BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
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BOARD MEETING
The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Wheeler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were fifteen (15) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:
- Thursday, August 17, 2023, Board Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
- Monthly Board Financial Status Update
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson presented the monthly school district financial status update to the Board. A copy of the monthly report was given to all Board Members.
- Georgia Milestones Comparison with Metropolitan Districts
  - Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta shared an overview of how well the students in the Cobb County School District performed on the Georgia Milestones compared to six metro Atlanta school districts which are similar in size, demographics, and/or geography.
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, September 14, 2023, 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, September 14, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2025 State Capital Outlay Project Application
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Consent Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 14, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Authorization to Purchase Thirty-Eight (38) School Buses
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 14, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Floyd Middle School Roofing Replacement
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 14, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for McEachern High School Roofing Replacement
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 14, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval of the Expansion and Renovation to the Existing Construction for the Career Technical and Agricultural Education Classroom/Lab at North Cobb High School
- Without objection, this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 14, 2023, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESSES
- FY24 Local Board Governance Training Plan (For Potential Action) – Mr. Wheeler
  o A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the FY24 Board Governance Training Plan as presented. The plan provides that the Board receive their required six (6) hours of individual training through either the GSBA Pre-conference Workshops, Online School Board U, or through Board Counsel. The Board will receive three (3) hours of Whole Board Governance Training with Board Counsel at a date to be determined. Motion carried 7-0.
- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Hutchins
  o Mr. Hutchins shared that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, and due to a lack of a quorum, a meeting was not held.
  o Mr. Hutchins announced Ms. Cassandra Brown as his new F&T Committee appointee.
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 Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:30 p.m. to convene to Executive Session following a 10-minute break to discuss land, legal, student, and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION
The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorney.

RECONVENE
Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

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

BOARD RECOGNITIONS
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class 6A Boys Discus & Shot-Put State Champion – Tahir Hines, Allatoona High School
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class 7A Girls Discus State Champion – Zoie Johnson, Osborne High School
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class 6A Girls 800-Meter Dash State Champion – Oluwatosin Awoleye, South Cobb High School
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class Boys 7A High Jump State Champion – Korbin Brown, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class 7A Boys Pole Vault State Champion – Connor McLain, Walton High School
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class 7A Boys Shot-Put State Champion – Lota Ugokwe, Walton High School
- 2022-2023 GHSA Class 7A Girls Tennis State Champions – Walton High School
- 40 Years of Service – Paul Gandolfo -McClure Middle School
- 40 Years of Service – Donny Kirby – Warehouse
- 40 Years of Service – Regina Montgomery – McEachern High School
- 40 Years of Service – Mark Roddy – Maintenance
- Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week
- American Heart Association National Superintendent of the Year – Mr. Chris Ragsdale

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 I - Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendations
- Browne, Francia, Director, Adult Education, Retirement effective January 1, 2024.
- Horton, Sandra, Appointment to Director, SPLOST Department, Operations Division from Construction Manager, SPLOST Department, Operations Division effective September 15, 2023.
  - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and approved by the Board to approve the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

Student Matters
- SY24-Appeal #2
- SY24-Appeal #3
- SY24-Appeal #4
  - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunals as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

- SY24-Appeal #5
  - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, Wheeler, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis and Mr. Hutchins voted “Nay.” Motion carried 5-2.

- SY24-Appeal #6
  - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Mr. Hutchins voted “Nay.” Motion carried 6-1.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS
The Superintendent issued a statement on the removal of books, the reason for removal, and removals going forward. He also clarified that no bookfairs have been canceled or put on hold, nor has the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.

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 – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2025 State Capital Outlay Project Application
  - Without objection, the Board approved the Consent Agenda Items as presented.
ACTION AGENDA:

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Authorization to Purchase Thirty-Eight (38) School Buses
  o A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and unanimously approved by the Board to purchase 38 school buses from Yancy Bus Sales and Service in the amount of $5,491,248.00. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Floyd Middle School Roofing Replacement
  o A motion was made by Mrs. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to award a contract for Floyd Middle School Roofing Replacement to Roof Technology Partners, Woodstock, Georgia, in the amount of $3,340,171.00. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for McEachern High School Roofing Replacement
  o A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to award a contract for McEachern High School Roofing Replacement to RDS Construction, LLC, Duluth, Georgia, in the amount of $996,000.00. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval of the Expansion and Renovation to the Existing Construction for the Career Technical and Agricultural Education Classroom/Lab at North Cobb High School
  o A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the Expansion and Renovation to the Existing Construction for the Career Technical and Agricultural Education Classroom/Lab at North Cobb High School and to increase the contract award to Swofford Construction, Kennesaw, Georgia, in the amount of $768,934.00. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN
Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:39 p.m.