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# **BOARD MEETING**

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

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## **BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 3:00 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 3:01 p.m.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were four (4) public commenters.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

• Thursday, August 21, 2025, Board Meeting

# **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, September 18, 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, September 18, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2027 Georgia State Capital Outlay Project Application

• Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 18, 2025, Board Meeting.

#### PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation to Amend the Lease Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications, LLC at the Former Eastvalley Elementary School

• Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 18, 2025, Board Meeting.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS

Without objection, the Board approved the modifications as presented to the following administrative rule:

INDEX	ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE
IFD-R	Animals in Schools

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Local Board Governance Training Plan (For Potential Action) Mr. Chastain
  - Without objection, the Board approved the FY26 Board Governance Training Plan as presented. The plan provides that the Board receive their required six (6) hours of individual training through either GSBA Workshops, Online School Board U, or through Board Counsel. The Board will also obtain their required three (3) hours of Whole Board Governance Training provided by Board Counsel at a date to be determined.
- Board Member Appointments to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Mr. Hutchins
  - o Mr. Hutchins tabled this item until next month
- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report Ms. Davis
  - o Ms. Davis shared with the Board that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, and reviewed and affirmed 27 previously approved Board Agenda Items.

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

# **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Sayler, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:29 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, September 18, 2025, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys. Mr. Hutchins was not present for the meeting.

#### **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 RECOGITIONS**

• 2025 Georgia Nurse Association Administrator of The Year – Melanie Bales, Assistant Director, School Nurse Administrator, Student Support Department

#### PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

• 2025 National Procurement Institute Achievement of Excellence in Procurement – Procurement Services, Business Services Department

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

• There were eight (8) 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. There were no personnel position recommendations.

o A motion was made by Mr. Cristadoro, 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 6-0. Mr. Hutchins was not present for the vote.

# **Student Matter**

- SY26-Appeal #2
  - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Hutchins was not present for the vote.
- SY26-Appeal #3
  - A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Hutchins was not present for the vote.

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

#### **ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

CHAIRMAN	<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</b>