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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wheeler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two (2) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, November 9, 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 updates to the Board. A copy of the report was given to all Board Members.

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, December 7, 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, December 7, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation to Approve IGA and Convey Temporary Easement at Still Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 7, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Authorization to Purchase Six (6) Transit Vans and Three (3) Maintenance Trucks

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 7, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Authorization to Purchase Seven (7) Police Vehicles

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 7, 2023, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval of Short-Term Construction Note Resolution Approving the Issuance of Request for Bids for the Purchase of \$100 Million of Construction Notes

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 7, 2023, Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS

- Without objection, the Board approved modifications to the following administrative rules:

INDEX	ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE
GAO-R	Employee Resignations
GARF-R	Employee Transfer
GBRIB (1)-R	Catastrophic Illness Leave Bank
IHF-R	Graduation Requirements
JB-R	Student Attendance
JBC-R	School Admissions / Withdrawals

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 Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:58 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, December 7, 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

- 2023 Georgia High School Association 7-A Boys Cross Country State Champions – Harrison High School
- 2023 Georgia High School Association 7-A Volleyball State Champions – North Cobb High School
- 2023 Georgia High School Association Co-Ed Competition Cheerleading State Champions – Walton High School
- 2023 Georgia High School Association 7-A Boys Cross Country Individual State Champion – Joseph Minecci, Walton High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were ten (10) 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 Recommendation

- Brown, Catherine S., Director, Local School Accounting and Internal Compliance, Financial Services Division, retirement effective April 1, 2024

Section II – Position Recommendation Below Principal Level

Elementary School:

- Riggins, Amy, appointment to Assistant Principal, Dowell Elementary School from Teacher, Dowell Elementary School effective January 2, 2024
 - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

Land

A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property at 460 Glover Street, subject to satisfactory due diligence:

- Agreement to purchase certain real property and improvements on approximately 1.31 acres at 460 Glover Street, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, and being identified as Tax Parcel 17035900130, for \$3,000,000.00 inclusive of all ancillary costs and damages, if any, under Georgia law.
- Motion carried 7-0

Student Matters

- SY24-Appeal #14
 - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

- SY24-Appeal #15
 - A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and unanimously approved by the Board to modify the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.
- SY24-Appeal #16
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS

The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District.

Mr. Ragsdale presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Wheeler thanking him for a year of dedicated service to the District as Board Chair during 2023.

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 to Approve IGA and Convey Temporary Easement at Still Elementary School

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Authorization to Purchase Six (6) Transit Vans and Three (3) Maintenance Trucks from Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. Family Ford Inc. in the amount of \$568,092.03

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Authorization to Purchase Seven (7) Police Vehicles from Hardy Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$381,161.90

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval of Short-Term Construction Note Resolution Approving the Issuance of Request for Bids for the Purchase of \$100 Million of Construction Notes

- Following discussion, A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and approved by the Board to approve administration’s recommendation. Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Saylor voted “Yea,” and Mr. Banks voted “Present.” Motion carried 6-0-1.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY