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**FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAX DIGEST
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a Tax Digest Public Hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys. Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis were not present for the public hearing.

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TAX DIGEST PRESENTATION

Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker shared the Tax Digest Presentation with the Board.

It is important to note that a separate entity (Cobb County Tax Assessor) assesses property values annually in Cobb County. If the Tax Assessor lowers the value of a Cobb Citizen's home, the district's millage rate will be applied to the lower value and that property owner will pay less property tax. If the Tax Assessor increases the value of a Cobb Citizen's home, the district's millage rate will be applied to the higher property value and that property owner will pay more property tax.

Mr. Baker shared that this is the first tax digest hearing and is based upon the balanced FY2026 Budget that was approved by the Board on May 15, 2025, with the continuance of the same millage rate as the previous year of 18.7 Mills.

Georgia Law currently contains a provision which was originally called the Georgia Taxpayers Bill of Rights, which states that in a year when the property value digest increases, school districts must hold three public hearings for citizen input due to the fact that even if the district's millage rate remains the same, the school district will receive additional property tax revenue because of the increased property values assessed by the Cobb County Tax Assessor.

The district is scheduled to conduct three (3) public hearings on this matter. The public hearing schedule is as follows:

- Hearing #1 – Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.
- Hearing #2 – Thursday July 10, 2025, at 6:05 p.m.
- Hearing #3 – Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

The district is scheduled to establish the General Fund Millage Rate on Thursday, July 17, 2025, during the 7:00 p.m. Voting Session of the Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public commenters. Without objection, the Board agreed to recess to Executive Session to allow additional time for public commenters to arrive.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, at 11:32 a.m. to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 5-0, with Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis being absent for the vote.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Without objection, the Board reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel

Elementary School

- Lake, Sandra appointment to Assistant Principal, Ford Elementary School from Teacher, Brumby Elementary School effective July 11, 2025.

Middle School

- Peterson, Crecy appointment to Assistant Principal, Lost Mountain Middle School from Teacher, Durham Middle School effective July 11, 2025.

High School

- Garlin, Amber employment as Assistant Principal, Sprayberry High School from Associate Principal, Rome Middle School effective July 15, 2025.
- Whittington, Christopher appointment to Assistant Principal, Walton High School from Teacher, Dodgen Middle School effective July 11, 2025.

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to approve the personnel items as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0, with Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis being absent for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (cont.)

There were no public commenters.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the hearing adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY