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BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020

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: www.cobbk12.org

WORK SESSION
The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted via teleconference due to the COVID-19 crisis, and the following members were 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. Wheeler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the minutes of the following meetings:
- Thursday, May 14, 2020, Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 2, 2020, Called Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 9, 2020, First and Second Tax Digest Hearings

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS
The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District. Mr. Ragsdale announced school will begin on August 17, 2020, virtually for all learners for an unspecified amount of time.

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, July 16, 2020, 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, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of Right-Of-Way and Easement with the City of Kennesaw at Big Shanty Elementary School
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.
AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price-Sitework, Foundations, Structure, and MEP Equipment for the new Susan Todd Pearson Middle School
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation to Approve Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Add Waivers to the Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²)/Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) Contract
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Fiscal Year 2021 Spending Resolution
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Tentative Approval of the FY2021 Budget
- Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson shared the FY2021 Tentative Budget with the Board.
- The Superintendent requested the Board approve a $5 million dollar increase to the Tentative Budget for additional expenses related to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

The Board took a 15-minute recess at 12:45 p.m. The Board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

BOARD BUSINESS
- Resolution Condemning Racism – Mr. Scamihorn
  - Mr. Scamihorn shared with the Board a revised Resolution Condemning Racism. Discussion followed.
  - Mr. Scamihorn agreed to lay the resolution on the table for up to 90-days allowing for further refinement of the resolution.
  - Without objection, the Board agreed to have Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Morgan work together to craft a resolution and bring before the Board for consideration.
- High School Discipline Data – Dr. Howard
  - Chief School Leadership Officer Sherri Hill shared discipline data from the past five years with the Board.
  - Dr. Howard requested the data be broken down by student group for the August 20, 2020 Board Meeting.
- Future Board Meetings – Mrs. Davis
  - Mrs. Davis made a motion to conduct a Called Board Meeting allowing the Board and the public to hear a presentation by the Cobb/Douglas Public Health Department concerning COVID-19. Discussion followed.
  - Mrs. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Howard, to have a Called Board Meeting prior to the regularly scheduled August 20, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion failed 4-3, with Mrs.
Davis, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Morgan voting “Yea,” and Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voting “Nay.”

- Board Retreat – Mr. Morgan
  - Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Howard, to conduct a Board Retreat on August 27, 2020, covering teambuilding and opportunities to improve on inclusion. Discussion followed. Motion passed 4-3, with Messrs. Wheeler, Morgan, Dr. Howard, and Mrs. Davis voting “Yea,” and Messrs. Banks, Chastain, and Scamihorn voting “Nay.”

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Without objection, the Board approved the agenda.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**
A motion was made by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session at 2:51 p.m. for land and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

**VOTING SESSION**
The Cobb County Board of Education met via teleconference for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, 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 virtually at 3:42 p.m.

**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.

**Section I – Position Recommendations Above Principal Level**
There were no principal level or higher recommendations

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

**Elementary School**
- Braswell, Maria, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Nickajack Elementary School from School Leadership Intern, Nickajack Elementary School effective July 17, 2020
- Lockwood, Emily Beth, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Powder Springs Elementary School from School Leadership Intern, Powder Springs Elementary School effective July 17, 2020

**Middle School**
- Blot, Alain, Appointment to Assistant Principal, East Cobb Middle School from School Leadership Intern, East Cobb Middle School effective July 17, 2020
- Waltz, Nicholas, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Daniell Middle School from Teacher, Pine Mountain Middle School effective July 17, 2020
High School

- Barnette, Lindsay, Assistant Principal, Sprayberry High School from School Leadership Intern, Sprayberry High School effective July 17, 2020
- Figueroa, Robert, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Harrison High School from Teacher, Osborne High School effective July 17, 2020

Land

Mr. Marc Smith, Chief Technology and Operations Officer, shared that the Board intends to consider for approval at its next regular meeting the following real estate contracts:

- Purchase of real property and improvements on approximately 3.5 +/- acres at 1483 Pine Road, Marietta, Georgia 30062 (Tax Parcel Number 16089600080) for $2,000,000 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees, closing costs, etc.
- Purchase of real property and improvements on approximately 1.2 +/- acres at 3753 Providence Road, Marietta, Georgia 30062 (Tax Parcel Number 16089600150) for $650,000 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees, closing costs, etc.

ACTION AGENDA: CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price-Sitework, Foundations, Structure, and MEP Equipment for the new Susan Todd Pearson Middle School

- A motion was made by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve awarding the GMP to the Construction Manager at Risk (Evergreen Construction, Atlanta, GA) in the amount of $14,258,536.68 for Sitework, Foundations, Structure, and MEP Equipment for the new Susan Todd Pearson Middle School. Motion carried 7-0.
ADJOURN
Without objection, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY