

***PENDING BOARD APPROVAL***

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**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 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 three (3) public commenters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, March 19, 2026, Board Retreat
- Thursday, March 19, 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, April 23, 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, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation to Amend the Lease Agreements with Crown Castle Towers LLC, for Cell Towers at Harrison High School, McEachern High School, and South Cobb High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Osborne High School Grandstand Refurbishment

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Authorization to Purchase Seven (7) Cobb County School District Police Department Vehicles

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval of Loan for Band Uniforms for Sprayberry High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Modification of the FY2026 Budget for Funding Associated with the \$2,000 Bonus for All Non-Temporary Employees

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Tentative Approval of the FY2027 Budget and Approval of the Estimated Rollback Millage Rate

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting.

## **MODIFICATION OF EXISTING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE**

- Garrett Middle School/Lindley Middle School
  - Following discussion, and without objection, the Board approved modifications to the existing school attendance zone for Garrett Middle School and Lindley Middle School effective Fall 2026.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Georgia School Boards Association Summer Delegate for 2026
  - Mr. Hutchins agreed to represent the Board during the 2026 GSBA Summer Delegate Assembly Conference in Savannah, Georgia

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

## **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Saylor, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:43 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters following a ten-minute break. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Scamihorn announced the Board would reconvene at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget Public Forum Meeting.

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### **BUDGET PUBLIC FORUM MEETING RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Without objection, the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. for the Budget Public Forum Meeting. All Board Members were present for the meeting.

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. David Baker, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the FY2027 Budget. Mr. Baker stated the purpose of the budget public forum was to invite citizens to give input to the Board and comment on the FY27 Budget.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was one (1) public commenter.

### **RECESS**

Without objection, the Budget Public Forum meeting recessed at 6:37 p.m.

### **VOTING SESSION**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 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**

- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Boys Class 6A State Basketball Champions – Wheeler High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Traditional State Wrestling 6A Champion – Demetrius Heywood, Hillgrove High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Traditional State Wrestling 6A Champion – Ronan An, North Cobb High School
- 2025 – 2026 Health Occupations Students of America Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference – First Place Competition Clinical Laboratory Science – Selah Garrett, Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy
- 2025 – 2026 Health Occupations Students of America – Emergency Preparedness State Leadership Conference – First Place Competition Emergency Medical Technician – Jesufemi Ajiboye & Neveah Harris, Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy
- 2025 – 2026 Skills USA State Leadership Conference State Gold Award Winner for Career Path Showcase Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration – Ariela Vega, Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy
- 2025 – 2026 Skills USA State Leadership Conference State Gold Award Winner for Career Path Showcase Automotive Service Technology – Nick Briere, Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy
- 2025 – 2026 Skills USA State Leadership Conference State Gold Award Winner for Career Path Showcase, Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair – Evelyn (Aaron) Dowell, Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy
- Acknowledgment of Special Guests: 2025-2026 Aspiring Leaders Academy

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### **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.

#### **Section I - Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendations**

- Hill, Sherri, Chief of Staff, retirement effective July 1, 2026
- Kiger, Shannon, Principal, Palmer Middle School retirement effective June 1, 2026
- Lewis, Dr. LaCretia, appointment to Principal, City View Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Hendricks Elementary School effective June 1, 2026
- Mallanda, Dr. Catherine, Chief Academic Officer, retirement effective July 1, 2026
- McGill, Dr. Shannon, Principal, Timber Ridge Elementary School retirement effective July 1, 2026
- Moll, Dr. Christina, appointment to Principal, Addison Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Milford Elementary School effective June 1, 2026
- Rabil, Lauren, appointment to Principal, Kincaid Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Keheley Elementary School effective July 1, 2026
- Stafford, John, Senior Executive Director, Events and Venue Management retirement effective July 1, 2026
- Wissing, Mandy, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, resignation effective May 22, 2026

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

##### **Elementary School**

- Allison-Ruiz, Dawn, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Milford Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Norton Park Elementary School effective July 9, 2026
- Miller, Dr. Maxine, reassignment to Assistant Principal, Hendricks Elementary School from Assistant Principal, City View Elementary School effective July 9, 2026

##### **Middle School**

- Auld, James, reassignment to Assistant Principal, East Cobb Middle School from Assistant Principal, North Cobb High School effective July 9, 2026
- Figueroa, Robert, Assistant Principal, Garrett Middle School resignation effective June 8, 2026

- A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Chastain, 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**

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

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Tentative Approval of the FY2027 Budget and Approval of the Estimated Rollback Millage Rate

- Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to tentatively approve the FY27 Budget and approve the Estimated Rollback Millage Rate as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**