

Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019, 3:00PM
Central Office Board Room

- 1. Call to Order (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Present: Lee Dedmon, Kevin Collier, Jeff Ramsey, Steve Hall, and Brent Moore. GCS staff present: Gary Hoskins, Joey Clinton, Jennifer Reep, Bill Farnsworth, Glenn Bratton, Michael Nance, and Sierra Wray.

- 2. Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)**
- Jeff Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting. Steve Hall seconded. Minutes were approved.

- 3. Human Resources Update (Joey Clinton)** - Joey Clinton, our Human Resources Executive Director, informed us that North Carolina law will require a Criminal History Check on any person that may work with Pre-K students in all facilities. Previously, public schools were on a waiver for this type of background check, but the waiver expires on September 30, 2019. Gaston County Schools has a Criminal History Check on all employees. This change is included in our Policy Updates.

- 4. Proposed Naming of East Gaston HS Health Sciences Academy (Jennifer Reep)** - Jennifer Reep, Principal at East Gaston High School, School Improvement Team has proposed that we change the name of the East Gaston HS Health Sciences Academy to CaroMont Health Sciences Academy at East Gaston High School. CaroMont will provide up to \$500,000, over a five year period, including internships for students and monthly activities for parents and staff.

- 5. Update on New School Construction Projects (Bill Farnsworth)** - Stanley Middle School will likely be completed in June. Irrigation for the football field is in. Stone around the track is down and compacted, and paving will be very soon. Eighty percent of the concession stand is complete and the press box has been installed and wired. Grading continues at Belmont Middle School. One-hundred percent of the storm drain water piping is complete. Curbs and gutters have started to be put in at this time. Classroom walls are now going up and being topped off for the 2nd floor. This site is moving along very well.

- 6. Discuss Current/Proposed Capital Projects (Gary Hoskins)** - Capital projects are underway and a listing can be viewed on the Gaston County Schools website.
- 7. School Security Update/Review (Glenn Bratton)** - Glenn Bratton, our Security Compliance Manager, discussed procedures, related forms and documents that are submitted monthly and yearly from the schools which help ensure school safety and security for our students and staff.
- 8. Employee Safety Update/Review (Michael Nance)** - Michael Nance, our Safety Manager, explained what he does on a daily basis to help eliminate and reduce hazards that can cause injury to students, employees, and visitors. He serves as our liaison between insurance carriers and other agencies such as OSHA.
- 9. Review Operations Contracts/Expenditures > \$100,000**
 - a) Entire parking lot replacement – Webb Street School (Gary Hoskins)
 - b) Front parking lot repairs – Grier MS and New Hope ES (Gary Hoskins)
 - c) Canopy and sidewalk replacement – Hunter Huss HS (Gary Hoskins)
 - d) Front windows replacement/abatement – New Hope ES (Gary Hoskins)

Steve Hall made a motion to recommend that these items be approved by the board. Jeff Ramsey seconded.
- 10. Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins)** - There are currently no change orders to discuss.
- 11. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon)** – There is no other business to discuss.
- 12. Confirm Meeting Dates for Remainder of Fiscal 2019 (Chairman Dedmon)**

June 3rd - cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for August 5, 2019
- 13. Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon)** – Meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm by Chairman Dedmon.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sierra H. Wray