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**BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 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 was one (1) public commenter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, March 21, 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.
- Math & Science Update
  - Without objection, the Board agreed to amend the agenda to allow for the Math & Science update to take place when the presenter arrives.

**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, April 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, April 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Approving the 2025-2029 Local Facilities Plan

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

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for City View Elementary School, Lost Mountain Middle School, and Smitha Middle School for Student Restroom Renovations

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

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Griffin Middle School and Simpson Middle School for Student Restroom Renovations

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

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Durham Middle School Roof Replacement

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

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #2 (GMP#2) for the Sprayberry High School New-Replacement

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

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Tentative Approval of the FY2025 Budget

- Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson presented the tentative FY2025 Budget with the Board.
- Following discussion, and without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (cont.)**

- Math & Science Update
  - Ms. Anurupa Ganguly, Founder and CEO of Prisms Reality, shared an in-depth overview of a math & science proof-of-concept to be implemented at 10 middle schools and 10 high schools beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Georgia School Boards Association Delegate for 2024 – Mr. Scamihorn
  - Mr. Scamihorn announced that he will represent the Board at the 2024 GSBA Delegate Assembly

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

## **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:54 p.m. to convene to Executive Session following a 10-minute break to discuss land, legal, student, and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

## **BUDGET PUBLIC FORUM**

### **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Without objection, the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget Public Forum Meeting. All Board Members were present for the meeting.

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the FY2025 Budget. Mr. Johnson stated the purpose of the budget public forum was to invite citizens to give input to the Board and comment on the FY25 Budget.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were two (2) public commenters.

### **RECESS**

Without objection, the Budget Public Forum meeting recessed at 6:38 p.m.

## **VOTING SESSION**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 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**

- Georgia Student Technology Competition Video Production First Place – Scarlett Pflieger, Bullard Elementary School
- Georgia Student Technology Competition 3D Modeling First Place – Hamza Jaafar, Campbell High School
- Georgia Student Technology Competition Digital Photo Production First Place – Myra Kumbhar, Dickerson Middle School
- Georgia Student Technology Competition Audio Production First Place – Caleb Eubanks, McEachern High School
- Georgia Student Technology Competition Project Programming First Place – Brody Park, Walton High School

- 2024 GHSA Boys Class 5A State Basketball Champions – Kell High School
- 2024 GHSA Traditional Wrestling All Girls State Champion (170 lbs.) – Genevieve An, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2024 GHSA Boys Class 6A Traditional Wrestling State Champion (113 lbs.) – Isaac Hoshide, Lassiter High School
- 2024 GHSA Traditional Wrestling All Girls State Champion (110 lbs.) – Brook French, Allatoona, High School
- National Band Association Program of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award – Kennesaw Mountain High School
- Cobb Arts Integration & Cobb STEAM Certifications – Clarkdale Elementary School
- Cobb Arts Integration Certification – South Cobb Early Learning Center
- Cobb Arts Integration Certification – Dowell Elementary School
- Cobb Arts Integration Certification – Compton Elementary School
- 2024 Georgia Art Education Association, Middle-Level Art Educator of the Year – Nicole Gaut, Palmer Middle School
- 2024 Georgia Art Education Association, Croy West Special Needs Art Educator of the Year – William Rembert, Wheeler High School
- 2023-2024 Cobb County School District Library Media Specialist of the Year – Susan Buckert, McEachern High School
- 2023-2024 State of Georgia School Social Worker of the Year – Petrina Fowler, Barber MS, Acworth ES, McCall Primary
- Cobb County School District, Heroes Among Us – Michael Green, Transportation

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There were ten (10) 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 nine (9) principal level or higher recommendations.

#### **Section I – Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendations**

- Askew, Dr. Mitchell appointment to Principal, East Cobb Middle School from Assistant Principal, Pearson Middle School effective July 1, 2024
- Bristow, Dr. Andrew, Principal, Durham Middle School, retirement effective July 1, 2024
- Carpenter, Dr. Kevin appointment to Assistant Superintendent, Chief School Leadership Division from Principal, Cheatham Hill Elementary School effective June 1, 2024
- Jones, Dr. Tiffany appointment to Principal, Milford Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Green Acres Elementary School effective July 1, 2024
- Little, Amber appointment to Principal, Smyrna Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Compton Elementary School effective July 1, 2024
- Marsili, Elizabeth appointment to Principal, Teasley Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Elementary School effective July 1, 2024
- Martin, Ruth appointment to Principal, Garrison Mill Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Garrison Mill Elementary School effective July 1, 2024
- Mitchell, Dr. (Mari) LaEla reassignment to Principal, Campbell Middle School from Principal, Simpson Middle School effective July 1, 2024
- Suttle, Christian, Assistant Superintendent, resignation effective May 31, 2024

- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, 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.

**STUDENT MATTERS**

- SY24-Appeal #22:
  - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, 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

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

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Approving the 2025-2029 Local Facilities Plan

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Banks, and approved by the Board to approve a Board Resolution approving the 2025-2029 Local Facilities Plan. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, and Ms. Davis voted “Yea,” and Ms. Saylor voted “Present.” Motion carried 6-0-1.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for City View Elementary School, Lost Mountain Middle School, and Smitha Middle School for Student Restroom Renovations

- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to award contracts for student restroom renovations to Diversified Construction of Georgia, Inc. (Tucker, Georgia) for the following:
  - City View Elementary School in the amount of \$316,725.00
  - Lost Mountain Middle School in the amount of \$537,821.00
  - Smitha Middle School in the amount of \$418,959.00
- Motion carried 7-0

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation for Approval to Award Contracts for Griffin Middle School and Simpson Middle School for Student Restroom Renovations

- A motion was made by Ms. Saylor, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to award contracts for student restroom renovations to Triad Construction Company, Inc. (College Park, Georgia) for the following:
  - Griffin Middle School in the amount of \$617,000.00
  - Simpson Middle School in the amount of \$428,833.00
- Motion carried 7-0

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Durham Middle School Roof Replacement

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Durham Middle School Roof Replacement to Roof Technology Partners (Woodstock, Georgia) in the amount of \$4,193,419.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #2 (GMP#2) 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 award a contract for GMP#2 for Sprayberry High School New-Replacement to Carroll Daniel Construction (Atlanta, Georgia) in the amount of \$71,905,818.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Tentative Approval of the FY2025 Budget

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to tentatively approve the FY2025 Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**