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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1:30 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 1:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were five (5) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, January 18, 2024, Board Meeting
- Monday, February 5, 2024, Called Board Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Georgia's BEST Update
 - Superintendent Ragsdale introduced Dr. Mike Dishman, Dean of the College of Education at the University of West Georgia. Dr. Dishman shared a detailed update with the Board regarding the Georgia's BEST (Building Educator Success Together) partnership between the Cobb County School District and the University of West Georgia that began one year ago.
- Monthly and Quarterly Board Financial Status Update
 - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson presented both the monthly and the quarterly school district financial status updates to the Board. Copies of both reports were 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, February 29, 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, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – 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, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Baker Elementary School, Haven Academy, McCall Primary School, and Still Elementary School Flooring Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Canopy Installations at Acworth Elementary School, Davis Elementary School, Mabry Middle School, Norton Park Elementary School, Pickett’s Mill Elementary School, Pitner Elementary School, Shallowford Falls Elementary School, Tapp Middle School, and Vaughan Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Blackwell Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Lindley Middle School Roof Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Nickajack Elementary School Classroom Addition

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Portable and Modular Building Design, Leasing, and Installation Services

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 (GMP #1) for the Sprayberry High School New-Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, February 29, 2024, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Board Member Appointments to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Scamihorn
 - Mr. Scamihorn, Post 1
 - Appointed Dr. Cris Eaton-Welsh
 - Mr. Wheeler, Post 7
 - Reappointed Larry Darnell & Lesley Litt

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 3:25 p.m. to convene to Executive Session following a 10-minute break to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, February 29, 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 Cobb County School District Counselor of Impact:
 - Elementary School Level Counselor of Impact – Elizabeth Hatcher, King Springs Elementary School
 - Middle School Level Counselor of Impact – Lara Salzman, Hightower Trail Middle School
 - High School Level Counselor of Impact – Katie Hoptroff, Harrison High School
- Cobb Schools Counseling Comprehensive Model Certification (CSCCM):
 - Belmont Hills Elementary School
 - Daniell Middle School
 - Floyd Middle School
 - Griffin Middle School
 - Kennesaw Mountain High School

- **Acknowledgement of Special Guests**
 - Aspiring Leader Academy Cohorts:
 - 2022-2023 Leader Academy Cohort
 - 2023-2024 Leader Academy Cohort

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were fifteen (15) public commenters.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PERSONNEL

Administration recommended approval of the identified employment actions of the individuals listed on the Personnel Action Report and as amended in the Addendum as discussed in Executive Session. There were five principal level or higher recommendations.

Section I – Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendations

- Campbell, Ashlynn, Principal, Harrison High School, retirement effective June 1, 2024
- Mavity, Elizabeth, Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- May, Gail, Principal, Bells Ferry Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- Moore, Dr. Patrice, Principal, Bullard Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- Simmons-Deveaux, Dr. Hermia, Principal, Milford Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2024

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal Level

Middle School

- Lorentz, Andrew, Assistant Principal, Dodgen Middle School, resignation effective February 29, 2024

High School

- Jackson, Christopher, Assistant Principal, Cobb Horizon High School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
 - Koester, Meredith Dayle, appointment to Assistant Principal, Lassiter High School from Teacher, Lassiter High School effective March 1, 2024
 - Pizza, Carol, Assistant Principal, Lassiter High School, retirement effective March 1, 2024
- A motion was made by Ms. Davis, 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 MATTERS

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property, subject to satisfactory due diligence:
 - Agreement to purchase certain real property and improvements on approximately 45.74 acres located at 4115, 4315, & 0 Luther Ward Road, Powder Springs, Cobb County, Georgia, and being identified as Tax Parcels #19020600010, #19020700010, and #19020800020 for \$3,340,000.00 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees and closing costs
 - Motion carried 7-0

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property, subject to satisfactory due diligence:
 - Purchase of certain real property and improvements on approximately 0.09 acres located on North Booth Road NW, Kennesaw, Georgia, identified as tax parcel #16029200010 for \$11,250.00 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees and closing costs
 - Motion carried 7-0
- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Ms. Sayler, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property, subject to satisfactory due diligence:
 - Purchase of certain real property and improvements on approximately 0.861 acres located on North Booth Road NW, Kennesaw, Georgia, identified as tax parcel #16029200030 for \$100,000.00 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees and closing costs
 - Motion carried 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT’S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to extend the Superintendent’s Employment Contract for one-year through February 28, 2027. Motion carried 4-3 with Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voting “Yea,” and Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voting “Nay.”

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Various Schools

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Baker Elementary School, Haven Academy, McCall Primary School, and Still Elementary School Flooring Replacement

- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to award the following contracts for flooring replacements:
 - S&S Flooring Co., Inc., Marietta, Georgia, in the amount of \$662,980.00 for Baker Elementary School and \$308,950.00 for Haven Academy
 - Grainger Contracting & Services, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, in the amount of \$520,105.00 for McCall Primary School and \$717,500.00 for Still Elementary School
 - Motion carried 7-0

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Canopy Installations at Acworth Elementary School, Davis Elementary School, Mabry Middle School, Norton

Park Elementary School, Pickett's Mill Elementary School, Pitner Elementary School, Shallowford Falls Elementary School, Tapp Middle School, and Vaughan Elementary School

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award the following contracts to Oak Construction Group, Atlanta, Georgia, for canopy installations as follows:
 - In the amount of \$1,346,000.00 for Davis Elementary School, Mabry Middle School, Pitner Elementary School, and Shallowford Falls Elementary School.
 - In the amount of \$1,738,500.00 for Acworth Elementary School, Norton Park Elementary School, Pickett's Mill Elementary School, Tapp Middle School, and Vaughan Elementary School.
 - Motion carried 7-0

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Blackwell Elementary School Renovations

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract to Ward Humphrey, Inc., Marietta, Georgia, for school renovations for Blackwell Elementary School in the amount of \$9,328,490.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Lindley Middle School Roof Replacement

- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract to Roof Technology Partners, Woodstock, Georgia, for roof replacement at Lindley Middle School in the amount of \$4,434,898.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Nickajack Elementary School Classroom Addition

- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract to R.K. Redding Construction, Inc., Bremen, Georgia, for Nickajack Elementary School Classroom Addition in the amount of \$5,182,800.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Portable and Modular Building Design, Leasing, and Installation Services

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to award contracts for portable and modular building design, leasing, and installation services to ABUCK, Inc., Mableton, Georgia, and Mobile Modular Management Corporation, Arcade, Georgia, in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 (GMP #1) for the Sprayberry High School New-Replacement

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 (GMP #1) for the Sprayberry High School New-Replacement to Carroll Daniel Construction, Atlanta, Georgia, in the amount of \$14,504,996.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY