

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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**SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

The Cobb County Board of Education met in a Special Called Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Sayler, Ms. Davis, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorneys.

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 at: www.cobbk12.org.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

Mr. Wheeler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Superintendent requested to add an Emergency Agenda Item to the agenda pertaining to the December announcement from the Governor regarding employee bonuses. The Superintendent shared that he was requesting permission to utilize General Fund Balance to expand the Governor's Bonus to provide a \$1000.00 one-time bonus for all current, non-temporary, half-time or more employees, and a \$500.00 one-time bonus for all current, non-temporary, less than half-time employees.

A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to amend the agenda allowing the addition of the Emergency Agenda Item shared by the Superintendent. Following discussion, motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously 7-0.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM

Governor's Bonus

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize the Superintendent to provide a \$1000.00 one-time bonus for all current, non-temporary, half-time or more employees, and a \$500.00 one-time bonus for all current, non-temporary, less than half-time employees. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #1 - Recommendation for Approval of the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

- Mr. Banks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, to accept the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.
- Discussion followed.

- Ms. Sayler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to amend the presented schedule to allow for separate Work Sessions and Voting Sessions during 6 months of the year. Additional dates for Board Meetings would be February 8, March 7, May 2, June 27, August 29, and October 4. Following discussion, motion to amend failed 4-3. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea.”
- Mr. Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to amend the original motion to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule as presented and to add a Board Retreat to the calendar for June 27, 2024. Following discussion Mr. Hutchins withdrew his motion to amend.
- Mr. Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to amend the original motion to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule as presented to include a Board Retreat with the date to be determined. Following discussion, motion to amend the original motion passed 5-1-1. Messrs. Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” Mr. Chastain voted “Nay,” and Mr. Banks voted “Present.”
- The original motion passed as amended 6-0-1. Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Mr. Banks voted “Present.”

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mr. Wheeler opened the floor for 2024 Board Chair nominations.

- Mr. Chastain nominated Mr. Scamihorn for 2024 Board Chair
- Mr. Hutchins nominated Mr. Banks for 2024 Board Chair
- With no other nominations, Mr. Wheeler called for the vote.

Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted in favor of Mr. Scamihorn.
Mr. Hutchins voted in favor of Mr. Banks.

With four (4) votes, Mr. Scamihorn was elected to serve as the 2024 Board Chair.

Mr. Wheeler, Board Chair, opened the floor for 2024 Board Vice-Chair nominations.

- Mr. Chastain nominated Mr. Banks for 2024 Board Vice-Chair
- With no other nominations, Mr. Wheeler called for the vote.

Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted in favor of Mr. Banks.

With four (4) votes, Mr. Banks was elected to serve as the 2024 Board Vice-Chair.

ADJOURN

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Board Chair

Executive Secretary