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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Interim Board Attorneys.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scamihorn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three (3) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, June 13, 2024, Special Called Meeting
- Thursday, June 13, 2024, Board Meeting
- Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Special Called Meeting
- Thursday, July 11, 2024, 1st Tax Digest Hearing
- Thursday, July 11, 2024, 2nd Tax Digest Hearing

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. All Board Members received a copy of the financial status update.
- Review of Cognia's Accreditation Report
 - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta presented a detailed overview of the district's regularly scheduled accreditation review conducted by Cognia. The overview included a review of Cognia's evaluation of the academics, operations, and leadership of the District. The overview also included Cognia's findings which, based on Cognia's standards, showed Cobb's performance exceeds the Cognia network. A copy of the report was distributed to each Board Member.

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, July 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, July 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Still Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 1

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

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Russell Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 1

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

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 1

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

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage Rate and Corresponding Budget Adjustment

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:37 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, July 18, 2024, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Sayler, Ms. Davis, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Interim Board Attorneys.

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.

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 as discussed in Executive Session.

Section I – Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendation

- Trull, Samuel, Executive Director, Maintenance, retirement effective July 1, 2024

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Middle School:

- Price, Angela, appointment to Assistant Principal, Barber Middle School from Instructional Specialist, Garrett Middle School effective July 19, 2024

High School:

- Gaines, Shaun, appointment to Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Mountain High School from Teacher, Campbell High School effective July 19, 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.

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Still Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 1

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Phase 1 HVAC Upgrades at Still Elementary School to FS 360 LLC (Sandy Springs, GA) in the amount of \$1,752,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Russell Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 1

- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Phase 1 HVAC Upgrades at Russell Elementary School to Swinerton Builders (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$1,823,283.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 1

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Phase 1 HVAC Upgrades at Kennesaw Elementary School to Smithbuilt Construction Group (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$2,775,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage Rate and Corresponding Budget Adjustment

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Ms. Davis, and approved by the Board to adopt the resolution establishing the millage rate and the corresponding budget adjustment as discussed. 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 7:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY