

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 3:00 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 3:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was (1) public commenter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, April 23, 2026, Board Meeting

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 both reports.

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, May 14, 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, May 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Water Meter Easement to the City of Smyrna for the Campbell High School Field House Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Murdock Elementary School Annex Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Stormwater Improvements as Mandated by the Cobb County Stormwater Department for the McEachern High School Project

- Following discussion and without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval of the Learning Resources Acquisitions for 9-12 AP World History and Astronomy

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2027 Budget

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, May 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS

INDEX	ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE
JCDA-R	Student Code of Conduct

- Following discussion, the Board suggested a possible modification to the administrative rule presented. The suggestion will be reviewed and, if appropriate, will be presented to the Board at a later date.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Cristadoro, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:08 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 second Budget Public Forum Meeting.

BUDGET PUBLIC FORUM MEETING

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Without objection, the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. for the Budget Public Forum Meeting. All Board Members were present for the meeting.

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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 6:36 p.m.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, 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. Scamihorn, Board Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Traditional State Wrestling 6A Champion – 144-pound weight class – Nathaniel Park, Walton High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Traditional State Wrestling 6A Champion – 165-pound weight class – Jake Rheume, Walton High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Literary State Solo Dramatic Champion – Isaiah White, Pope High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Literary State Quartet Champions – James Lake, Leo Shilling, Isaac Brittan, and Brody Byington, Pope High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 5A Literary State Trio Champions – Mia Climer, Stacy Maina, and Camryn Sperow, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2025 – 2026 GHSA Class 6A Literary State Trio Champions – Meghan Franklin, Emmaline Krogh, and Camilla Craig, Harrison High School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District Library Media Specialist of the Year – Sandra Davis, Smitha Middle School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District ESOL Teacher of the Year – Quenby Lopez, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2025 – 2026 Cobb County School District School Nurse of the Year – Samantha Stephens, Mabry Middle School
- National Federation of State High School Association – Citation Award for the State of Georgia Winner – Don Baker, Athletics, Chief of Staff Office

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was one (1) public commenter.

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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

- Childress, Amanda appointment to Principal, Palmer Middle School from Assistant Principal, Simpson Middle School effective July 1, 2026
- Lankford, Dr. Kristi appointment to Principal, Timber Ridge Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Pearson Middle School effective July 1, 2026
- Thomas, Dr. Marilyn appointment to Principal, Russell Elementary School from Director, South Cobb Early Learning Center effective July 1, 2026

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Elementary School

- Ford, Ashley reassignment to Assistant Principal, Brumby Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Mt. Bethel Elementary School effective July 9, 2026
- Odom, Dr. Lynn reassignment to Assistant Principal, Clay Harmony Leland Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Fair Oaks Elementary School effective July 9, 2026
- Schularick, Erin reassignment to Assistant Principal, Smyrna Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Birney Elementary School effective July 9, 2026
- Walcott, Helen reassignment to Assistant Principal, Keheley Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Sanders Elementary School effective July 9, 2026

Middle School

- Bosarge, Jacquelyne reassignment to Assistant Principal, Lovinggood Middle School from Assistant Principal, Pearson Middle School effective July 9, 2026
- Bouknight, Dr. Jacinta reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pearson Middle School from Assistant Principal, Campbell High School effective July 9, 2026
- Smalley, Janie reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pearson Middle School from Assistant Principal, Dickerson Middle School effective July 9, 2026
- Waltz, Dr. Nicholas reassignment to Assistant Principal, Palmer Middle School from Assistant Principal, Daniell Middle School effective July 9, 2026

High School

- Ealy, Dr. Marion reassignment to Assistant Principal, Kell High School from Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School effective July 9, 2026
- Matthews, Joshua, Assistant Principal, Pope High School resignation effective June 9, 2026
- Strong, James reassignment to Assistant Principal, Campbell High School from Assistant Principal, Betty Gray Middle School effective July 9, 2026
- Taylor, Charrod reassignment to Assistant Principal, Pebblebrook High School from Assistant Principal, Kell High School effective July 9, 2026

Approved the Superintendent's Cabinet Contracts effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as follows:

- Dr. Lexie Bostick, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division
- Brenda Carter, Assistant Superintendent Teaching and Learning, Support & Specialized Services, Academic Division
- Dr. Bruce Fraser, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division

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- Adam Hill, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division
- Dr. Ehsan Kattoula, Assistant Superintendent Accountability, Research & Grants, Strategy and Accountability Division
- Dr. Liss Maynard, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division
- Kelly Metcalfe, Assistant Superintendent Teaching and Learning, Academic Division
- Josh Morreale, Assistant Superintendent School Safety Operations, Technology and Operations Division
- Dr. Bertha Nelson, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division
- Dean Yoder, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division
- Ed Wagner, Level Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership Division
- Gretchen Walton, Assistant Superintendent Compliance and Legislative Affairs, Chief of Staff Division

Approved the Superintendent's Executive Cabinet Contracts effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as follows:

- David Baker, Chief Financial Officer
 - Keeli Bowen, Chief Human Resources Officer
 - Dr. Kevin Carpenter, Chief Academic Officer
 - John Floresta, Chief Strategy and Accountability Officer
 - Dr. Jasmine Kullar, Chief School Leadership Officer
 - Matt Moody, Chief of Staff
 - Marc Smith, Chief Technology and Operations Officer
- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, 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 announced that modifications to Administrative Rule JCDA-R (Student Code of Conduct) discussed during the Working Session have been implemented. Without objection, the Board approved the modifications to Administrative Rule JCDA-R as discussed and modified.

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

At the Board Chair's request, and without objection, the Board removed Board Agenda Item #6 from the Consent Agenda and placed it on the Discussion 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 a Permanent Water Meter Easement to the City of Smyrna for the Campbell High School Field House Replacement

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Murdock Elementary School Annex Replacement to Smithbuilt Construction Group (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$11,297,000.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Stormwater Improvements as Mandated by the Cobb County Stormwater Department for the McEachern High School Project to Parrish Construction (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$3,281,883.00

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ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval of the Learning Resources Acquisitions for 9-12 AP World History and Astronomy

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Adoption of the FY2027 Budget

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board approve the FY27 Budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY