

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 1:30 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 1:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were eight (8) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, July 17, 2025, Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 17, 2025, 3rd Tax Digest Hearing

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.
 - First Day of School Video
 - January 2026 Board Meeting (For Potential Action)
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to reschedule the January 15, 2026, Board Meeting to January 22, 2026. Following discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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, August 21, 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, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Accept Grant Funding Awarded through the FY2026 Carl D. Perkins V Program Improvement Grant

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation to Revise a Portion of the Previously Submitted FY2024 State Capital Outlay Application

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Milford Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval of a Temporary Construction Easement and a Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement with Cobb County Water System at Big Shanty Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #2 (GMP #2) for the Career Academy #2

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Cheatham Hill Elementary School HVAC and Electrical Improvements

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Dodgen Middle School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for Vaughan Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Kennesaw Mountain High School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Construction of Site Improvements to 440 & 460 Glover Street

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM #12 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Veterans Memorial Transportation Facility

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – Authorization to Purchase Seven (7) Police Vehicles

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Board Member Appointments to the Cobb Schools Foundation – Mr. Chastain
 - Mr. Chastain appointed Brittney Gray
 - Ms. Sayler appointed Kevan Espy
 - Mr. Scamihorn appointed Joe Stockman
 - Mr. Hutchins appointed Nate Smith
- Board Member Appointments to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Hutchins
 - Mr. Hutchins appointed Brandeis Thompson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:07 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, student, 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, August 21, 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.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2024-2025 Statewide & National School Bus Safety Poster First Place, Division One Winner – Skylar Roque, Smyrna Elementary School
- 2025 The School of Beats Music Technology State Winner – Lucy Bellamy, Hightower Trail Middle School
- 2025 The School of Beats Music Technology State Administrator of The Year – Dr. Sara Womack, Applied Learning & Design, Academic Division
- 2024-2025 GADA Director's Cup Class 6A Overall Champions – Walton High School Athletics
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Boys Baseball State Champions – Walton High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Champions – Walton High School

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- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Girls Discus – Ayla Inan, Walton High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Girls 200-Meter Relay – Dominique Rose, Kiyah Boyd, Mina Lovelace, and Anais Fraser – McEachern High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Girls 400-Meter Relay – Kiyah Boyd, Mina Lovelace, Anais Fraser, and Anaya Fraser – McEachern High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Boys Soccer State Champions – Campbell High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Boys Pole Vault – Greyson Myers, Campbell High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Girls Pole Vault – Hendley Moody, Harrison High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Girls 100- & 300-Meter Hurdles – Jasmine Robinson, North Cobb High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 4A Boys Triple Jump – Justin Arogundade, Kell High School
- 2024-2025 GADA Director's Cup Class 5A Girls Champions – Pope High School Athletics
- National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's Quality Program Assessment/QPA at the Exemplary Level – Pope High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 5A Girls State Track & Field Champions – Pope High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 5A Girls 800-Meter Relay – Josie Hutchinson, Aislynn Dunn, Phoebe Throckmorton, and Ahna Hicks – Pope High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 5A Girls 3200-Meter Run – Josie Hutchinson, Pope High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 5A Girls 800-Meter Run – Aislynn Dunn, Pope High School
- 2024-2025 GHSA Class 5A Girls 100-Meter Hurdles – Lauren Woodall, Pope High School
- Elementary School Level Teacher of the Year – Caleb Garrett, Compton Elementary School
- Middle School Level Teacher of the Year – Lakeisha Grange, Betty Gray Middle School
- High School Level & District Teacher of the Year – Amanda Dillard, Pope High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were nine (9) 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

- Barney, Dr. Tiffany appointment to Executive Director, Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy from Director, Career Academy, Academics Division effective August 22, 2025
- Sandifer, April appointment to Director, Cobb Virtual Academy from Assistant Director, Cobb Virtual Academy effective August 22, 2025
- Thomas, Shea re-hire as .49 Director of Organization and Workforce Development, Human Resources Division, from retirement effective September 2, 2025
 - A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, 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

- SY26-Appeal #1
 - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, and unanimously approved by the Board to affirm in part and revise in part the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

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Land Matter

- A motion was made by Mr. Cristadoro, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the following real estate contract and related agreements and authorize the surplus and sale of the property at 2570 & 2618 Lower Roswell Road:
 - Agreement to sell certain real property and improvements at 2570 & 2618 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, to AOA Properties Holding, Inc., for \$4,275,000.00 and related agreements for the District to maintain control of the two telecommunications leases on the property after closing
 - 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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- Approval to Evergreen Construction (Atlanta, Georgia) in the amount of \$27,982,204.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Cheatham Hill Elementary School HVAC and Electrical Improvements

- Contract to Stratus Team, LLC (Marietta, Georgia) in the amount of \$214,194.05

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for the Dodgen Middle School Renovations

- Contract to LS3P Associates, Ltd. (Atlanta, Georgia) for design work for renovations to include HVAC improvements, front entry security improvements, annex building roof replacement, door & door hardware improvements, new quarry tile flooring, and fire alarm system replacement in the amount of \$562,834.45

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval of Architect Appointment for Vaughan Elementary School Renovations

- Contract to Cunningham, Forehand, Matthews & Moore Architects, Inc. (Atlanta, Georgia) for design work for renovations to include HVAC improvements, roof replacement, replace damaged water

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fountains, tile classrooms where carpeted, and correct storm water drainage issues in the amount of \$351,855.65

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- Contract to SSOE 1 Stevens and Wilkinson (Atlanta, Georgia) for design work for renovations to include HVAC improvements, replace exterior doors, new fire alarm, replace telescoping bleachers, renovate CTAE Construction Lab, and renovate restrooms in the amount of \$639,627.60

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #13 – Authorization to Purchase Seven (7) Police Vehicles from Hardy Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$386,044.00

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Construction of Site Improvements to 440 & 460 Glover Street

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and approved by the Board to award a contract to NPSG Built (Woodstock, Georgia) in the amount of \$1,971,538.00. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion passed 5-2.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #12 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Veterans Memorial Transportation Facility

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, and approved by the Board to award a contract to Place Services, Inc., (Canton, Georgia) in the amount of \$4,589,000.00. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis, Mr. Hutchins, and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion passed 4-3.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY