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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Dr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, and 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 were seven (7) public commenters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, July 23, 2026, Board Meeting
- Thursday, July 23, 2026, Third Tax Digest Hearing

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- First Day of School Video
 - Mr. Ragsdale shared a video highlighting the first day of school across the district.
- 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.
- Annual Demographics Study Update
 - Mr. James Wilson of Education Planners, LLC., shared the Annual Enrollment Study Report with 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, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting:

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for the Adult Education Center-Hawthorne Facility Asphalt Paving

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Green Acres Elementary School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting.

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

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Accept Grant Funding Awarded through the FY2027 Carl D. Perkins V Program Improvement Grant

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Sayler 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.

VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Dr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, and 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 lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2025-2026 Georgia & National School Bus Safety Poster Winner, Division 1 – Alexa Camila Gonzalez, Varner Elementary
- 2025-2026 Georgia & National School Bus Safety Poster Winner, Division 2 – Lauren Roque, Smyrna Elementary School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 4A Boys Baseball Team State Champions – Kell High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 5A Girls Track Overall State Champions – Pope High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 5A Girls 800-Meter Run State Champion – Aislynn Dunn, Pope High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 5A Girls 4x800-Meter Run State Champions – Josie Hutchinson, Aislynn Dunn, Simi Lawani, Phoebe Throckmorton, Pope High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Girls Tennis Team State Champions – Walton High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Girls Discus State Champion – Ayla Inan, Walton High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 5A Girls Pole Vault State Champion – Ava Okeke, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Girls 100- & 200-Meter Dash State Champion – Mina Lovelace, McEachern High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Girls High Jump State Champion – Zoe Oye, North Cobb High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Boys 800-Meter Run State Champion – Riley Comstock, Harrison High School
- 2025-2026 SkillsUSA Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration National Champion – Ariela Vega, CITA at Osborne High School
- 2025-2026 Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education Administrator of the Year – Dr. Tiffany Barney, Cobb Innovation & Technology Academy
- 40 Years of Service – Rodney Echols, Custodian, Hayes Elementary School
- 40 Years of Service – Andy Kilgore, Maintenance Supervisor
- High School Level Teacher of the Year – Lisa Peacock, Osborne High School
- Middle School Level Teacher of the Year – Ebony Collier, Tapp Middle School
- Elementary School Level & District Teacher of the Year – Kylie Hardy, Mableton Elementary School
- Special Acknowledgment by The American Heart Association – Recognizing the Board, Superintendent, and the entire CCSD community for raising over \$1M to fund heart health, research, and education

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were eleven (11) 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

- Polston, Shelly appointment to Deputy Chief Financial Officer from Assistant Director, Accounting effective August 21, 2026
- Stanfill, Meagan appointment to Director, Digital Transformation from Supervisor, Digital Transformation effective August 21, 2026

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Middle School

- Auld, James, Assistant Principal, East Cobb Middle School, resignation effective July 21, 2026

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

- Davis-Ma, Dr. Keisa appointment to Assistant Principal, East Cobb Middle School from Academic Coach, East Cobb Middle School effective August 21, 2026

High School

- Maghribi, Dana appointment to Assistant Principal, Kell High School from Teacher, Wheeler High School effective September 1, 2026
- Stennis, Nichole, Assistant Principal, South Cobb High School, retirement effective December 1, 2026
 - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, 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

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for the Adult Education Center- Hawthorne Facility Asphalt Paving to Nix-Fowler Constructors, Inc. (Villa Rica, GA) in the amount of \$865,078.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Green Acres Elementary School Renovations to Bowen & Watson, Inc. (Toccoa, GA) in the amount of \$6,300,000.00. Scope of project to include a new entry vestibule, HVAC replacement, elevator modernization, window replacement, carpet replacement, and new gym flooring

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Vaughan Elementary School Renovations to MEJA Construction (Peachtree City, GA) in the amount of \$8,421,000.00. Scope of project to include roof replacement, flooring, walk-in cooler and freezer replacement, and HVAC improvements

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Accept Grant Funding Awarded through the FY2027 Carl D. Perkins V Program Improvement Grant in the amount of \$802,132.00

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

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY