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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Chastain, 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 following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, December 5, 2024, Board Meeting
- Monday, December 16, 2024, Called Board Meeting
- Tuesday, January 7, 2025, Special Called Board Meeting

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. A copy of the report was given to all Board Members.
- Annual Independent Financial Audit
 - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson and Mr. Christopher McKellar of Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors, presented highlights to the Board of the Annual Independent Financial Audit Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as of June 30, 2024. Mr. McKellar shared the district received a clean, unmodified audit with no compliance or financial findings.
- 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, January 16, 2025, 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, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Campbell High School Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Replacement to Ward Humphrey, Inc. (Marietta, Georgia) in the amount of \$619,518.00.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Green Acres Elementary School Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Replacement, Electrical Generator, Kitchen HVAC System, Vent Hood and Utility Distribution System to Lefko Construction (Roswell, Georgia) in the amount of \$1,473,465.00.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting at the recommendation of Ms. Davis.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Murdock Elementary School Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Replacement, Supporting Mechanical and Electrical Equipment, and Renovations to the Kitchen Staff Locker Room to Ward Humphrey, Inc. (Marietta, Georgia) in the amount of \$739,768.00.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting at the recommendation of Mr. Cristadoro.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Pope High School Renovations to MAPP, LLC (Atlanta, Georgia) in the amount of \$4,940,678.00.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting at the recommendation of Mr. Cristadoro.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Sprayberry High School and South Cobb High School Grandstand Refurbishments to Nix-Fowler Constructors (Mableton, Georgia) in the amount of \$937,363.00 for Sprayberry High School and \$1,369,772.00 for South Cobb High School.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting at the recommendation of Mr. Hutchins.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Ratification of a Note Resolution Confirming the Acceptance of the Best Bid from JP Morgan Securities, LLC., for the Purchase of \$100 Million of Short-Term Construction Notes.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Board Meeting at the recommendation of Mr. Scamihorn.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS

Following discussion and without objection, the Board approved modifications to the following administrative rules:

INDEX	ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE
IBB-R	Charter Schools
IDAI-R	Magnet Programs

IDB-R	Health Education
IDBC-R	Physical Education
IDC-R	Extended Programs
IDCE-R	Advanced Placement
IDDM-R	Alternative Education Programs
IED-R	Scheduling for Instruction
IEJ-R	Above-Grade Acceleration
IFFA-R	Instructional Resources Selection and Acquisition
IG-R	School Counseling Program
IGB-R	Student Support Teams/Response to Intervention
IHA-R	Grading Systems
IHAB-R	Report Cards
IHE-R	Promotion and Retention
IHF-R	Graduation Requirements
II-R	Testing Programs
JQK-R	Exchange Students

BOARD BUSINESS

- Annual Disclosure of Board Member Compliance – Mr. Chastain
 - All Board Members confirmed their compliance with Policy BH (Board Code of Ethics), Policy BHA (Board Member Conflict of Interest), and all applicable laws.
- Board Member Appointments to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Chastain
 - Mr. Scamihorn, Post 1
 - Reappointed Jay Cunningham
 - Ms. Sayler, Post 2
 - Reappointed Dr. Christian Johnson & James Sykes
 - Mr. Hutchins, Post 3
 - Reappointed Michael McNeely & Cassandra Brown
 - Mr. Chastain, Post 4
 - Reappointed Wayne Brown & Shane Spink
 - Mr. Cristadoro, Post 5
 - Appointed Robert Versele & Audrey Neu
 - Ms. Davis, Post 6
 - Reappointed Latoya Palmer-Addy & Katie Winston
 - Mr. Wheeler, Post 7
 - Reappointed Larry Darnell & Lesley Litt
 - Mr. Ragsdale, Superintendent
 - Reappointed John Loud
- Appointment of Board Liaison to Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Chastain
 - Mr. Chastain appointed Nichelle Davis as the Board Liaison the F&T Committee for 2025

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 4:20 p.m. to convene to Executive Session following a 10-minute break to discuss land, legal, student and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys.

RECONVENE

Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2024 – 2025 GHSA 6A One Act Play Best Actress State Champion – Mia DeMartino, Allatoona High School
- 2024 – 2025 JROTC Raider Competition Boys State Champions – Osborne High School
- 2024 – 2025 GHSA 5A Girls Flag Football State Champions – Pope High School
- 2024 – 2025 GHSA 6A Girls Flag Football State Champions – McEachern High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were seven (7) 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

- Cotton, Tessa, employment as Director, Emergency Management from Emergency Management Coordinator, Paulding County School District effective February 3, 2025
- MacNeill, Meredith, appointment to Director, SPLOST, Program Management from Program Manager, SPLOST effective January 17, 2025

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal Level

Elementary School:

- Nall, Donna, Assistant Principal, East Side Elementary School, retirement effective July 1, 2025
- Parker, Dr. Chaundra, Assistant Principal, Riverside Elementary School, resignation effective December 20, 2024
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, 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 Matter

- SY25-Appeal #11
 - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, 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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY