slutsky, Kecia Coln, Sean Markwith, Gina Waters, Sonya McGraw, Jeff Booker, and Sierra Wray.
2. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Moore)** – Lee Dedmon made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting. Dot Cherry seconded. Minutes were approved.
3. **School Business Systems Modernization Update (Gary Hoskins)** - Gina Waters, Payroll Supervisor and Sean Markwith, Oracle Technology Coordinator, presented an update that Oracle is beginning to level out with payroll issues throughout the district even though there is still a learning curve. There are significantly less errors then there were a year ago, and most can be resolved through the payroll department. W-2 C's are being corrected and sent out through interoffice mail and are available on the ADP website. A ticketing system is being piloted in the TSS department to process employee pay issues between all departments.
4. **Grier MS Bid Opening Update (Morgen Houchard)** - Beam Construction presented the lowest bid to build the new Grier Middle School. Beam Construction is the company that also built Pleasant Ridge Elementary School and Belmont Middle School.
5. **Learning Way Drive Access Request (Morgen Houchard)** - A request has been made to remove the gate and open access back up to Learning Way Drive so that cars can travel through. If the request is granted, the requestor, through a Memorandum of Understanding, is offering to maintain the road and keep it in good working order.
6. **Upcoming Capital Projects (Morgen Houchard)** - The Gaston County Commissioners have approved additional funding, in the amount of \$14.257 million, to fund our upcoming capital projects. These projects are projected to begin prior to June, and before the County requests an official bond draw.

- 7. Review/Discuss Construction Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** – There were no change orders to review/discuss.
- 8. FY 2023-24 Budget Update (Gary Hoskins)** - Gary Hoskins informed us that the Superintendent's Budget will be shared at the Board Meeting.
- 9. CIPA Requirements and Internet Safety Policy 3226 (Aaron Slutsky)** - Aaron Slutsky shared that in order to be eligible for E-Rate program discounts, we must certify compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. One requirement is public notice and meeting. NCDPI has started to audit E-Rate programs, so this certifies that GCS has met this requirement.
- 10. Contract Review:** The Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following contracts on the consent agenda:
 - a. Educational Partners International, LLC
 - b. Participate Learning
 - c. Reduction in Force
 - d. North Gaston HS – Stadium Drainage Project
 - e. Ashbrook HS – Drainage Work
 - f. Holbrook MS – Roof Replacement
 - g. Cramerton MS – Roof Replacement
 - h. Bessemer City MS – Roof Replacement
 - i. Springfield ES – Roof Replacement
 - j. Various Schools – HVAC Cleaning
 - k. High School Sports Field Renovations
- 11. Set the Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of FY 2022-23 (Chairman Moore)**
The next Operations Committee meeting will be April 3, 2023 at School Nutrition.
- 12. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Moore)** – There was no other business to discuss.
- 13. Adjourn (Chairman Moore)** – Meeting was adjourned at 10:08am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sierra H. Wray