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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Dr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, and Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys. Mr. Chastain attended remotely.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scamihorn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one (1) public commenter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, August 20, 2026, Board Meeting

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COBB COUNTY

The Development Authority presented JE Dunns's project Locust to the Board.

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.
- The Superintendent shared a video commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9/11
- School Safety (For Potential Action)
 - The Superintendent asked the Board to approve a request to use up to \$1.2 million out of Fund Balance to purchase 5 additional Vapor Wake K-9s and hire 5 additional handlers to be used in the District's middle schools.
 - Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sayler to postpone the vote until the September 17, 2026, Voting Session.

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

- Following additional discussion, Mr. Scamihorn called for a vote on the motion to delay. Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, and Dr. Hutchins voted “Yea,” and Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, and Wheeler voted “Nay.” Motion failed 4-3.
- A motion was made by Mr. Cristadoro, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, to approve the Superintendent’s request to authorize up to \$1.2 million of Fund Balance to purchase 5 additional Vapor Wake K-9s and hire 5 additional handlers for use in the District’s middle schools. Mr. Scamihorn called for the vote. Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, and Dr. Hutchins voted “Yea,” and Ms. Davis and Ms. Sayler voted “Nay.” Motion passed 5-2.

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, September 17, 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, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Warehouse Parking Lot Improvement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Cheatham Hill Elementary School HVAC and Electrical

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Frey Elementary School Restroom Renovation

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Riverside Elementary School Restroom Renovation

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Campbell High School Grandstand Refurbishment

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Mountain High School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Pebblebrook High School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2028 Georgia State Capital Outlay Project Application

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, September 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Local Board Governance Training Plan (For Potential Action) – Mr. Scamihorn
 - Without objection, the Board approved the FY27 Board Governance Training Plan as presented. The plan provides that the Board receive their required six (6) hours of individual training through either GSBA Workshops, Online School Board U, or through Board Counsel. The Board will also obtain their required three (3) hours of Whole Board Governance Training provided by Board Counsel at a date to be determined.
- Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee Report – Mr. Cristadoro
 - Mr. Cristadoro shared with the Board that the F&T Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, and reviewed and affirmed 8 previously approved Board Agenda Items.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, and unanimously approved by the Board at 3:59 p.m. to convene into Executive Session to discuss land, legal, student, 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, September 17, 2026, with the following members present: Messrs. Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Dr. Hutchins, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, and Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys. Mr. Chastain was not present for the meeting.

RECONVENE

Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Scamihorn lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- 2026 School of Beat State Music Technology Competition Multimedia Film Scoring Winner – Lauryn Willie, South Cobb High School
- 2026 School of Beat State Music Technology Competition Vocal Performance Winner – Julia Wasserman, Campbell High School
- 2026 School of Beat State Music Technology Competition World Cup Theme Winner – Owen Denozieri, Campbell High School

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were seven (7) 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

- Angelle, Dr. Felicia, Principal, Keheley Elementary School retirement effective October 1, 2026

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Elementary School

- Henry, Dr. Sonya, appointment to Assistant Principal, Green Acres Elementary School from Assessment Consultant, Assessment and Personalized Learning effective September 18, 2026
 - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Chastain was not present for the vote.

Land Matters

A motion was made by Dr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approve the following real estate contract and authorize the purchase of the property, subject to satisfactory due diligence and other conditions of the contract.

- Agreement to purchase approximately 2.95 acres of land on Factory Shoals Road, Mableton, Cobb County, Georgia, being identified as Tax Parcel 18038500450, for \$266,000.00 plus ancillary costs including inspection fees and closing costs.
- Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Chastain was not present for the vote

Student Matters

- SY27-Appeal #1
 - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Cristadoro, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. 6-0. Mr. Chastain was not present for the vote.
- SY27-Appeal #2
 - 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. 6-0. Mr. Chastain was not present for the vote.
- SY27-Appeal #3
 - A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Dr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Chastain was not present for the vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District including the decision to remove *The Bluest Eye* from Cobb School's Media Centers due to sexually explicit material not suitable for children.

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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 to Place Services, Inc (Woodstock GA) in the amount of \$1,189,000.00 for Kennesaw Warehouse Parking Lot Improvement

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Bowen & Watson, Inc. (Toccoa, GA) in the amount of \$8,514,000.00 for Cheatham Hill Elementary School HVAC and Electrical

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Ward Humphreys, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$291,000.00 for Frey Elementary School Restroom Renovation

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Nix-Fowler Constructors, Inc. (Villa Rica, GA) in the amount of \$247,731.00 for Riverside Elementary School Restroom Renovation

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Diversified Construction of Georgia, Inc. (Tucker GA) in the amount of \$1,368,012.00 for Campbell High School Grandstand Refurbishment

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to MAPP, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$24,795,000.00 for Kennesaw Mountain High School Renovations to include HVAC replacement, restroom renovations, a new CTAE construction lab, new bleachers in gym, a new fire alarm system, and replacement of storefront doors and windows including a new front entry security vestibule

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$9,057,400.00 for Pebblebrook High School Renovations to include HVAC replacement, window and door replacement, security vestibule, facade improvements, carpet replacement, and roofing replacement

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for the Approval of a Board Resolution Certifying the FY2028 Georgia State Capital Outlay Project Application

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

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY