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**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAX DIGEST
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a Tax Digest Public Hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox, Board Attorney. Ms. Davis was not present for the public hearing.

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Scamihorn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TAX DIGEST PRESENTATION

Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker shared the Tax Digest Presentation with the Board.

It is important to note that a separate entity (Cobb County Tax Assessor) assesses property values annually in Cobb County. If the Tax Assessor lowers the value of a Cobb Citizen's home, the district's millage rate will be applied to the lower value and that property owner will pay less property tax. If the Tax Assessor increases the value of a Cobb Citizen's home, the district's millage rate will be applied to the higher property value and that property owner will pay more property tax.

Mr. Baker shared that this is the second tax digest hearing and is based upon the balanced FY2027 Budget that was approved by the Board on May 14, 2026, with the continuance of the same millage rate as the previous year of 18.7 Mills.

Georgia Law currently contains a provision which was originally called the Georgia Taxpayers Bill of Rights, which states that in a year when the property value digest increases, school districts must hold three public hearings for citizen input due to the fact that even if the district's millage rate remains the same, the school district will receive additional property tax revenue because of the increased property values assessed by the Cobb County Tax Assessor.

The district is scheduled to conduct three (3) public hearings on this matter. The public hearing schedule is as follows:

- Hearing #1 – Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.
- Hearing #2 – Thursday July 9, 2026, at 6:05 p.m.
- Hearing #3 – Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

The district is scheduled to establish the General Fund Millage Rate on Thursday, July 23, 2026, during the 7:00 p.m. Voting Session of the Board Meeting.

TAX DIGEST PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one (1) public commenter. Without objection, the Board agreed to close the Tax Digest Public Hearing.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, at 6:09 p.m. to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 6-0, with Ms. Davis being absent for the vote.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Without objection, the Board reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel

Section I - Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendation

- Sanford, Samuel appointment to Director, Policy and Planning from Assistant Principal, Allatoona High School effective July 10, 2026

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Elementary School

- Moore, Dr. Christopher appointment to Assistant Principal, Nickajack Elementary School from Professional Learning Coordinator, Instruction and Innovative Practice effective July 10, 2026

High School

- Davis, Kayla appointment to Assistant Principal, South Cobb High School from Academic Coach, Garrett Middle School effective July 10, 2026
- Hicks, Dr. Michaela appointment to Assistant Principal, Sprayberry High School from Teacher, Allatoona High School effective July 10, 2026
- Love, Bryan appointment to Assistant Principal, Pope High School from Teacher, Wheeler High School effective July 10, 2026
- Paetzhold, Andrew appointment to Assistant Principal, Harrison High School from Teacher, Harrison High School effective July 10, 2026

- A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approve the personnel items as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0, with Ms. Davis being absent for the vote.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the hearing adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY