

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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**BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026**

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scamihorn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were (2) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, February 12, 2026, 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, March 19, 2026, 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, March 19, 2026, 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 Belmont Hills Elementary School

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- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Pope High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Big Shanty Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Dowell Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Ford Elementary School Flooring Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Hillgrove High School Flooring Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Lindley Middle School Flooring Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for McEachern High School Tennis Court Resurfacing Project

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Simpson Middle School Renovations Project

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 (GMP#1) for the McEachern High School Grandstand Demolition

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

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BOARD BUSINESS

- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Cristadoro
 - Mr. Cristadoro shared that the committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, and elected the following officers:
 - Mr. Marlon Longacre will serve as Chair
 - Mr. Jay Cunningham will serve as Vice Chair
 - Mr. Shane Spink will serve as Secretary
 - The committee reviewed and affirmed 18 previously Board approved 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 Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board at 2:44 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, student, and personnel matters. Motion carried 7-0.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Saylor, 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. Scamihorn, Board Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- Cobb County School District Arts Integration Certification – Tritt Elementary School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – Girls Overall State Champions – Lassiter High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – Boys Overall State Champions – Lassiter High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – 50 Yard Freestyle Boys State Champion – Gavin Halusic, Lassiter High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – 200 Yard Freestyle Relay Boys State Champions – Ethan Jones, Nick Nurnberg, Lincoln Holder, and Gavin Halusic, Lassiter High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Boys State Champions – Gavin Halusic, Alex O'Brien, Ethan Jones, and Raef Jollands, Lassiter High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – 100 Yard Breaststroke Girls State Champion – Ashlyn Loftin, Lassiter High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – 100 Yard Butterfly Boys State Champion – Isaiah Tucker, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Swim & Dive – 100 Yard Backstroke Boys State Champion – Isaiah Tucker, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive – 200 Yard Medley Relay Girls State Champions – Haley Huffstetler, Evelyn Jezerinac, Regan Burton, and Anjoli Mohanty, Harrison High School

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- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Girls State Champions – Isabella Parrenas, Evelyn Jezerinac, Anjoli Mohanty, and Regan Burton, Harrison High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 6A Swim & Dive – 100 Yard Breaststroke Girls State Champion – Caroline Hughes, Wheeler High School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District School Social Worker of the Year – Bethany Miller, Austell Elementary School, Garrett Middle School, and Cobb Online Learning Academy
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District Elementary School Music Teacher of the Year – Nikki Peters, Powder Springs Elementary School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District Middle School Chorus Teacher of the Year and GMEA District XII Music Educator of the Year – Jay Champion, Lost Mountain Middle School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District High School Chorus Teacher of the Year – Emily Cannon, Allatoona High School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District High School Theatre Teacher of the Year – Traci Woody-Kemp, Allatoona High School
- 2025 – 2026 Georgia Chapter of the American String Teacher Association Teacher of the Year – Ashley Culley, Dodgen Middle School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District Elementary School Visual Arts Specialist of the Year – Michelle Yoo, Keheley Elementary School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District Middle School Visual Arts Specialist of the Year – Tracey MacJack, Barber Middle School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District High School Visual Arts Specialist of the Year – Karrie Arana, North Cobb High School
- 2025 – 2026 Georgia Art Education Association Youth Art Month Art Educator of the Year – Dr. Kathleen Petka, Walton High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were six (6) 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

- Spiva, Jill, Principal, Addison Elementary School resignation effective June 30, 2026

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Elementary School

- McKinney, Dr. Reisha, Assistant Principal, Clay Harmony Leland Elementary School retirement effective July 1, 2026
- Muller, Kristen, Assistant Principal, Smyrna Elementary School resignation effective June 8, 2026

High School

- DeFreezer, Bryan, Assistant Principal, Hillgrove High School retirement effective June 1, 2026
 - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, 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.

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Student Matters

- SY26-Appeal #10
 - A motion was made by Mr. Cristadoro, 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.
- SY26-Appeal #11
 - A motion was made by Mr. Cristadoro, seconded by Ms. Sayler, 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 #12
 - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, 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

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

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ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 - Recommendation for the Approval of Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Project Closeout for Pope High School

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Swinerton Builders (Atlanta, GA) for Big Shanty Elementary School Renovations to include door and window replacement, HVAC improvements, water piping replacement as needed, restroom renovations, concrete paving improvements, and replace entry and bus canopies in the amount of \$7,582,814.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Meja Construction, Inc. (Peachtree City, GA) for Dowell Elementary School Renovations to include flooring replacement, foundation repairs, select window replacement, and restroom renovations in the amount of \$1,659,600.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to DCO, Inc. (Athens, GA) for Ford Elementary School Flooring Replacement in the amount of \$429,212.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to DCO, Inc. (Athens, GA) for Hillgrove High School Flooring Replacement in the amount of \$353,347.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to DCO, Inc. (Athens, GA) for Lindley Middle School Flooring Replacement in the amount of \$692,127.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for McEachern High School Tennis Court Resurfacing Project to Nix-Fowler Constructors, Inc. (Villa, Rica, GA) in the amount of \$859,999.00

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ACTION AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Mid Atlantic Construction, LLC (Norcross, GA) for Simpson Middle School Renovations Project to include removal and replacement of theater seating and flooring, P.E. lockers replacement, carpet replacement, interior and exterior painting, and replacement of room signage in the amount of \$960,522.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recommendation for Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 (GMP#1) for the McEachern High School Grandstand Demolition to Parrish Construction Group (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$4,566,437.00

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

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY