

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 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 four (4) public commenters.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COBB COUNTY

The Development Authority of Cobb County presented the Home Depot “Return to Work” project to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, September 18, 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.
- General Fund Proforma Financial Report Ending June 30, 2025
 - Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker shared the General Fund Proforma Financial Report ending June 30, 2025, with the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the report.
- Student Outcomes
 - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta provided an update to the Board on how well the students in the Cobb County School District performed on the SAT and ACT compared to five metro Atlanta school districts which are similar in size, demographics, and/or geography, as well as an overview of how the District’s scores compared to the State’s on the Georgia Milestones by subject area. Mr. Floresta also shared information on the complete picture of Cobb’s 4-year graduation rates.

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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, October 16, 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, October 16, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of the Georgia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grant Award

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, October 16, 2025, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Underground Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company at Sprayberry High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, October 16, 2025, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Board Member Appointments to the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee – Mr. Hutchins
 - Mr. Hutchins appointed Ms. Semeka Samuels to the F&T Committee

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. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:57 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

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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

- 2025-2026 Classified Employee of the Year, Elementary School Level – Ashley Talton, Compton Elementary School
- 2025-2026 Classified Employee of the Year, Middle School Level – Shawn Hall, Awtrey Middle School

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- 2025-2026 Classified Employee of the Year, High School Level – Adonica Bailey, Cobb Horizon High School
- National School Bus Safety Week – October 20-24, 2025
- Cobb County School District Bus Driver Appreciation Week – October 20-24, 2025
- Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week – October 6-10, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were seven (7) 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 Recommendation

- Swinney, Dr. Barbara, Principal, City View Elementary School, retirement effective January 1, 2026
 - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of the Georgia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grant Award at Austell Elementary School

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Underground Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company at Sprayberry High School

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

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY