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**CALLED BOARD MEETING  
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR HB 581  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a Called Board Meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Ams, Board Attorney. Mr. Hutchins and Ms. Davis were not present for the meeting.

All official meetings of the Cobb County Board of Education conform to state law and are open to the public. The minutes of this meeting are available for public review anytime during the regular office hours or on our website: [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org)

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**HB 581 PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Ragsdale shared that the Cobb County School District intends to opt-out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem exemption established under Georgia House Bill 581.

In accordance with state law, the district is scheduled to conduct three (3) public hearings on this matter. Hearing times and the district's intent to opt-out of the statewide homestead exemption have been advertised in the local newspaper, the district website, and a press release has been provided to the local media as required. The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Hearing #1 – Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Hearing #2 – Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:05 p.m.

Hearing #3 – Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The district is scheduled to vote on a resolution to opt-out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption as outlined in O.C.G.A § 48-5-44.2 on Thursday, February 13, 2025, during the 7:00 p.m. Voting Session of the Board Meeting.

**HB 581 PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT**

There were no public commenters.

At 6:06 p.m., without objection, the Board recessed until 6:30 p.m. to allow time for public commenters to arrive.

The Board reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

**HB 581 PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT**

There was one (1) public commenter.

**ADJOURN** – Without objection, the hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**