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**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 2:00 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 2:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Chastain, 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, April 24, 2025, Board Meeting

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Monthly and Quarterly Board Financial Status Updates
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson presented the monthly and quarterly school district financial status updates to the Board. Copies of the reports were given to all Board Members.
- Annual Demographics Study Update
  - Mr. James Wilson of Education Planners, LLC., presented the annual Enrollment Projection Study to the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the report.

**Without objection, the Board recessed at 3:37 p.m. for a 10-minute break and reconvened at 3:47 p.m.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont.)**

- Annual Georgia's BEST Report
  - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta and Dr. Mike Dishman, Dean of the College of Education at the University of West Georgia, shared a detailed update with the Board regarding the continued success of the Georgia's BEST (Building Educator Success Together) partnership between the Cobb County School District and the University of West Georgia that began two years ago.

**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, May 15, 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, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Pebblebrook High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Argyle Elementary School HVAC Upgrade

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 2

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Russell Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 2

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Still Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 2

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2026 Budget

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Board Meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

### **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Saylor, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:51 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, student, and personnel matters following a 10-minute break. Motion carried 7-0.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC FORUM**

### **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Without objection, the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the second Budget Public Forum Meeting. All Board Members were present for the meeting.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bradley Reuben Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the FY2026 Budget. Mr. Johnson stated the purpose of the budget public forum was to invite citizens to give input to the Board and comment on the FY26 Budget.

## **BUDGET PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was one (1) public commenter.

## **RECESS**

Without objection, the Budget Public Forum meeting concluded and the Board recessed at 6:34 p.m. and will reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

## **VOTING SESSION**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 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.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, introduced Pebblebrook High School's A Cappella Group Sonic Edge to perform the National Anthem. Mr. Chastain then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **BOARD RECOGNITIONS**

- 2025 International Championship of High School A Cappella, First Place A Cappella Group – Sonic Edge, Pebblebrook High School
- Cobb Arts Integration Certification – Mableton Elementary School
- Georgia Department of Education Creative School Arts Integration School of Excellence – Compton Elementary School
- 2024-2025 Regional Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team Math Competition First Place Winners – Logan Volker, Lost Mountain Middle School; Gabrielle Graham, Lovinggood Middle School; Lorenzo Parker, Pine Mountain Middle School
- 2024-2025 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest, Oral First Place Regional Winner – Chloe Parker, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2024-2025 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest, American Sign Language First Place Regional & State Winner – Regina Richmond, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 4A Literary State Quartet Champions –Brandon Elijah, Carter Sapp, Bryan Jenkins, Jeremiah Harris, Allatoona High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Literary State Trio Champions – Ava Stein, Camilla Craig, and Meg Franklin, Harrison High School
- 2024-2025 College Board Advanced Placement Art and Design Exam Exemplar, First Place – Natalie Keszthelyi (Student) and Tanya Turner (Teacher), Harrison High School
- 2024-2025 Winter Guard International World Championships, Scholastic A Classification Competition & Scholastic A World Champions – Pope High School
- Future Business Leaders of America State Competition, First Place Website Design – Aaryan Indla, Sagar Shrestha, and Jayla Rambert, Wheeler High School

- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition, State of Georgia Reading Competition State Champions – Ritvik Ranjan, Moksha Bhagel, Rachel Thomas, Jennifer Saysombath, Rohan Raj, Shyla Singal, Seetha Gutta, and Anusha Singh, Wheeler High School
  - Distributive Education Clubs of America, Principles of Business Management and Administration Competition, First Place – Ben Phan, Wheeler High School
- Acknowledgment of Special Guests: 2024-2025 Aspiring Leaders Academy

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There were five (5) public commenters.

## **ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Personnel Matters**

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**

- Beck, Becky, appointment to Director, Financial Planning and Analysis from Assistant Director, Financial Planning and Analysis effective May 16, 2025.
- Bell, David, appointment to Principal, North Cobb High School from Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School effective July 1, 2025.
- Church, Dr. David, reassignment to Principal, Sprayberry High School from Principal, Simpson Middle School effective July 1, 2025.
- Fetterman, Dr. Sara reassignment to Principal, Wheeler High School from Principal, Sprayberry High School effective July 1, 2025.
- Gillihan, Paul, reassignment to Principal, Campbell High School from Principal, Wheeler High School effective July 1, 2025.
- Hourigan, Dr. Tiffany, appointment to Principal, Acworth Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Frey Elementary School effective July 1, 2025.
- Howard, Monica, Principal, Still Elementary School retirement effective August 1, 2025.
- Osterhoudt, Karen, appointment to Principal, Still Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Still Elementary School effective July 1, 2025.
- Pickett, Donald Wayne, appointment to Chief of CCSD Police Department from Captain, CCSD Police Department effective May 16, 2025.
- Smith, Meghan, appointment to Principal, Compton Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Ford Elementary School effective July 1, 2025.
- Stanley, Donald Cory, reassignment to Principal, Simpson Middle School from Principal, McClure Middle School effective July 1, 2025.
- Waters Gillham, Cynthia Michelle, appointment to Principal, Mount Bethel Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Addison Elementary School effective July 1, 2025.
- Watkins, Dr. Vanessa, reassignment to Principal, Betty Gray Middle School from Principal, Campbell High School effective July 1, 2025.

### **Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal Elementary School**

- Carlton, Dana, Assistant Principal, Cheatham Hill Elementary School retirement effective July 1, 2025.
- Crumbley, Ashley, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Still Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Vaughan Elementary School effective July 10, 2025.
- Eaddy, Charlie, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Clarkdale Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Varner Elementary School effective July 10, 2025.

- Guthrie, Melissa Paige, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Bells Ferry Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Bullard Elementary School effective July 10, 2025.
- Perkins, Aunquize, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Cheatham Hill Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Powder Springs Elementary School effective July 10, 2025.
- Smith, Lashonda, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Sedalia Park Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Pitner Elementary School effective July 10, 2025.
- Teller, Kris, reassignment to Assistant Principal, East Side Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Hayes Elementary School effective July 10, 2025.

### **Middle School**

- Courtney, Lynzee, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Mabry Middle School from Assistant Principal, Griffin Middle School effective July 10, 2025.
- Hinton, Twyla, Assistant Principal, Floyd Middle School retirement effective July 1, 2025.
- Marshall, Christopher, reassignment to Assistant Principal, McCleskey Middle School from Assistant Principal, Daniell Middle School effective July 10, 2025.
- Price, Angela, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Floyd Middle School from Assistant Principal, Barber Middle School effective July 10, 2025.

### **High School**

- Andrews, Valencia, reassignment to Assistant Principal, McEachern High School from Assistant Principal, Campbell High School effective July 10, 2025.
- Artigas, Kimberly, Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Mountain High School retirement effective July 1, 2025.
- Brooks, Leander, Assistant Principal, Osborne High School resignation effective June 9, 2025.
- Kirkland, Kendrick, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Mountain High School from Assistant Principal, Wheeler High School effective July 10, 2025.
- Thigpen, James, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Kennesaw Mountain High School from Assistant Principal, Campbell High School effective July 10, 2025.

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Student Matter**

- SY25-Appeal #17
  - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, 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 #18
  - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, 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**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #1** – Recommendation for Authorization of School Properties Disposal per District Administrative Rule DO-R

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**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Still Elementary School HVAC Upgrade Phase 2

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

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2026 Budget

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the FY2026 Budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**