BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

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BOARD MEETING
The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Gupta and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorneys. Mr. Banks was absent from the venue on official board business and participated via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were six (6) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the minutes of the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Called Board Meeting and the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Board Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
- Monthly Board Financial Status Update
  - Chief Financial Officer Bradley Reuben Johnson presented the monthly school district financial status update to the Board.

- Annual Independent Financial Audit (as of June 30, 2021)
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson and Mr. Adam Fraley of Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors, presented highlights to the Board of the Annual Independent Financial Audit Report and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Mr. Fraley stated that the audit was clean with no compliance or financial findings.
• SPLOST V Performance Audit
  o Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson introduced Mr. Adam Fraley of Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors, who presented the performance audit of the Cobb County School District’s SPLOST V Program as of December 31, 2021. The primary objective of a performance audit of educational sales tax expenditures is to determine that sales tax dollars are being disbursed efficiently and economically, ensuring the school district receiving the funds is obtaining the maximum benefit possible from the tax dollars collected. Based on the results of the auditor’s procedures, the auditor determined that the Cobb County School District’s SPLOST V Program operated within the guidelines set forth by the State of Georgia, as well as the local resolution passed by voters and approved by the School Board. The independent audit was a “clean” audit with no audit findings.

• Student Support Services Update
  o School Leadership Officer and Interim Chief Academic Officer Mrs. Sherri Hill, shared a detailed presentation with the Board on the wide array of support systems, services, and programs available to all Cobb County School District students and families from both a District level and a school-based level.

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called for a 10-minute break at 3:53 p.m. The Board reconvened at 4:04 p.m.

• School Safety Update
  o Superintendent Ragsdale shared a high-level overview of current and planned safety procedures and systems utilized within the District to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

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, June 9, 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, June 9, 2022, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company at Sprayberry High School
  ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, June 9, 2022, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for Interior School Security Improvements Initiative
  ▪ Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, June 9, 2022, Board Meeting.
AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for a Gymnasium Addition and Renovations at South Cobb High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, June 9, 2022, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Affirm Georgia Accrediting Commission, Inc. (GAC) Accreditation of Cobb High Schools

- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, June 9, 2022, Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS
Following discussion, and without objection, the Board approved modifications to the following administrative rules:

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BOARD BUSINESS

- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Scamihorn
  Mr. Scamihorn shared that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, and due to a lack of a quorum, a meeting was not held.

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

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Howard, and unanimously approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session at 4:56 p.m. to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION
The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Dr. Howard, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, Ms. Gupta and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorneys. Mr. Banks was absent from the venue on official board business and participated via teleconference.

RECONVENE
Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

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

Dr. Howard joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.
BOARD RECOGNITIONS
- International Marketing and Communications (MarCOM) Platinum and Gold Awards from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals – Cobb County School District’s Communications Department
- Georgia School Public Relations Association Gold Awards – Cobb County School District’s Communications Department
- Association of School Business Officials International 2021 Meritorious Budget Award – Cobb County School District’s Financial Services Division, Financial Planning & Analysis Department
- Association of School Business Officials International 2021 Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting – Cobb County School District’s Financial Services Division, Accounting Department
- The Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators In-State Best In Class Platinum, Gold and Silver Awards – Cobb County School District’s Human Resources Department

PUBLIC COMMENT
- There were eleven (11) 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
- Evans, Brad, Appointment to Director, Field Services, Chief Technology Division from Systems Engineer III, Field Services, Chief Technology Division effective June 13, 2022.
- Hardy, S. Catherine, Appointment to Director, Project Management, Chief Technology Division from Project Manager, Chief Technology Division effective June 13, 2022.
- Kiger, Shannon, Appointment to Principal, Palmer Middle School from Assistant Principal, Palmer Middle School effective July 1, 2022.
- Rawls, James Reassignment to Principal, Cooper Middle School from Principal, Daniell Middle School effective July 1, 2022.
- Stump, Amy, Appointment to Principal, Daniell Middle School from Assistant Principal, Dickerson Middle School effective July 1, 2022.
- Walker, Dr. Jeanne, Reassignment to Principal, Cobb Horizon High School from Principal, Campbell High School effective July 1, 2022.
- Watkins, Dr. Vanessa Reassignment to Principal, Campbell High School from Principal, Cooper Middle School effective July 1, 2022.

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal Level

Elementary School
- Allison-Ruiz, Dawn, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Norton Park Elementary School from Academic Coach, Bryant Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
- Bailey, Dr. Tyler, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Teasley Elementary School from Support and Services Administrator, Special Student Services effective July 11, 2022.
- Bender, Kathleen, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Sanders Elementary School from Academic Coach, Sanders Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Crumbley, Ashley, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Vaughan Elementary School from Teacher, Kemp Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Groover, James, Appointment to Assistant Principal, City View Elementary School from Teacher, City View Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Isley, Tamela, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Big Shanty Elementary School from Teacher, Still Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Mills, Christina, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Murdock Elementary School from Teacher, Murdock Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Muller, Kristen, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Smyrna Elementary School from Teacher, Shallowford Falls Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.
• Teklu, Bileni, Appointment to Assistant Principal, King Springs Elementary School from Teacher, City View Elementary School effective July 11, 2022.

Middle School
• Anthony, Jennifer, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Mabry Middle School from Assistant Principal, Daniell Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Bishop, Dr. James, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Tapp Middle School from Assistant Principal, Sprayberry High School effective July 11, 2022
• Childress, Amanda, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Simpson Middle School from Assistant Principal, Mabry Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Johnson, Valerie, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Dickerson Middle School from Assistant Principal, Simpson Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Myler, Joan, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Palmer Middle School from Assistant Principal, Dickerson Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Smith, Austin, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Dickerson Middle School from Assistant Principal, McEachern High School effective July 11, 2022.

High School
• Auld, James, Appointment to Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School from Teacher, North Cobb High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Autry, Nathan, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Sprayberry High School from Assistant Principal, Campbell High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Estes, Dr. Danette, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Campbell High School from Assistant Principal, Cooper Middle School effective July 11, 2022.
• Figueroa, Robert, Rehire as Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School from Supply Teacher, Osborne High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Hutson, Dr. Jeffrey, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Sprayberry High School from Assistant Principal, Campbell High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Jones, Brittney, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Wheeler High School from Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Polk, Tonya, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School from Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Sawyer, Michael, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, McEachern High School from Assistant Principal, Wheeler High School effective July 11, 2022.
• Thigpen, James, Reassignment to Assistant Principal, Campbell High School from Assistant Principal, South Cobb High School effective July 11, 2022.
A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

LAND MATTER
A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, 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 5.92 acres at 1304 Bullard Road, Powder Springs, Georgia, for $374,000.00, 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

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ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Affirm Georgia Accrediting Commission, Inc. (GAC) Accreditation of Cobb High Schools

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

ACTION AGENDA:
DISCUSSION AGENDA
ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for Interior School Security Improvements Initiative
  - A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Architect Appointment for Interior School Security Improvements Initiative to Sy Richards Architects, Monroe, GA. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for a Gymnasium Addition and Renovations at South Cobb High School
  - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for a Construction Manager at Risk to Evergreen Construction, Atlanta, GA. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN
Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:58 p.m.