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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 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 were seven (7) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, June 12, 2025, Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 10, 2025, 1st & 2nd Tax Digest Hearings

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Monthly Board Financial Status Update
 - Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker presented the monthly school district financial status update to the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the report.

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, July 17, 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, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation to Amend the Lease Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications, LLC at Still Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation to Amend the Lease Agreements with Crown Castle Towers LLC, for Cell Towers at Lassiter High School, Murdock Elementary School, Sprayberry High School, and Wheeler High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval of Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Bells Ferry Elementary School Addition & Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Tennis Court Resurfacing at Allatoona High School, Campbell High School, Hillgrove High School, Kell High School, Osborne High School, and South Cobb High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval of Revisions to Board Policy AEA (School Calendar), Board Policy BC (Board Meetings), Board Policy BCBI (Public Participation in Board Meetings), Form BCBI-1 (Rules of Attendee Conduct for Public Meetings), Board Policy BD (Policy Development), Board Policy KA (Treatment of Consumers), and Board Policy LEBA (Parental Involvement in Education) of the Cobb County Board of Education's Policy Manual

- Following discussion and without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval of Loan for Band Uniforms for Wheeler High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS

Without objection, the Board approved the modifications to the following Administrative Rules:

INDEX	ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE
GARH-R	Leaves and Absences
GARK-R	Vacations
GBRIG-R	Federal Family & Medical Leave Act
GBRL-R	Employee Dress Code
IFAA-R	Instructional Resources Selection & Acquisition
JC(1)-R	Non-Enrolling Parent
JGFC-R	Dismissal Precautions
JGFF-R	Automobile Use
JGJA-R	Suicide Prevention
KM-R	Visitors to School
LEC-R	Booster Organizations

BOARD BUSINESS

- Amendment to the Cobb Schools Foundation Bylaws (For Potential Action) – Mr. Chastain
 - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:31 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters following a 10-minute break. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2025, 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.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were fifteen (15) 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

- Fuller, Ryan, Director, Cobb Virtual Academy retirement effective August 1, 2025
- Sanders, Matthew, Senior Executive Director, Transportation retirement effective September 1, 2025
- Quick, Michael, employment as Senior Executive Director, Transportation, Operations Division from Chief Executive Officer, Endurance Environmental Solutions effective July 18, 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

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- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to vote on each policy recommendation separately. Motion carried 7-0
- **Board Policy AEA (School Calendar)**
 - A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to amend the policy as presented to keep the language 'approved by the Board' in Section A. Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted "Yea," and Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted "Nay." Motion failed 3-4.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to accept the policy recommendation as originally presented. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted "Yea," and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted "Nay." Motion carried 4-3.
- **Board Policy BC (Board Meetings)**
 - A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to amend the policy as presented to allow three Board members to place an item on the agenda instead of four in Section A. Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted "Yea," and Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted "Nay." Motion failed 3-4.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to amend the policy as presented to continue the inclusion of live broadcast of public comments of Board meetings in Section B. Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted "Yea," and Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted "Nay." Motion failed 3-4.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, to accept the policy recommendation as originally presented. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted "Yea," and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted "Nay." Motion carried 4-3.
- **Board Policy BCBI (Public Participation in Board Meetings)**
 - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to amend the policy in Section B to include additional language allowing a Cobb student under the age of 18 not accompanied by a parent/guardian to address the Board with a signed permission slip or have one on file. Ms. Davis,

Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay.” Motion failed 3-4.

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, to accept the policy recommendation as originally presented. Following discussion, Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion carried 4-3.

▪ **Form BCBI-1 (Rules of Attendee Conduct for Public Meetings)**

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to accept the recommendation as originally presented. Following discussion, Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion carried 4-3.

▪ **Board Policy BD (Policy Development)**

- A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to amend the policy to allow for three Board members to place an item on the agenda pertaining to Policy Development. Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea,” and Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay.” Motion failed 3-4.
- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, to accept the policy recommendation as originally presented. Following discussion, Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion carried 4-3.

▪ **Board Policy KA (Treatment of Consumers)**

- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to amend the policy as presented to replace the language ‘customer friendly’ approach with ‘respectful and friendly’ approach to align with the change from ‘consumers’ to ‘stakeholders.’ Motion carried 7-0.

▪ **Board Policy LEBA (Parental Involvement in Education)**

- A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the policy recommendation as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Adopt Resolution Establishing Millage

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, to accept the recommendation to establish the net 18.70 millage rate. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, and Wheeler and Ms. Sayler voted “Yea.” Ms. Davis voted ‘Present.’ Motion carried 6-0-1.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY