BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

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WORK SESSION
The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT
The Board, Superintendent, and Executive Cabinet received comments from the public.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Wheeler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the minutes of the Thursday, July 16, 2020, Board Meeting.

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

The Board took a 5-minute recess at 12:35 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

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, August 20, 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, August 20, 2020, Board Meeting.
AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of an Easement with Georgia Power for an Underground Distribution Line with a Transformer at the Newly Constructed Fieldhouse at Pebblebrook High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval for Crown Castle to Increase the Cell Tower Easement at McEachern High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price-Building Package for the Susan Todd Pearson Middle School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2020, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2021 Budget

- Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and unanimously approved by the Board to amend the budget to include a $1000.00/year bonus for the three (3) level Counselors of the Year. Motion carried 7-0.
  - Without objection, this item was amended and placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2020, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Resolution Condemning Racism – Mr. Scamihorn
  - Mr. Scamihorn shared with the Board a Resolution Condemning Racism on June 25, 2020, seconded by Mr. Chastain. Mr. Scamihorn brought his original motion forward for a vote. Discussion followed.
  - Mr. Banks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to amend the original motion to read that the Cobb County Board of Education will continue to adhere to school board policy GAEB – Discrimination and Harassment.
    - Motion failed 5-2 with Messrs. Chastain, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, and Dr. Howard voting “Nay,” and Messrs. Banks and Morgan voting “Yea.”
  - Dr. Howard made a motion to amend, seconded by Mrs. Davis, calling for an official apology by current Board Members for anything done or said that could be deemed potentially racist. Discussion followed.
    - Motion failed 5-2 with Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Morgan, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voting “Nay,” and Dr. Howard and Mrs. Davis voting “Yea.”
  - Mr. Wheeler called Mr. Scamihorn’s original motion for a vote.
    - Motion failed 3-3-1 for lack of a majority with Messrs. Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voting “Yea,” Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Morgan voting “Nay,” and Mr. Banks voting “Present.”
• Facility Naming Policy and Renaming of Some Schools – Mr. Morgan
  • Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, to form a committee consisting of three (3) board members and one (1) community member per post to examine the current policy relating to naming school buildings and facilities.
    • Motion carried 4-3 with Messrs. Morgan, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, and Dr. Howard voting “Yea,” and Messrs. Banks, Chastain, and Scamihorn voting “Nay.”

• High School Discipline Data – Dr. Howard
  • Chief School Leadership Officer Sherri Hill shared discipline data broken down by student group from the past five years with the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Morgan, and unanimously approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session at 2:56 p.m. for land, legal, 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, August 20, 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 4:28 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
There were no position recommendations below principal level

• A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, and seconded by Dr. Howard, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Personnel Action Report as presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

Land
A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banks, and approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract:
  • 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.
• Motion carried 6-1, with Dr. Howard voting “Nay.”

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banks, and approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract:
• 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.
• Motion carried 6-1, with Dr. Howard voting “Nay.”

**ACTION AGENDA:**
**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4** – 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.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2021 Budget

• A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the FY2021 Budget as amended during the August 20, 2020, Work Session to include the three (3) level Counselor of the Year stipends. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURN**
Without objection, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.