BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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WORK SESSION
The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Morgan, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Mr. Doyle, Board Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were four (4) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the minutes of the Thursday, August 22, 2019 Board Meeting and the Monday, September 9, 2019 Called Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

• Annual Board Governance Training Plan (For Potential Action) – Mr. Chastain
  o Without objection, the Board approved the FY20 Board Governance Training Plan. The plan provides that the Board receive their required six-hours of individual training at the GSBA pre-conference to be held on December 4, 2019, in Atlanta. The plan also provides for two Board Retreats, one each semester, with dates to be determined, where the Board would receive the required three-hours of Whole Board Governance Team Training.

• Facilities and Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Scamihorn
  o Mr. Scamihorn reported to the Board that the F&T Committee meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, and reviewed the previously Board approved projects.

• SPLOST Expenditures – Mr. Scamihorn
  o Mr. Scamihorn shared with the Board an overview of SPLOST I-IV expenditures by post over the past 25 years.
• Pay Raises for Board Members – Mr. Morgan
  o Mr. Morgan discussed with the Board the possibility of increasing the salary of the Cobb County Board of Education. He shared with the Board that the last pay raise for the Board was in 1993. Following discussion and without objection, the Board agreed to informally request counsel to research and provide information regarding the process to increase Board salaries.

• County/School District Collaboration – Mrs. Davis
  o Mrs. Davis discussed with the Board the possibility of increasing our collaboration with local governments.
  o The Superintendent shared that, as instructed by the Board two years ago, the school district has a representative attend the county commissioner’s zoning meetings to provide impact statements regarding any planned projects.
  o Mrs. Davis will submit ideas to the Board on how to further enhance our communication and partnership with local governments going forward.

The Board took a ten-minute recess at 3:53 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 4:06 p.m.

• Board Member Comments (For Potential Action) – Mr. Chastain
  o Mr. Chastain discussed with the Board his recommendation to remove Board Member Comments from the Board Agenda.
    ➢ A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, to remove Board Member Comments from the Board Meeting Agenda beginning today and on any future Board Meetings. Discussion followed.
    ➢ A motion was made by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Dr. Howard, to amend the original motion to craft a policy regarding Board Member Comments on the agenda. Following discussion, motion to amend failed 4-3. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Morgan voted “Yea.”
    ➢ A motion was made by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Davis, to amend the original motion to delay a formal decision for one month to allow time to study the pros and cons of removing Board Member Comments from the agenda. Following discussion, motion to amend failed 4-3. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Morgan voted “Yea.”
    ➢ A motion was made by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Dr. Howard, to amend the original motion to immediately remove Board Member Comments from the agenda while a policy is crafted for the Board to consider regarding guidelines pertaining to Board Member Comments. Following discussion, motion to amend failed 4-3. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Morgan voted “Yea.”
    ➢ Mr. Scamihorn made a motion to call the question but withdrew his motion.
    ➢ A motion was made by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Davis, to amend the original motion to delay a formal decision for 90 days to allow time to research the pros and cons of removing Board Member Comments from the agenda. Following discussion, motion to amend failed 5-2. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Morgan, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Mrs. Davis and Dr. Howard voted “Yea.”
    ➢ A motion was made by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to amend the original motion to immediately cease Board Member and Superintendent Comments
during the Board Meeting and allow the Superintendent and staff to work with the Board to craft a new policy regarding Board Member and Superintendent Comments. Following discussion, motion to amend failed 5-2. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, Wheeler, and Mrs. Davis voted “Nay,” and Mr. Morgan and Dr. Howard voted “Yea.”

➢ A motion was made by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to amend the original motion to exclude the Superintendent from the original motion, allowing for Superintendent Comments to remain on the agenda. Following discussion, motion to amend passed 4-3. Messrs. Chastain, Morgan, Wheeler and Dr. Howard voted “Yea,” and Messrs. Banks, Scamihorn, and Mrs. Davis voted “Nay.”

➢ Mr. Banks restated the original motion, and the Board Chair called for the vote. Original motion passed 4-3. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Morgan voted “Nay.”

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

• Literacy Update Part II
  o Due to time constraints, the Superintendent moved the Literacy Update presentation to the October 24, 2019, Board Meeting.

• Georgia Milestones
  o The Superintendent shared with the Board the successes and growth of our students on the Georgia Milestones.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed the Agenda Items listed below. These items will be brought forth for a vote during the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2019, Board Meeting:

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Recommendation for Authorization of School Properties Disposal per District Administrative Rule DO-R
  ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2019, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2021 State Capital Outlay Project Application
  ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2019, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Hayes Elementary School
  ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2019, Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS

Without objection, the Board approved the following Administrative Rule Modification:

DP-R: District Logo, Trademarks, and Identity Marks
IHAB-R: Report Cards
JBC-R: School Admissions/Withdrawals
JGCD-R: Medication
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. for land and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION
The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Morgan, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Mr. Doyle, Board Attorney.

RECONVENE
Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS
- InVenture Prize – First Place High School Division – Walton High School
- National Invention Convention – First Place 10th Grade Division: Noah Martin, Harrison High School
- Class AAAAAA State Champion – Track & Field: 800 Meter Run - Riley Perlakowski, Harrison High School
- Class AAAAAA State Champion – Track & Field: 1600 Meter Run & 3200 Meter Run - Sullivan Shelton, Harrison High School
- Class AAAAAA State Champion – Track & Field: Triple Jump - Issaiah McCray, Hillgrove High School
- Class AAAAAA State Champion – Track & Field: 4x100 Meter Relay - Andrew Worthy, Trevarus Walker, Issaiah McCray, Garrett Shedrick, Lance Wise, Hillgrove High School
- Class AAAAAA State Champion – Track & Field: 4x400 Meter Relay - Jaleah Alston, Ashton Lindley, Mekenze Kelley, Jada Alston, Campbell High School
- Class AAAAAA State Champion – Track & Field (Girls’ Overall) - Campbell High School
- Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week – CCSD Public Safety Department

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were eight (8) public commenters.
ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Report
Administration recommended approval of the identified employment actions of the individuals listed on the Personnel Action Report as discussed in Executive Session. There were no personnel position recommendations.

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the Personnel Action Report as presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

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- Without objection, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS
The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District.

ADJOURN
Without objection, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN            EXECUTIVE SECRETARY