BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022
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

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

Mr. Banks arrived at 2:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were four (4) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, June 9, 2022, Called Board Meeting – Whole Board Governance Training
- Thursday, June 9, 2022, Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 7, 2022, Called Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 7, 2022, First and Second Tax Digest Hearings

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.

- Virtual and School Choice Update
  - Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta shared an overview of the virtual and school choice learning environments available to all Cobb students and families.
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 14, 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, July 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Lassiter High School Theater Renovation
  - Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk contract for a Classroom Addition and Renovations at Lindley 6th Grade Academy
  - Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for Classroom Addition and Renovations at Dickerson Middle School and Dodgen Middle School
  - Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Belmont Hills Elementary School and Sanders Elementary School Roofing Replacements
  - Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM #6** – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage Rate
  - Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 14, 2022, Board Meeting.

- **AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Adoption of New Board Policy GAMB (Authorization of Enhanced Security)
  - Following discussion, and without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 14, 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**

- Naming of Lindley 6th Grade Academy – Mr. Hutchins
  - Mr. Hutchins recommended to the Board to name the repurposed Lindley 6th Grade Academy in honor of Ms. Betty Gray.
  - Following discussion, and without objection, the Board agreed to place this item on the August 18, 2022, Board Meeting agenda for a vote.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to convene to Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. to discuss land, legal, student, and personnel matters. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was not present for the vote.

**VOTING SESSION**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorney. Mrs. Davis was not present for the meeting and Dr. Howard was away from the venue and participated via teleconference.

**RECONVENE**

Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There were fifteen (15) 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 II – Position Recommendation Below Principal Level**

**Elementary School**

- Carusone, Jennifer, Appointment to Assistant Principal, Davis Elementary School from Teacher, Davis Elementary School effective July 15, 2022.
A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and approved by the Board to approve the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was not present for the vote.

STUDENT MATTERS
T.P. (student) – Kell High School
   A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

J.B. (student) – Pebblebrook High School
   A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to revise the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

FAIR DISMISSAL ACT HEARING – Barbara Bush
Mr. Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to uphold the recommendation of the hearing tribunal to non-renew Ms. Bush’s employment contract for incompetency, insubordination, willful neglect of duties, and any other good and sufficient cause. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

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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  A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Howard, and approved by the Board to award a Construction Manager at Risk contract to Carroll Daniel Construction Company, Atlanta, GA, for a classroom addition and renovations at Lindley 6th Grade Academy. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.
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  o A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to award a Construction Manager at Risk contract to Carroll Daniel Construction Company, Atlanta, GA, for a classroom addition and renovations at Dickerson Middle School and Dodgen Middle School. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

• **AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Belmont Hills Elementary School and Sanders Elementary School Roofing Replacements
  
  o A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and approved by the Board to award contracts to Rycars Construction, Atlanta, GA, for roofing replacements in the amount of $2,353,900.00 for Belmont Hills Elementary School and $3,474,700.00 for Sanders Elementary School. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

• **AGENDA ITEM #6** – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage Rate
  
  o A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to adopt the resolution establishing the millage rate at 18.9 mills.
  
  o Discussion followed.
  
  o Dr. Howard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to amend the original motion to reduce the millage rate from 18.9 to 18.8 mills.
  
  o Following discussion, motion to amend failed 3-2-1. Messrs. Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” Dr. Howard and Mr. Hutchins voted “Yea,” and Mr. Banks voted “Present.” Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.
  
  o Original motion passed 4-1-1. Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” Dr. Howard voted “Nay,” and Mr. Banks voted “Present.” Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

• **AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Adoption of New Board Policy GAMB (Authorization of Enhanced Security)
  
  o A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, to adopt new board policy GAMB (Authorization of Enhanced Security).
  
  o Dr. Howard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to postpone the vote on this item until the August 18, 2022, Board Meeting.
  
  o Motion to postpone the vote failed 4-2. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Dr. Howard and Mr. Hutchins voted “Yea.” Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.
  
  o Original motion passed 4-2. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Dr. Howard and Mr. Hutchins voted “Nay.” Mrs. Davis was absent for the vote.

**ADJOURN**
Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:34 p.m.