

**Gaston County Board of Education**  
**Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 2019, 4:00PM**  
**Central Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Present: Lee Dedmon, Kevin Collier, Jeff Ramsey, Steve Hall and Brent Moore. GCS Staff present: Gary Hoskins, Morgen Houchard, Joey Clinton, Aaron Slutsky, Bill Farnsworth, and Sierra Wray.
2. **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)** – Kevin Collier made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting. Steve Hall seconded. Minutes were approved.
3. **Update on New School Construction Projects (Bill Farnsworth)** - The track at Stanley Middle has been paved, it's just waiting to be striped. Sod has been placed on the football field and banks. Grass has been sewn on the baseball field and the roof of the dugout has been framed. Belmont Middle is progressing as scheduled. Concrete was poured on August 2 for the second floor. Vertical walls have started to go up.
4. **Discuss Current/Proposed Capital Projects (Morgen Houchard)** - A current project update spreadsheet was given out. Current bond projects and updates can be found on the Gaston County Schools website.
5. **Technology Support Services (TSS) Review and Update (Aaron Slutsky)** - Aaron Slutsky, our Chief Technology Officer, provided us with updates within the technology department. Technology Support Services (TSS) has finished upgrades from Windows 7 to Windows 10. TSS will be installing battery backups for the school network sites. Toshiba will be replacing all multifunction devices throughout the district.
6. **Back to School Update (Joey Clinton and Morgen Houchard)**
  - a) **Safety** - There will be 16 safety training sessions for administration and staff to attend.
  - b) **School Nutrition** - There will not be any changes in lunch prices, but there is going to additional breakfast options for our high school students.
  - c) **Transportation** - We will be receiving 13 new yellow buses from the state as replacements.

7. **School Business Systems Modernization Update (Gary Hoskins)** - Gary Hoskins, our Chief Financial Officer, updated us on the new law that is requiring school systems to upgrade the computer systems. Recently, a software selection committee met with two vendors that were recommended from DPI. Mr. Hoskins asked for permission to move forward with CherryRoad Technologies. Jeff Ramsey made a motion to recommend that the Board approve CherryRoad Technologies as the school systems new software vendor. Steve Hall seconded.
  
8. **Review Operations Contracts/Expenditures > \$100,000**
  - a) **Two New 14-Passenger Mini Buses (Morgen Houchard)**
  - b) **Replace obsolete HVAC units – Bessemer City HS (Bill Farnsworth)**Kevin Collier made a motion to recommend that these items be approved by the Board. Jeff Ramsey seconded.
  
9. **Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** - A handout with change orders listed was reviewed. Steve Hall made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the changes. Kevin Collier seconded.
  
10. **Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon)** – There is no other business to discuss.
  
11. **Set Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2019 (Chairman Dedmon)**

<b>September 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
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12. **Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm by Chairman Dedmon.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sierra H. Wray