

**Gaston County Board of Education**  
**Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2019, 4:00PM**  
**Central Office Board Room**

- 1. Call to Order (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm. Present: Lee Dedmon, Kevin Collier, Jeff Ramsey, Steve Hall, and Brent Moore. GCS staff present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Joey Clinton, Rebekka Powers, Chip Irby, Bill Farnsworth, Angela Calamia, Glenn Bratton, and Sierra Wray.
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)**  
Jeff Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting. Steve Hall seconded. Minutes were approved.
- 3. Update on New School Construction Projects (Bill Farnsworth)** – Concerning construction on Belmont Middle, 45% of the footings for the cafeteria and the classrooms across from the cafeteria have been dug and poured. More concrete will be poured for the gym area. Progress continues to be made and the team is always taking advantage of the good weather. All storm water piping has been completed on phase two at Stanley Middle. The curbs and gutters for the pavement entrance will be completed over Spring Break. Bleachers at the stadium are currently being installed. The final project is to be completed in May.
- 4. Discuss Current/Proposed Capital Projects (Morgen Houchard)** – Progress that is currently being made: elevator renovations, painting at the Choice Schools, flooring at Cherryville Elementary, the entrance at Grier Middle, media centers, safety/security walls, and generators are being replaced. Bond projects will continue to be updated on the Gaston County Schools website.
- 5. School Nutrition Update/Review (Morgen Houchard, Angela Calamia)** – Gaston County Schools serve 8,000 breakfast meals and 19,000 lunch meals each day. Three schools offer a Supper Program and 14 schools offer After School Snack Programs. We will also continue to offer a Summer Feeding Program where 1,500 breakfast and lunches are distributed off site and 15 of our schools will serve as sites for hot meals this summer.
- 6. Strategic Plan Update (Rebekka Powers)** – The goals and strategies for the Strategic Plan for Gaston County Schools for the next five years. Draft plans

will be on the Gaston County Schools website for parents and the community to give feedback in the upcoming weeks

**7. Discuss Superintendent's Budget Request (Gary Hoskins)** – A draft was presented of the Superintendent's Budget Request.

**8. Review Operations Contracts/Expenditures > \$100,000**

**a) Gym Floor Replacement – Chavis MS (Chip Irby)**

**b) Elevator Refurbishing – York Chester MS and Bessemer City MS (Chip Irby)**

**c) Lighting Replacement – North Gaston Baseball Field (Chip Irby)**

These items were all approved by the members on this committee and will be presented in the consent agenda items.

**9. Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** – Change orders for Stanley were received to modify downspouts, to switch from Sprigging to Bermuda sod, and to provide irrigation for the athletic field.

**10. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon)** – No other business to discuss at this time.

**11. Confirm Meeting Dates for Remainder of Fiscal 2019 (Chairman Dedmon)**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**12. Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm by Chairman Dedmon.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sierra H. Wray