BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

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BOARD MEETING
The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Gupta and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorneys.

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

Superintendent Ragsdale announced that Board Agenda Item #2 is being removed from the agenda pending additional information.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were five (5) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the minutes of the Thursday, April 21, 2022, Board Meeting and the Thursday, May 12, 2022, Called Board Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
• Quarterly and Monthly Board Financial Status Update
  o Chief Financial Officer Bradley Reuben Johnson presented the monthly school district financial status update and the FY22 3rd Quarter Financial Report as of March 31, 2022, to the Board.
• Communications Update
  o Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer John Floresta shared an overview of the various platforms the District utilizes to communicate news and information with parents, staff, and community.
Dr. Howard joined the meeting during the Communications Update at 2:45 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, May 19, 2022, 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, May 19, 2022, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement with Georgia Power for the New Gymnasium at Sprayberry High School
   ▪ As shared by the Superintendent at the start of the meeting, Board Agenda Item #2 was removed from the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation to Phase in Building 5040 at Walton High School
   ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Wheeler High School Renovations
   ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2023 Budget
   ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Board Meeting.

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

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

BUDGET PUBLIC FORUM

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
Without objection, the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget Public Forum Meeting. All Board Members were present for the meeting.
**BUDGET PRESENTATION**
Mr. Brad Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the FY2023 Budget. Mr. Johnson stated the purpose of the budget public forum was to invite citizens to give input to the Board and comment on the FY23 Budget. The first budget public forum was held on April 21, 2022.

**BUDGET PUBLIC COMMENT**
There were no (0) public commenters.

**RECESS**
Without objection, the Budget Public Forum meeting recessed at 6:33 p.m.

**VOTING SESSION**
The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, Ms. Gupta and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorneys.

**RECONVENE**
Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

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

**BOARD RECOGNITIONS**
- 2021-2022 GHSA Class 7A Boys Soccer State Champions – Harrison High School
- 2021-2022 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl State Champions – Kemp Elementary School
- 2021-2022 Robotics State Champions: Team Zeta (Design Award) – Tritt Elementary School
- 2021-2022 Robotics State Champions: Team Gamma (Driver Skills) – Tritt Elementary School
- 2021-2022 Inspire Award Recipients and CircuitRunners Robotics Team State Champions – Wheeler High School
- 2021-2022 Peachtree District Robotics Team State Champions – Walton High School
- 2021-2022 GHSA Class 6A Girls Tennis Champions – Walton High School
- 2021-2022 GHSA Class 6A Boys Tennis Champions – Walton High School
- 2021-2022 Georgia Science and Engineering Fair: Junior Pinnacle Award – Akshadha Mehta, Dodgen Middle School
- 2021-2022 Georgia Science and Engineering Fair Awards: First Honors – Misha Patel and Samarth Mahapatra, Wheeler High School
- 2021-2022 CCSD Athletic Director of the Year – Scott Kelly, Lassiter High School
- 2021-2022 GHSA Class 6A Girls Soccer Champions – Lassiter High School
- 2021-2022 GHSA Class 6A Boys Soccer Champions – Lassiter High School
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.

Section I – Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendations

- Cline, Dr. Timeka, Reassignment to Principal, Nickajack Elementary School from Principal, Bryant Elementary School effective July 1, 2022.
- Curry, Michelle, Reassignment to Principal, Bryant Elementary School from Principal, Norton Park Elementary School effective July 1, 2022.
- Fleming, Peggy, Principal Rocky Mount Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2022.
- Foster, John Kendall, Reassignment to Principal, Norton Park Elementary School from Principal, East Valley Elementary School effective July 1, 2022.
- Guillory, Tracy, Appointment to Principal, Lindley Middle School from Assistant Director, Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy effective July 1, 2022.
- Kelly, John, Principal Cobb Horizon High School, retirement effective August 1, 2022.
- Murray, Michael, Director, Field Services, Chief Technology Division, retirement effective June 1, 2022.
- Spooner, Dr. Whitney, Appointment to Principal, Eastvalley Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Sope Creek Elementary School effective July 1, 2022.
- Townsend, Dr. Starla, Appointment to Director, Instructional Technology, Chief Technology Division from Technology Training Integration Specialist, Chief Technology Division effective May 23, 2022.
- Vaniman, Dr. Cheri, Appointment to Principal, Rocky Mount Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Nicholson Elementary School effective July 1, 2022.
- Wilson, Elayna, Reassignment to Principal, Powers Ferry Elementary School from Principal Lindley Middle School effective July 1, 2022.

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal Level

- Atchison, Stephen Joel, Assistant Principal, Murdock Elementary School, Resignation effective June 13, 2022.
- Cohen, Bradley, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Bells Ferry Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Addison Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
- Crawford, Ronald, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Smyrna Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Green Acres Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
- Davies, Jaime, Assistant Principal, Mount Bethel Elementary School resignation effective June 13, 2022.
- Ford, Ashley, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Mount Bethel Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Smyrna Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
- Jones, Dr. Tiffany, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Green Acres Elementary School from Assistant Principal, King Springs Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
- Kelly, Courtney, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Nicholson Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Big Shanty Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Marsili, Elizabeth, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Bells Ferry Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Mathis, Zachary, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, King Springs Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Vaughan Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• McClennning, Gina, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Hollydale Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Teasley Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Shirley, Katrina, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pitner Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Snow, Tresa, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Sope Creek Elementary School from Coordinator, South Cobb Early Learning Center effective July 11, 2022.
• Tucker, Cara, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Russell Elementary School from Assistant Principal, King Springs Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Waters Gillham, Cynthia Michelle, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Addison Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Russell Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.

Middle School
• Bell, Kerri, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Durham Middle School from Assistant Principal, Awtrey Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Holmes, Donald, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Griffin Middle School from Assistant Principal, Tapp Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Lowery, Carrie, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Dodgen Middle School from Technology Training Integration Specialist, Chief Technology Division effective July 11, 2022.
• Phipps, Dr. Kacie, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, East Cobb Middle School from Assistant Principal, Griffin Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Thorpe, Shannon, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Awtrey Middle School from Assistant Principal, Durham Middle School effective July 11, 2022.

High School
• Adkins, Bradley, Appointment to Assistant Principal, McEachern High School from Teacher, Sprayberry High School effective July 11, 2022
• Bultman, Alexia, Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School resignation effective June 1, 2022.
• Burch, Jeffrey, Employment as Assistant Principal, Kell High School from Athletic Director/Administrative Assistant, Centennial High School, Roswell, GA effective July 11, 2022.
• Giles, Mark, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School from Assistant Principal, Hillgrove High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Moore, Ormond, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Osborne High School from Teacher, Osborne High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Murray, Christopher, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Allatoona High School from Teacher, Allatoona High School effective July 11, 2022.

Section III – The Superintendent’s Cabinet
The Superintendent recommends extension of the employment contracts of the following members of his cabinet effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023:
• Dr. Bruce Fraser, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Dr. Jami Frost, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Dr. Ehsan Kattoula, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Research, Accountability Division
• Dr. Jasmine Kullar, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Elizabeth Mavity, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Kelly Metcalfe, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
• Christian Suttle, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Shea Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Ed Wagner, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
• Keeli Bowen, Chief Human Resources Officer
• Dr. Kevin Daniel, Chief of Staff
• John Floresta, Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer
• Sherri Hill, Chief School Leadership Officer
• Bradley Reuben Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
• Marc Smith, Chief Technology and Operations Officer

▪ A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, to approve the Personnel Action Report, Sections I, II, and III as read and presented in Executive Session. Discussion followed.
▪ Mrs. Davis asked the parliamentarian for clarification regarding voting on the Superintendent’s Cabinet recommendation in one vote. Mrs. Wilcox, interim board attorney, clarified that the Superintendent’s Cabinet recommendation is presented as an entire slate and to separate the recommendations for individual votes would require an amendment to the slate.
▪ A motion to amend the slate of Superintendent Cabinet recommendations and separate out Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer John Floresta’s contract was made by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Davis. Dr. Howard, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Hutchins voted “Yea,” and Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay.” Motion failed 3-4.
▪ Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called for the vote on the original motion. Original motion carried 7-0.

LAND MATTER
A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Howard, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property, subject to satisfactory due diligence:
  • Agreement to purchase certain real property and improvements on approximately 6.6 acres at 260 Hillcrest Drive SW, Austell, Georgia, for $285,000.00 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees and closing costs.
    ▪ Motion carried 7-0.

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

ACTION AGENDA:
CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION AGENDA ITEM #1 – Recommendation for Authorization of School Properties Disposal per District Administrative Rule DO-R

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #2 – As previously shared by the Superintendent, Board Agenda Item #2 was removed from the agenda.
ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation to Phase in Building 5040 at Walton High School

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

ACTION AGENDA:

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Wheeler High School Renovations

- A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2023 Budget

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to adopt the FY2023 Budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN              EXECUTIVE SECRETARY