

**Gaston County Board of Education
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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, Chip Irby, Mitchell Adams, and Sierra Wray.
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Chairman Dedmon)** – Steve Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2019 meeting. Kevin Collier seconded. Minutes were approved.
- 3. Update on New School Construction Projects (Bill Farnsworth)** - The second floor at Belmont Middle is being poured. Brick work for area B1 will be completed by the end of next. Beam will start setting trusses for the gym floor by the end of this week. The plumbers are still ahead of schedule and air ducts are currently going in. Everything is in place and almost completed at Stanley Middle.
- 4. Discuss Current/Proposed Capital Projects (Morgen Houchard)** - Dr. Morgen Houchard, our Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, shared with us an update on all capital projects. Current bond projects and updates can be found on the Gaston County Schools website.
- 5. Insurance Update (Gary Hoskins)** - Gary Hoskins, our Chief Financial Officer, updated us on the current insurance policy premiums for the district.
- 6. School Business Systems Modernization Update (Gary Hoskins)** - Gary Hoskins also updated us on the School Business Systems Modernization. We are waiting on the Statement of Work and a Contract Template in order to begin the conversion process in November 2019. An outside project manager will be hired due to the complexity and time requirements needed for this project.

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

Chromebook RFP Award (Aaron Slutsky)

Tennis court renovation – North Gaston HS (Morgen Houchard)

Auditorium stage renovations – North Gaston HS (Morgen Houchard)

The committee was informed that an engineering firm has been engaged to design and develop a Scope of Work for the tennis courts at North Gaston High School. The Operations Committee wants to recommend that the Board approve the following expenditures over \$100,000: Chrome RFP Award and auditorium stage renovations at North Gaston High School. Steve Hall made a motion to recommend that these items be approved by the Board. Kevin Collier seconded.

8. Review/Discuss Change Orders (Gary Hoskins) – A handout with change orders listed was reviewed.

9. Other Business and Discussion (Chairman Dedmon) – There is no other business to discuss.

10. Reminder of Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2019 (Chairman Dedmon)

October 7th November 4th at Belmont Middle Site December 2nd

11. Adjourn (Chairman Dedmon) – Meeting was adjourned at 5:09pm by Chairman Dedmon.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sierra H. Wray