

# 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - i. Early voting will open prior.
  - ii. Please vote.
- b. April election for 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat
  - i. Open election
  - ii. No primary
  - iii. Dodgen will hold candidate forum on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Budgets
  - i. School budget is \$976M
  - ii. With local fair share, Cobbb 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.
  - vi. Georgia Budget & Policy Institute Link – Primer <https://gbpi.org/2016/georgia-budget-primer-2017/>
- 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