Walton Cluster Joint School Council Meeting
March 1, 2017 | 7:30 am | Walton Media Center

Schools Represented: Mt. Bethel, Timber Ridge, Sope Creek, Dickerson, and Walton
Guests: Scott Sweeney, School Board Member, Irene Barton, Walton PTSA Legislative Chair, 9th District Director of PTA

I. Welcome – Judy McNeil

II. Introductions – Schools

III. Irene Barton – Walton PTSA Legislative Chair
   a. Ed-SPLOST V vote coming up in March 21st.
      i. Early voting will open prior.
      ii. Please vote.
   b. April election for 6th Congressional District seat
      i. Open election
      ii. No primary
      iii. Dodgen will hold candidate forum on April 10th.
   c. Budgets
      i. School budget is $976M
      ii. With local fair share, Cobb pays $144M to state. This is QBE dollars that do not benefit Cobb students.
      iii. History can be found at this link: http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/finance/QuickLinks/Local%20Fair%20Share%20QBE%20Revenue%20History.pdf
      iv. Governor has proposed a $25B budget. Reflective of improved economic revenue. $9.4B earmarked for K-12 education. $515M for addition to education budget – 2% salary increase, enrollment growth, and payments into retirement system.
      v. Education budget has increased, but still have austerity cuts in effect.
   d. Senate Bill 68 – Individual Education Savings Account
   e. House Bill 217 – Certain Scholarship Organizations
   f. House Bill 338 - Governor’s Plan B for defeat of Amendment 1

IV. Scott Sweeney. School Board Member
   a. Legislation and funding
      i. Austerity cuts
   b. SPLOST – Vote!
      i. If we don’t have SPLOST, we will have to take out bonds to ensure adequate funding.

V. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 am