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**BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 2:00 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 2:00 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, April 18, 2024, Board Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 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.
- Demographics Study Update
 - Mr. James Wilson of Education Planners, LLC., presented the annual Enrollment Projection Study to the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the report.

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, May 16, 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, May 16, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Cobb County School District to Enter into Contract with the State Board of Education for Continuing Operation as a Strategic Waivers School System (SWSS)

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 16, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2025 Budget

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 16, 2024, Board Meeting.

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 4:06 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 6:33 p.m. for the Budget Public Forum Meeting. All Board Members were present for the meeting with the exception of Ms. Davis.

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 seven (7) public commenters.

RECESS

Without objection, the Budget Public Forum meeting recessed at 6:49 p.m.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Interim Board Attorney. Ms. Davis participated via teleconference.

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

- 2024 International Championship of High School A Cappella National Champions – Sonic Edge, CCCEPA/ Pebblebrook High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Literary State Champion, Girls Solo – Isabella Stringham, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Literary State Champion, Interpretation of Solo Humorous – Nathaniel Long, Wheeler High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Literary State Champion, Essay Personal – Cruz Dupree, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Literary State Quartet Champions – Juan Hernandez, Nathan McKee, Ben Trussell, Will Tyler - Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2023-2024 SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference State Winner for HVACR – Stephen Garcia, CITA/Osborne High School
- 2023-2024 Georgia Health Occupations Students of America State Winner, Healthcare Photography – Helena Huebecker, CITA/Osborne High School
- 2023-2024 Georgia Health Occupations Students of America State Winners, Emergency Medical Technician – Ashly Guzman and Brandon Rojas, CITA/Osborne High School
- 2024 Professional Association of Georgia Educators STAR Student State Winner – Omer Mustafa Inan, Walton High School
- 2024 Professional Association of Georgia Educators STAR Teacher State Winner – Tamara Hollingsworth, Walton High School
- 2024 State Adult Education Student of the Year – Patria Brown
- 2023 Turnip the Beet Award – Cobb County School District Food & Nutrition Services
- The International Technology and Engineering Excellence Award – Richard White, Pine Mountain Middle School
- 2024 Georgia Athletic Directors Association, Dr. Bob Stinchcomb Athletic Leadership Award – Don Baker, Cobb County School District Director of Athletics
- 2023-2024 Cobb County Athletic Director of the Year – Ronald Boggs, Osborne High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were eight (8) public commenters.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL

Ms. Davis joined the meeting via teleconference.

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.

Section I – Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendations

- Wilkes, Candace, appointment to Assistant Superintendent, Chief School Leadership Division from Principal, Allatoona High School effective June 1, 2024.
- Brooks, Kendra, reassignment to Principal, Bells Ferry Elementary School from Principal, Murdock Elementary School effective July 1, 2024.
- Bultman, Dr. Alexia, rehire as Principal, Allatoona High School from Principal, Adairsville High School, Bartow County School System effective June 1, 2024.
- Church, Dr. David, appointment to Principal, Simpson Middle School from Assistant Principal, Cobb Horizon High School effective July 1, 2024.
- Faklaris, Melissa, appointment to Principal, Cheatham Hill Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Frey Elementary School effective June 1, 2024.
- Mathis, Zach, appointment to Principal, Murdock Elementary School from Assistant Principal, King Springs Elementary School effective July 1, 2024.
- Milton, Dr. Jeff, appointment to Principal, Harrison High School from Assistant Principal, Harrison High School effective June 1, 2024.
- Ostrander, Dr. Sara, appointment to Principal, LaBelle Elementary School from Assistant Principal, East Side Elementary School effective July 1, 2024.
- Santoro, Dr. Stephanie, appointment to Principal, Walton High School from Assistant Principal, Walton High School effective July 1, 2024.
- Thorpe, Shannon, appointment to Principal, Durham Middle School from Assistant Principal, Awtrey Middle School effective July 1, 2024.
- Watson, Paul, reassignment to Principal, Bullard Elementary School from Principal, LaBelle Elementary School effective July 1, 2024.

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Elementary School

- Bender, Kathleen, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Sanders Elementary School effective July 9, 2024.
- Cappucci, Michael, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Brumby Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Clarkdale Elementary School effective July 9, 2024.
- Edwards, Allison, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Compton Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Pitner Elementary School effective July 9, 2024.
- Hourigan, Dr. Tiffany, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Frey Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Baker Elementary School effective July 9, 2024.
- Shiers, Jennifer, appointment to Assistant Principal, Fair Oaks Elementary School from Professional Learning Coordinator, Instruction and Innovative Practice, effective July 9, 2024.
- Smith, LaShonda, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pitner Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Bryant Elementary School effective July 9, 2024.
- Walcott, Helen, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Sanders Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Compton Elementary School effective July 9, 2024.

Middle School

- Bishop, James, Assistant Principal, Tapp Middle School, retirement effective July 1, 2024.
- Bosarge, Jacquelyne, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pearson Middle School from Assistant Principal, Lovinggood Middle School effective July 9, 2024.

- Figueroa, Robert, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Garrett Middle School from Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School effective July 9, 2024.
- Gray, Eric, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Awtrey Middle School from Assistant Principal, Hightower Trail Middle School effective July 9, 2024.
- Jones, Brittany, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Smitha Middle School from Assistant Principal, Wheeler High School effective July 9, 2024.
- Tischler, Richard, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Hightower Trail Middle School from Principal, Walton High School effective July 9, 2024.

High School

- Coefield, Timothy, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School from Assistant Principal, Garrett Middle School effective July 9, 2024.
- Dixon, Dr. Cassandra, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Allatoona High School from Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School effective July 9, 2024.
- Howard, Amie, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Harrison High School from Assistant Principal, Allatoona High School effective July 9, 2024.
- Shaw, Dr. Amanda, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Wheeler High School from Assistant Principal, Smitha Middle School effective July 9, 2024.

Section III – Superintendent’s Cabinet

The Superintendent recommends extension of the employment contracts of the following members of his cabinet effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

- Keeli Bowen, Chief Human Resources Officer
 - John Floresta, Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer
 - Sherri Hill, Chief of Staff
 - Brad Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
 - Dr. Jasmine Kullar, Chief School Leadership Officer
 - Dr. Catherine Mallanda, Chief Academic Officer
 - Marc Smith, Chief Technology and Operations Officer
 - Brenda Carter, Assistant Superintendent, Academic Division
 - Dr. Bruce Fraser, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
 - Adam Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
 - Dr. Ehsan Kattoula, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability Division
 - Dr. Liss Maynard, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
 - Kelly Metcalfe, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
 - Josh Morreale, Assistant Superintendent, Operations Division
 - Shea Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
 - Ed Wagner, Assistant Superintendent, Leadership Division
 - Gretchen Walton, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Staff Division
- A motion was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Chastain, to approve the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session.
 - Mr. Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to amend the original motion approving all position recommendations except for employee #674. Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay.” Motion to amend failed 3-4.

- The original motion to approve the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session carried 4-3, with Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voting “Yea,” and Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voting “Nay.”

STUDENT MATTERS

- SY24-Appeal #23:
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, 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.
- SY24-Appeal #24:
 - 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 #25:
 - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, 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

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2025 Budget

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and approved by the Board to adopt the FY2025 Budget as presented. Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Mr. Banks voted “Present.” Motion carried 6-0-1.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY