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**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 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 two (2) public commenters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, October 16, 2025, Board Meeting

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, read a statement regarding recent community concerns and the role, responsibilities, and authority of the Board.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Monthly and Quarterly Board Financial Status Updates
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker presented the monthly and quarterly school district financial status updates to the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the reports.
- School Safety (For Potential Action)
  - The Superintendent requested board approval to utilize up to \$2 Million of fund balance to purchase 8 additional Vapor Wake Dogs and necessary equipment to provide each high school with one officer handler and K9 per school.
    - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.
    - Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Ms. Davis to table the Superintendent's request. Ms. Davis and Ms. Sayler voted "Yea," Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted "Nay," and Mr. Hutchins voted "Present." Motion to table failed 2-4-1.
    - Following additional discussion, Mr. Hutchins called for the vote on the original motion. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler and Ms. Davis voted "Yea," and Ms. Sayler voted "Nay." Original motion passed 6-1.

## ***PENDING BOARD APPROVAL***

### **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, November 13, 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, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company for Power to the New Marquee Sign at Fair Oaks Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Various Schools

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation to Phase-Out Existing Building 2020 at Kincaid Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation to Phase-Out Existing Building 2020 at Murdock Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Construction of Addison Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Baker Elementary School Roof Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #8** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Construction of Keheley Elementary School Roof Replacement and Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #9** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Palmer Middle School Roof Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

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### **AGENDA ITEM #10** – Authorization to Purchase Six (6) Replacement Vehicles and Four (4) Service Trucks

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM #11** – Authorization to Purchase Thirty (30) School Buses

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM #12** – Recommendation for Approval of the 2026 Legislative Priorities

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATION**

Following discussion, and without objection, the Board approved the modifications to the following administrative rule as presented.

| <b>INDEX</b> | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| IBB-R        | Charter Schools                  |

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Ms. Davis
  - Ms. Davis shared with the Board that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Having no Board Agenda Items to review, the meeting concluded.

## **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 Mr. Cristadoro, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:29 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, personnel and student matters. Motion carried 7-0.

## **VOTING SESSION**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 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**

- National Technology Student Association Winner – Computer Aided Design – Charles Aquino, Durham Middle School
- Cobb STEAM Certification – South Cobb Early Learning Center
- Cobb STEAM Certification – Ford Elementary School

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- Cobb STEM Certification – Betty Gray Middle School
- Cognia STEM Certification – Walton High School
- USDA Turnip the Beet – Quality Summer Meals Award – Birney Elementary School, Sandra Arreola; King Springs Elementary School, Melissa Turner; Mt. Bethel Elementary School, Veronica Stephens; Cooper Middle School, Dannett Bourgolly; Wheeler High School, Lynette Moore – Food and Nutrition Services
- Georgia Farm to School Award – Executive Director Emily Hanlin and District Chef Rian McDonald – Food and Nutrition Services

## **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 Recommendation**

- Appleyard, Jessica, Principal, Pitner Elementary School, retirement effective January 1, 2026

### **Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal Level**

#### **Middle School**

- Weldon, Teia, Assistant Principal, Barber Middle School retirement effective January 1, 2026

#### **High School**

- Hadley, Tina appointment to Assistant Principal, McEachern High School from Teacher, Pebblebrook High School effective November 14, 2025
  - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Student Matters**

- SY26-Appeal #4
  - A motion was made by Mr. Hutchins, 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 7-0.
- SY26-Appeal #5
  - 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 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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**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Construction of Addison Elementary School Renovations to Graphite Construction (Cartersville, GA) in the amount of \$1,344,970.00 for new flooring throughout the facility with the exception of the kitchen and gymnasium, interior and exterior painting, restroom modernization, new classroom windows, and new secure entry vestibule in the amount of \$1,344,970.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Baker Elementary School Roof Replacement to Owens Roofing, Inc. (Smithfield, NC) in the amount of \$2,442,130.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Construction of Keheley Elementary School Roof Replacement and Renovations to Ward Humphrey, Inc. (Marietta, GA) for roof replacement, window replacement, door replacement, interior and exterior painting, restroom modernizations, and new bus canopy in the amount of \$2,986,148.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Palmer Middle School Roof Replacement to Bon Building Services, Inc. (Conyers, GA) in the amount of \$4,060,000.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #10** – Authorization to Purchase Six (6) Replacement Vehicles and Four (4) Service Trucks from Wade Ford in the amount of \$455,536.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #11** – Authorization to Purchase Thirty (30) School Buses from Yancey Bus and Service in the amount of \$4,965,720.00

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

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #12** – Recommendation for Approval of the 2026 Legislative Priorities

- A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn to accept the 2026 Legislative Priorities as presented
- Following discussion, Ms. Sayler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to amend the original motion to include the addition of the following three priorities:
  1. Funding for school counselors to allow for a ratio of 1 counselor for 250 students
  2. Funding for school meal programs

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3. Appropriate all necessary funding for the legal obligations to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Elementary/Secondary Education Act
- Following discussion, the motion to amend the original motion to include the additional priorities passed 7-0
- Following additional discussion, the amended motion passed 7-0

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**