



Whitewater Middle School

**School Council Meeting
Faculty Meeting
Minutes**

7:30 AM, September 26, 2017 | Location: Media Center of Whitewater Middle School

Attendees

Connie Baldwin, Principal
Jeff Patterson, Assistant Principal
Jason Barnes, Assistant Principal
Robyn Johnson, Administrative Assistant to Principal
Kathy Fincher, Teacher Representative
Kay Young, Teacher Representative
Ronn Smith, Parent/Community Representative
Stephen Walker, Parent/Community Representative
Tom Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Personnel Management
Whitewater Middle School Staff

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-Up

- No minutes from following year was addressed

New Business

- ESPLOST presentation

Minutes

New Business

- Mr. Gray shared his presentation on ESPLOST.
 - The following presentations and information can be found on the county's website
 - Departments

- Finance
 - Finance/ESPLOST
- Link to Presentation: [ESPLOST III Link](#) (presentation begins on slide #17)
- [ESPLOST Fact Sheet](#)
- [ESPLOST Potential Projects](#)
- Highlights of presentation:
 - ESPLOST stands for EDUCATION Special Purpose Local Sales Tax.
 - With past ESPLOST monies, FCBOE has paid over 25 million to debt service
 - In ESPLOST I, over 41 million was used to purchase/upgrade technology for county
 - Other upgrades include: wireless upgrade for buildings, science equipment for classrooms, textbook adoptions and 194 new busses
 - The ESPLOST II passed in November 2012 and ends March 2019
 - Total expected collections \$107 million or more
 - On July 24, 2017 Board unanimously approved a resolution to place ESPLOST III on the November 7, 2017 ballot
 - The tax is a **CONTINUATION** of the one percent sales tax currently paid in Fayette County
 - Anticipated revenue \$145M based on current collections trend
 - Projects areas include:
 - –Facilities Additions, Renovations and Improvements **\$74,000,000**
 - –Technology Equipment, Devices and Infrastructure **\$37,000,000**
 - –Safety and Security Equipment **\$3,000,000**
 - –Furniture and Equipment **\$10,000,000**
 - –Textbook and Instructional Materials **\$8,000,000**
 - –Transportation Equipment **\$8,000,000**
 - –Debt Service/ Reduction **\$5,000,000**
 - **As an EMPLOYEE of FCBOE**, you can not ask for a YES or NO vote!
 - You can put signs in your personal home’s yard
 - You can inform parents or give them links to the information found on the BOE website
 - You can share your opinion on social media (although this was not advised)
 - You can not tell another person how they should vote, you can only inform the person
 - Mr. Stephen Walker, parent/community representative, was on the task force for the ESPLOST.
 - Mr. Walker is happy to answer any questions you have in regards to the funding
 - Mr. Walker stated when you inform the community, remind them it is not a new penny only a continuation of the penny they pay now
 - Mr. Walker’s email address is Stephen.Walker@BHHSGeorgia.com

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Kay Young

Action Items

- None

Next Meeting Dates

- Thursday - November 9, 2017 7:30 am
- Thursday - January 11, 2018 7:30 am
- Thursday - March 8, 2018 7:30 am

Committee Members

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