

**PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

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**BOARD MEETING  
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

The Cobb County Board of Education met in a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, Sweeney, Wheeler, Mrs. Thayer, and Chris Ragsdale, Executive Secretary. Mr. Morgan was absent for the Board Training and arrived during Executive Session.

All official meetings of the Cobb County Board of Education conform to state law and are open to the public. The minutes of this meeting are available for public review anytime during the regular office hours or on our website at: [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org). Additionally, video of the Board Meeting is available at <http://www.cobbk12.org/board/video/>

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Scamihorn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAINING** – Mrs. Zenda Bowie, GSBA Director of Field Services presented Whole Board Member team training on Parliamentary Procedures from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All board members, with the exception of Mr. Morgan, were present for the board training. With the exception of Mr. Morgan, Board Members earned two (2) credit hours for the Whole Board Training.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – A motion was made by Mrs. Thayer, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried 5-0. Messrs. Sweeney and Morgan were absent for the vote. Mr. Morgan arrived to the meeting during Executive Session.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** – A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and unanimously approved by the Board to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mr. Sweeney

**BOARD RECOGNITIONS**

- National Association for Gifted Children’s Javits-Frasier Scholarship for Diverse Talent Development Award – Angela Bourrage, Norton Park Elementary School
- 2015 Yale Educator Award – Sumana Moudgal, Wheeler High School
- Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week, October 5-9, 2015

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Fourteen (14) speakers addressed the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Chastain and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Board Work Session minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Facilities and Technology Citizen's Oversight Committee Report
  - Mr. Scamihorn reported that the committee met on Monday, September 14, 2015 at Teasley Elementary School. There were no SPLOST agenda items for the committee to review.
  - Mr. James Wilson, Education Planners, presented an abbreviated version of the Classroom Utilization Study.
  - The following motion/resolution was made by committee member Curt Johnston and unanimously approved by the committee:
    - *The Facilities and Technology Citizens Oversight Committee requests that the Cobb County Board of Education reverse its recent decision regarding the proposed theater at North Cobb High School and build a standard 750 seat theater as proposed in the SPLOST IV notebook. We believe that 750 seats is sufficient and that the \$3 million is better spent on other projects in the SPLOST IV listing. This motion/resolution is to be reported to the Board of Education by the Board Liaison at the next Board Meeting.*
  - Mrs. Thayer requested that the committee's motion/resolution be added to the next board meeting agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Chastain and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Items Requiring Action following Executive Session (if any)**

**Personnel Report** – Mr. Adams recommended approval of the Personnel Action Report and as amended in the Addendum including those listed in Section II as discussed in Executive Session including:

**Section I** – Position Level and Higher Recommendations - None

**Section II** – Position Recommendations below Principal Level

1. Valeire M. Jones, Employed as Assistant Principal, Cooper Middle School effective September 18, 2015
2. John S. Fussell, Assistant Director, Maintenance, Retirement effective October 1, 2015
3. Loretta D. Hannon, Appointed to Assistant Director, Communications effective September 29, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Wheeler and unanimously approved by the Board to approve Section II of the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report and Addendum as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1** - Recommendation for Authorization to Dispose of School District Generated Surplus Furnishings and Equipment

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #2** - Recommendation for Approval of the Georgia Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Grant Award

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval of the Georgia Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Grant Award

A motion was made by Mrs. Thayer, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM #1** – Recommendation for Adoption of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 School Year Calendars

A motion was made by Mrs. Thayer, seconded by Mr. Banks and approved by the Board to adopt Calendar Option B for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years and that the district continue to maintain a two-year calendar with the same scheduling formula. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Sweeney voted ‘NAY’.

**OWNERSHIP LINKAGE** – Ms. Loretta Hannon stated the newsletter will be updated and distributed the week of September 21, 2015.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - Board Members commented on various events occurring in their posts, throughout the District, county, state and nation.

**ADJOURN** – Without objection, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**