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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, August 15, 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, Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Interim Board Attorneys.

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 was one (1) public commenter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, July 18, 2024, Board Retreat
- Thursday, July 18, 2024, Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 18, 2024, 3rd 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.
- First Day of School Video
 - Mr. Ragsdale shared a video highlighting the first day of school across the district.
- Student Outcomes
 - Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta shared an overview of how well the students in the Cobb County School District performed on the Georgia Milestones compared to five metro Atlanta school districts which are similar in size, demographics, and/or geography. He also provided a brief comparison of schools similar to one another utilizing the new “Schools Like Mine” tool available through the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement.

- Superintendent's Remarks
 - Mr. Ragsdale gave an update regarding the ongoing book review process.

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, August 15, 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, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Accept Grant Funding Awarded through the FY2025 Carl D. Perkins V Program Improvement Grant

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation to Amend the Lease Agreement with PTI US Towers I, LLC, for the Cell Tower at McClure Middle School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Ford Elementary School Roof Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Sope Creek Elementary School Roof Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Harrison High School Renovation

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Mountain High School Stadium Improvements - Lighting

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Authorization to Purchase Four (4) Freightliner Step Van Mail Trucks

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Authorization to Purchase Twenty-Seven (27) School Buses

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 15, 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. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:17 p.m. to convene to Executive Session following a 15-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, August 15, 2024, with the following members present: Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Saylor, 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.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2023-2024 GADA Director's Cup Champions – Walton High School Athletics
- 2023-2024 SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference Gold Award Winners for Career Pathway Showcase Business Management and Technology – Misa McFarlin, Tanushri Dhamotharan, and Edore Oseragbaje, Wheeler High School
- Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA): Gold Awards (3), Silver Awards (4), and Bronze Award (1) – Communications Department, Strategy & Accountability Division
- National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA): Excellence Awards (4), Merit Awards (4), and Honorable Mentions (5) – Communications Department, Strategy & Accountability Division
- MarCom Awards: Platinum Awards (4), Gold Awards (7), and Honorable Mentions (5) – Communications Department, Strategy & Accountability Division
- Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators (GASPA): Gold Award of Excellence Best in Class – Employment Department, Human Resources Division
- Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators (GASPA): Gold Award of Excellence Best in Class – Systems & Personnel Department, Human Resources Division
- 2024 GACTE State Winner, Carl Perkins Community Service Award – Dr. Tiffany Barney
- 40 Years of Service – Mary Kaltreider, East Side Elementary School
- 40 Years of Service – Claudette Petsch, Transportation
- 40 Years of Service – John Stafford, Events & Venue Management
- High School Level Teacher of the Year – Jasmin Molina, Osborne High School
- Middle School Level Teacher of the Year – Shelly Quance, Palmer Middle School
- Elementary School Level and District Teacher of the Year – Karen Wright, Big Shanty Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were fourteen (14) 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

- Wheeler, (Philip) "Jason", appointment to Executive Director, Maintenance, Chief Technology and Operations Office from Director, Infrastructure Services, Chief Technology and Operations Office effective August 19, 2024

Section II – Position Recommendation Below Principal

High School:

- Page, Christina, appointment to Assistant Principal, Walton High School from Teacher, Walton High School effective August 16, 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

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Ford Elementary School Roof Replacement

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Ford Elementary School Roof Replacement to Roof Technology Partners, LLC (Woodstock, Georgia) in the amount of \$1,642,422.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Sope Creek Elementary School Roof Replacement

- A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Sope Creek Elementary School Roof Replacement to Roof Technology Partners, LLC (Woodstock, Georgia) in the amount of \$1,627,890.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Harrison High School Renovation

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Renovations at Harrison High School to Swinerton Builders, (Atlanta, Georgia) in the amount of \$15,445,359.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Mountain High School Stadium Improvements - Lighting

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Kennesaw Mountain High School Stadium Improvements – Lighting to West Georgia Lighting, Inc. (Villa Rica, Georgia) in the amount of \$260,800.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Authorization to Purchase Four (4) Freightliner Step Van Mail Trucks

- A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to Purchase Four (4) Freightliner Step Van Mail Trucks from Proper Performance, LLC in the amount of \$569,400.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Authorization to Purchase Twenty-Seven (27) School Buses

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Ms. Sayler, and unanimously approved by the Board to Purchase Twenty-Seven (27) School Buses from Yancy Bus Sales and Service in the amount of \$4,535,973.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

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

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY