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**BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 3:00 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 3:00 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, February 29, 2024, 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 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, March 21, 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, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – 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, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for the Multipurpose Educational Facility

- Following discussion and without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Authorization to Purchase Two (2) Freezer Box Trucks

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Garrett Middle School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Shallowford Falls Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kemp Elementary School Parking Lot Addition

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #8** – Recommendation for Approval of Revisions to Board Policies DA (Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives), DB (Planning, Programming, Budgeting System), and DI (Accounting and Reporting) in Section D of the Cobb County Board of Education’s Policy Manual

- Following discussion and without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS**

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

<b>INDEX</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE</b>
DFF-R	Grants
DFJ-R	District Property Replacement / Reimbursement
DIC-R	Inventory
DID-R	Audits
DIE-R	Fraud Prevention
DK-R	Student Activities Funds Management

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Hutchins
  - Mr. Hutchins informed the Board that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and elected the following officers for 2024:
    - Mr. Larry Darnell – Chairman
    - Ms. Michael McNeely – Vice Chairman
    - Ms. Cassandra Brown – Secretary
  - The committee reviewed and affirmed 17 previously approved Board Agenda Items.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

## **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board at 5:00 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, March 21, 2024, 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. Scamihorn, Board Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **BOARD RECOGNITIONS**

- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Swim & Dive - 200 Yard Medley Relay Boys State Champions – John (Sonny) Panessa, William Iglar, Theo Thomas, and Griffin Lovett - Walton High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Swim & Dive Boys Overall State Champions – Walton High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard & 200 Yard Freestyle Girls State Champion – Isabella Klinefelter, Harrison High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Swim & Dive - 50 Yard Freestyle Boys State Champion – Lathan Parks, Hillgrove High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard Butterfly Boys State Champion – Isaiah Tucker, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA 6A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard Breaststroke Boys State Champion – Landon Hanesworth, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard Freestyle Boys State Champion – Noah Smith, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard Butterfly Girls State Champion – Kate Bradley, Lassiter High School

- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 500 Yard Freestyle Girls State Champion – Kate Bradley, Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 200 Yard Freestyle Girls State Champion – Rose Jones, Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA 6A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard Backstroke Girls State Champion – Finnly Jollands, Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Girls State Champions – Finnly Jollands, Kate Bradley, Rose Jones, and Cosy Gale - Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 200 Yard Medley Relay Girls State Champions – Finnly Jollands, Maggie O'Shaughnessy, Kate Bradley, and Gianna Marie Conti - Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive Girls Overall State Champions – Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 500 Yard Freestyle Boys State Champion – Cody Miles, Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA 6A Swim & Dive - 100 Yard Backstroke Boys State Champion – Elliot Elmore, Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive - 200 Yard Medley Relay Boys State Champions – Elliot Elmore, Cody Miles, Aidan O'Brien, and Daniel Horne - Lassiter High School
- 2023-2024 Cobb County School District, School Social Worker of the Year – Ginnie Barnes
- Acknowledgement of Special Guests
  - Aspiring Principal Cohorts:
    - 2021-2022 Aspiring Principal Cohort
    - 2022-2023 Aspiring Principal Cohort
    - 2023-2024 Aspiring Principal Cohort

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There were eleven (11) 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**

- Arduino, Sharon, Principal, Smyrna Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- Gross, Rochelle, appointment to Director, Local School Accounting and Internal Compliance, Financial Services Division, from Assistant Director, Local School Accounting and Internal Compliance, Financial Services Division effective April 8, 2024
- Havis, Dr. Camille, Principal, Campbell Middle School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- Mansfield, Leslie, Principal, Teasley Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- Young, Leetonia, Principal, East Cobb Middle School, retirement effective July 1, 2024

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, 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 #19:
  - A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Chastain, 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 #20:
  - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, 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 #21:
  - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, 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.

**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 to Modify the Pebblebrook High School Portion of the Previously Submitted FY2021 State Capital Outlay Application

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

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for the Multipurpose Educational Facility

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and approved by the Board to award a Construction Manager at Risk contract to The Winter Construction Company, Atlanta, Georgia, for the Multipurpose Educational Facility. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion carried 5-2.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4** – Authorization to Purchase Two (2) Freezer Box Trucks

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to purchase two freezer box trucks from Peterbilt of Atlanta, LLC. in the amount of \$406,040.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Garrett Middle School Renovations

- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract to SRS, Inc., Griffin, Georgia, in the amount of \$5,236,000.00 for Garrett Middle School Renovations. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Shallowford Falls Elementary School Renovations

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Shallowford Falls Elementary School Renovations to R.K. Redding Construction, Inc., Bremen, Georgia, in the amount of \$6,055,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kemp Elementary School Parking Lot Addition

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Kemp Elementary School Parking Lot Addition to Nix-Fowler Constructors, Inc., Villa Rica, Georgia, in the amount of \$361,999.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8** – Recommendation for Approval of Revisions to Board Policies DA (Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives), DB (Planning, Programming, Budgeting System), and DI (Accounting and Reporting) in Section D of the Cobb County Board of Education’s Policy Manual

- The Board Chair announced the policies in Action Agenda Item #8 would be voted on individually

**POLICY DA – Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives**

- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to approved Policy DA as presented with the exception of not removing the phrase “and equitable” from line 4. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea.” Motion failed 4-3.
- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, to approved Policy DA as presented. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion carried 4-3.

**POLICY DB – Planning, Programming, Budgeting System**

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to approved Policy DB as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**POLICY DI – Accounting and Reporting**

- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to approved Policy DI as presented with the exception of the strikeout on line 189 (DI Subsection F, #3), which reads “request Board approval of all budget transfers in accordance with” and replacing it with the addition of “adhere to” on line 190. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay,” and Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea.” Motion failed 4-3.
- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approved Policy DI as presented. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion carried 4-3.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**