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BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
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BOARD MEETING

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Dr. Hutchins, Ms. Sayler, and Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys. Ms. Davis was not present.

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 was one (1) public commenter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, September 17, 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.
- General Fund Proforma Financial Report Ending June 30, 2026
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker shared the General Fund Proforma Financial Report ending June 30, 2026, with the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the report.
- Georgia's BEST Update
  - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta and Dr. Mike Dishman, Dean of the College of Education at the University of West Georgia, shared a detailed update with the Board regarding the continued success of the Georgia's BEST (Building Educator Success Together) partnership between the Cobb County School District and the University of West Georgia that began three years ago.
- Student Outcomes
  - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta provided an update to the Board on how well the students in the Cobb County School District performed on the SAT and ACT compared to five metro

Atlanta school districts which are similar in size, demographics, and/or geography, as well as an overview of how the District's scores compared to the State's on the Georgia Milestones by subject area. Mr. Floresta also shared information on the complete picture of Cobb's 4-year graduation rates.

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, October 15, 2026, Board Meeting:

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

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Recommendation for Approval of the Georgia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grant Award

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for 580 Glover Street HVAC Replacement

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for New Canopies at Argyle Elementary School, Hollydale Elementary School, and Sanders Elementary School

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for New Canopies at Cheatham Hill Elementary School, East Side Elementary School, and Palmer Middle School

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Dodgen Middle School Renovation

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Lewis Elementary School Renovations

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for McClure Middle School Roof Replacement

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Powder Springs Elementary School Renovations

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recommendation for Approval to Authorize the Purchase of Thirty-Seven (37) School Buses

- Without objection, all items were placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, October 15, 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 4:24 p.m. to convene into Executive Session to discuss land, legal, student, and personnel matters following a ten-minute break. Motion carried 6-0.

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VOTING SESSION

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2026, with the following members present: Messrs. Mr. Chastain, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Dr. Hutchins, Ms. Sayler, and Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys. Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis were 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

- 40 Years of Service – Barry Lankford, Building Engineer, Maintenance Services, Office of Technology & Operations
- 40 Years of Service – Tony Mewborn, HVAC Foreman, DDC & Scheduling, Maintenance Services, Office of Technology & Operations
- 2026-2027 Classified Employee of the Year, Elementary School Level – Shelly Prestridge, Addison Elementary School
- 2026-2027 Classified Employee of the Year, Middle School Level – Tamesha Mackey, Garrett Middle School
- 2026-2027 Classified Employee of the Year, High School Level – Tedra Curtis, Kennesaw Mountain High School
- 2026-2027 Classified Employee of the Year, Central Office Level and Overall District Level – Shala Rathke, ESOL, Teaching & Learning, Academic Division
- National School Bus Safety Week – October 19-23, 2026
- Cobb County School District Bus Driver Appreciation Week – October 19-23, 2026
- Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week – October 5-9, 2026
- Acknowledgement of the December 2026 Georgia's BEST Graduates

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were fourteen (14) 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

- There were no principal level or higher recommendations

Section II – Position Recommendations Below Principal

Elementary School, Middle School, and High School

- There were no recommendations below principal level

    - 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 5-0. Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis were not present for the vote.

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Land Matters

- A motion was made by Dr. Hutchins, seconded by Ms. Sayler, to approve the Intergovernmental Real Property Exchange Agreement with Cobb County subject to satisfactory due diligence and the other conditions in the Agreement as follows:

    - The Board will convey to Cobb County a portion of Tax Parcel 19075500080, adjacent to Compton Elementary School and Cobb County Fire Station Number 23, in exchange for Cobb County's conveyance to the Board of portions of Tax Parcels 19048200010 and 19048200020, adjacent to Milford Elementary School and Cobb County Fire Station Number 30. The exact acreage and legal description of each exchange parcel will be determined by survey during due diligence. No monetary consideration will be exchanged, and the Parties will each bear costs as allocated in the Agreement
    - Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis were not present for the vote.

Student Matters

- SY27-Appeal #4
    - A motion was made by Mr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Scamihorn, and unanimously approved by the Board to uphold the determination of the student disciplinary tribunal as discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Cristadoro and Ms. Davis were not present for the vote.

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 – Approved the Georgia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grant Award in the amount of $213,686.00 to Austell Elementary School's "21st Century World Changers" program

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approved the Award a Contract for 580 Glover Street HVAC Replacement to Ward Humphrey, Inc. (Marietta, GA) in the amount of $2,262,500.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4 – Approved the Award of a Contract for New Canopies at Argyle Elementary School, Hollydale Elementary School, and Sanders Elementary School to Nix-Fowler Constructors, Inc. (Villa Rica, GA) in the amount of $791,129.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5 – Approved the Award of a Contract for New Canopies at Cheatham Hill Elementary School, East Side Elementary School, and Palmer Middle School to Oak Construction Company (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of $983,000.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6 – Approved the Award of a Contract to Bowen & Watson, Inc. (Toccoa, GA) for Dodgen Middle School Renovations to include HVAC improvements, roof replacement, selective door replacement, selective flooring replacement, selective site repairs, and a security vestibule in the amount of $13,531,000.00

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ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7 – Approved the Award of a Contract to SRS, Inc. (Griffin, GA) for Lewis Elementary School Renovations to include EIFS panels replacement, window replacement, new fire alarm system, flooring, painting, restroom renovations, and roof replacement in the amount of $5,019,000.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8 – Approved the Award of a Contract to SRS, Inc. (Griffin, GA) for McClure Middle School Roof Replacement in the amount of $3,699,000.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9 – Approved the Award of a Contract to Graphite Construction, LLC (Cartersville, GA) for Powder Springs Elementary School Renovations to include roof replacement, flooring replacement, restroom renovation, and a security vestibule in the amount of $4,765,383.00

ACTION AGENDA ITEM #10 – Approved the Purchase of Thirty-Seven (37) School Buses from Peach State Trucks in the amount of $6,082,800.00

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

ADJOURN

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**