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**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 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 3:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were two (2) public commenters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection, the Board approved the Thursday, September 19, 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.
- General Fund Proforma Financial Report Ending June 30, 2024
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson shared the General Fund Proforma Financial Report with the Board.
- Updated Student Outcomes
  - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta provided an update to the Board on how well the students in the Cobb County School District performed on the SAT, ACT, and Georgia Math 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 that are similar to one another utilizing the new "Schools Like Mine" tool available through the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. Information was also shared giving a complete picture of Cobb's 4-year graduation rates.
- Superintendent's Remarks
  - Mr. Ragsdale gave an update regarding the ongoing book review process.

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed the Agenda Item listed below. This item will be brought forth for a vote during the Voting Session of the Thursday, October 17, 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, October 17, 2024, Board Meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATION**

Without objection, the Board approved modifications to the following administrative rule:

- IKDB-R: Commencement Ceremonies

## **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. Banks, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:32 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, October 17, 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**

- K-12 Inventure Prize Competition State Finals, First Place K-2 Division – Mia Gonzalez, Grace Kerns, Emery Russell – Kennesaw Elementary School
- K-12 Inventure Prize Competition State Finals, First Place 6-8 Division – Michael Baker, Danny Johnson, Andrew Steskal – Mabry Middle School
- 2024-2025 Classified Employee of the Year, Elementary School – M. Allison Johnson, Baker Elementary School
- 2024-2025 Classified Employee of the Year, Middle School – Angie Bruner, McClure Middle School
- 2024-2025 Classified Employee of the Year, High School – Ragina Worthy, Sprayberry High School
- 2024-2025 Classified Employee of the Year, District Office – Melissa Boschen, Academic Division
- National School Bus Safety Week – October 21-25, 2024
- Cobb County School District Bus Driver Appreciation Week – October 21-25, 2024

## **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**

- Hendrix, Tangela, appointment to Principal, Hendricks Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Hendricks Elementary School effective January 1, 2025
  - McClenning, Gina, appointment to Principal, Clay Harmony Leland Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Hollydale Elementary School effective January 1, 2025
  - Perkins, Michael, Principal, Hendricks Elementary School, retirement effective January 1, 2025
  - Shirley, Dr. Katrina, appointment to Principal, Hayes Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Pitner Elementary School effective January 1, 2025
- A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Davis, 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 #6
  - 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.

### **LAND**

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property, subject to satisfactory due diligence:
  - Purchase of certain real property and improvements on approximately 2.93 acres located on North Booth Road NW, Kennesaw, Georgia, identified as tax parcel #16028500290, for \$412,372.00 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees and closing costs. Motion carried 7-0

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS (to include Safety Presentation)**

The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District including information on a new partnership with members of the intelligence community that will continue to strengthen the Superintendent’s top priority of student and staff safety.

**Ms. Davis left the meeting at 8:44 p.m.**

### **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.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**