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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 1:00 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. Scamihorn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were four (4) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, December 7, 2023, Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 3, 2024, Special Called 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.
- Annual Independent Financial Audit
 - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson and Mr. Christopher McKellar of Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors, presented highlights to the Board of the Annual Independent Financial Audit Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as of June 30, 2023. Mr. McKellar shared the district received a clean, unmodified audit with no compliance or financial findings.

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, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting:

The Superintendent requested to have AGENDA ITEM #12 moved to the first item. Without objection, the Board agreed to amend the agenda as requested.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Ratification of a Note Resolution Confirming the Acceptance of the Best Bid for the Purchase of \$100 Million of Short-Term Construction Notes

- Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson and Elise Lomel of PFM Financial Advisors, LLC., informed the Board that seven (7) bids were received and Truist Securities, Inc., submitted the winning bid of 3.273832%.
- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company at South Cobb High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Various Schools

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation to Modify the Pebblebrook High School Portion of the Previously Submitted FY2021 State Capital Outlay Application

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Ford Elementary School Food and Nutrition Services Improvements

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Replacement of Annex Buildings at Kincaid Elementary School, Mount Bethel Elementary School, Murdock Elementary School, Sope Creek Elementary School, and Tritt Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Timber Ridge Elementary School Renovation Project

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Bells Ferry Elementary School Addition and Modifications

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the New Career Academy #2 – Northern Cobb Area

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for Tapp Middle School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for a New Elementary School - Southern Cobb Area

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

MODIFICATION OF EXISTING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE

- Without objection, the Board approved the modification to the Nicholson Elementary School and Keheley Elementary School attendance zone. This modification has no impact on current students.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Annual Disclosure of Board Member Compliance – Mr. Scamihorn
 - All Board Members confirmed their compliance with Policy BH (Board Code of Ethics), Policy BHA (Board Member Conflict of Interest), and all applicable laws.
- Board Member Appointments to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Scamihorn
 - Mr. Scamihorn, Post 1
 - Reappointed Jay Cunningham
 - Ms. Sayler, Post 2
 - Reappointed Dr. Christian Johnson & James Sykes
 - Mr. Hutchins, Post 3
 - Reappointed Michael McNeely & Cassandra Brown
 - Mr. Chastain, Post 4
 - Reappointed Wayne Brown & Shane Spink
 - Mr. Banks, Post 5
 - Reappointed Dr. John Crooks & Roger Phelps
 - Ms. Davis, Post 6
 - Reappointed Latoya Palmer-Addy & Katie Winston
 - Mr. Ragsdale, Superintendent
 - Reappointed John Loud

- Remaining appointees will be announced during the February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.
- Appointment of Board Liaison to Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Scamihorn
 - Mr. Scamihorn, Board Chair, appointed Mr. Hutchins as the 2024 Board Liaison to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board at 2:39 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, January 18, 2024, 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.

RECONVENE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A One Act Play Best Actress State Champion – Morgan Morrell, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Division 3 Flag Football State Champions – Pope High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were eight (8) 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. There were no principal level or higher recommendations.

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously 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 #13
 - A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Ms. Sayler, 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 #17
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Davis abstaining from the vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

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

ACTION AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Ford Elementary School Food and Nutrition Services Improvements

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract to MAPP, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, for Food & Nutrition Services Improvements at Ford Elementary School in the amount of \$518,373,00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Replacement of Annex Buildings at Kincaid Elementary School, Mount Bethel Elementary School, Murdock Elementary School, Sope Creek Elementary School, and Tritt Elementary School

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the architect appointment of SSOE Group, Atlanta, Georgia, for the replacement of annex buildings at Kincaid Elementary School, Mount Bethel Elementary School, Murdock Elementary School, Sope Creek Elementary School, and Tritt Elementary School. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Timber Ridge Elementary School Renovation Project

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the architect appointment of LS3P Associates, Ltd., Atlanta, Georgia, for the renovation project at Timber Ridge Elementary School. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Bells Ferry Elementary School Addition and Modifications

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the architect appointment of Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart & Associates, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, for additions and modifications at Bells Ferry Elementary School. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the New Career Academy #2 – Northern Cobb Area

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the architect appointment of Collins Cooper Carusi Architects, Atlanta, Georgia, for the new Career Academy in the northern Cobb area. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for Tapp Middle School Renovations

- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the architect appointment of Sy Richards Architects, Inc., Monroe, Georgia, for renovations at Tapp Middle School. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for a New Elementary School - Southern Cobb Area

- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the architect appointment of Cunningham Forehand Matthews & Moore, Architects, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, for a new elementary school in the southern Cobb area. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY