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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 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, Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Interim Board Attorneys.

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 four (4) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the Thursday, August 15, 2024, Board Meeting minutes.

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 report.
- 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, September 19, 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, September 19, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of the Georgia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grant Award

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2026 State Capital Outlay Project Application

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2024, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Rose Garden HVAC Replacement and Electrical Upgrade

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 19, 2024, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Local Board Governance Training Plan (For Potential Action) – Mr. Scamihorn
 - Without objection, the Board approved the FY25 Board Governance Training Plan as presented. The plan provides that the Board receive their required six (6) hours of individual training through either GSBA Workshops, Online School Board U, or through Board Counsel . The Board completed the required three (3) hours of Whole Board Governance Training provided by Board Counsel on July 18, 2024.
- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Hutchins
 - Mr. Hutchins shared that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. The committee reviewed and affirmed 10 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 Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:35 p.m. to convene to Executive Session following a 10-minute break to discuss land, legal, personnel, and student matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 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.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Boys Soccer State Champions – Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Girls Pole Vault State Champion – Cassidy Woodham, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Boys 4x200 Meter Relay State Champions – Shemarr Session, Ephraim Riddick, Joseph Oliver, Ja’Von Broussard, Wheeler High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Girls 4x400 Meter Relay State Champions – Kiya Boyd, Yasmine Williams, Angelique Degboe, Dominique Rose, McEachern High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Boys Shot Put State Champion –Tahir Hines, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Girls Pole Vault State Champion – Lindsey Magaw, Allatoona High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Girls 200 Meter Dash State Champion – Jasmine Robinson, North Cobb High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Girls 300 Meter Hurdles State Champion – Jasmine Robinson, North Cobb High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Girls 100 Meter Dash State Champion – Ryan Davis, Hillgrove High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 6A Girls 800 Meter Run State Champion – Oluwatosin Awoleye, South Cobb High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Boys 800 Meter Run State Champion – Joseph Minecci, Walton High School
- 2023-2024 GHSA Class 7A Boys 1600 Meter Run State Champion – Joseph Minecci, Walton High School
- 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award – Procurement Services Department
- 2024 Quality Public Procurement Departments Award – Procurement Services Department
- Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were fifteen (15) 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 Recommendations

- Griffin, Daphne, Director, SPLOST, retirement effective March 1, 2025
- Manning, Angela, Principal, Clay Harmony Leland Elementary School, retirement effective January 1, 2025
- Watson, Teresa, Principal, Hayes Elementary School, retirement effective January 1, 2025

Section II – Position Recommendation Below Principal Level

Elementary School

- Rice, Wendy, Assistant Principal, Brumby Elementary School, retirement effective December 1, 2024
 - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, 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

- SY25-Appeal #1
 - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, and Ms. Davis voted “Yea,” with Ms. Sayler abstaining from the vote. Motion carried 6-0-1.
- SY25-Appeal #2
 - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, 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.
- SY25-Appeal #3
 - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.
- SY25-Appeal #4
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.
- SY25-Appeal #5
 - A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Messrs. Banks, Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, and Ms. Davis voted “Yea,” with Ms. Sayler abstaining from the vote. Motion carried 6-0-1.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS

The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District.

ACTION AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA

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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 Rose Garden HVAC Replacement and Electrical Upgrade

- A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Chastain, and unanimously approved by the Board to award a contract for Rose Garden HVAC Replacement and Electrical Upgrade to Lefko Construction (Roswell, Georgia) in the amount of \$2,568,448.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY