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October 21, 2025

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Superintendent's Report

"District News"...

Recognizing our Students and Schools

The most recent School Board Meeting, held at the Paulding County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs building, was a special evening dedicated to celebrating outstanding students and schools across the district. The event began with a presentation of colors by the East Paulding High School JROTC, followed by a beautiful performance of the National Anthem by the PB Ritch Middle School Chorus. Several schools were recognized for earning their Cognia STEM Certification, including Burnt Hickory Elementary, McGarity Elementary, Shelton Elementary, Hiram High, and Paulding County High. Students from each school shared highlights of their STEM programs. The evening continued with recognitions of Character In Action students who exemplified the character traits of *courtesy* and *patriotism*. The celebration concluded with recognition of the Fine Arts In Action winners, whose exceptional artwork will be proudly displayed at the Central Office. [Click here](#) for all the School Board Recognitions photos!



Approval of Consent Agenda

Easement Agreement GreyStone Power—Approved the Easement Agreement with GreyStone Power Corporation for the mobile units at the Central Office building was presented for review.

IFB 24-230918 Asphalt Paving—Approved to renew Invitation for Bid (IFB) 24-230918 Asphalt Paving to The Surface Masters, Inc., Marietta, Georgia. This award will be for the period beginning November 2025 through October 2026. This is the second of four one-year renewal terms.

Action

RFP 26-250903: Multi-Purpose Athletic Buildings—Approved to award Request for Proposal (RFP) 26-250903 Multi-Purpose Athletic Buildings to J & R Construction & Development, Inc., Carrollton, Georgia for the construction of Multi-Purpose Athletic Buildings at Hiram HS, Paulding County HS, North Paulding HS and South Paulding HS. The awarded vendor's proposed construction cost total is \$5,192,360. For solicitation purposes, the total construction cost for this project was estimated at \$6,375,000. This award does not include expenditures for architectural services (5%), pre-construction (2%), furniture, fixtures, and equipment (2%), and technology (1%), which is anticipated to be approximately 10% of the construction cost.

Naming of Elementary School #20—Approved the recommendation to name Elementary School #20 "Crossroads Elementary School".

2026 Legislative Priorities—Approved Resolution 25-03 that directs the Superintendent and designated representatives to actively engage legislators, educational advocacy groups, and community stakeholders to advance the Paulding County Board of Education 2026 Legislative Priorities on behalf of the families we serve, our employees, and the taxpayers of Paulding County was presented for review.

Modification to School Calendars—Approved modifications to the **2027-2028 and 2028-2029** School Calendars.

The purpose of these calendar modifications is to align Fall Break with our largest neighboring school district, the Cobb County School District, which was the original intent. These changes include:

- **Adjust Fall Break in the 2027–2028 School Calendar from September 27 – October 1, 2027 to September 20 – 24, 2027.**
- **Adjust Fall Break in the 2028–2029 School Calendar from September 25 – September 29, 2028 to September 18 – 22, 2028.**

Feedback from our calendar surveys indicated a strong community preference to align Fall Break with neighboring districts, particularly the Cobb County School District, as much as possible. Labor shed data for Paulding County supports this approach: 17% of our residents work in Cobb County, compared to 5% in Douglas County, 4% in Carroll County, and 2% in Bartow County. In addition, approximately 20% of our district employees reside in Cobb County. Given these factors, aligning our Fall Break with Cobb County was determined to be the most beneficial option.

At the time our calendars were adopted, Cobb County had not yet approved calendars beyond 2025-2026. Once their calendars were released, it was discovered that their methodology - and therefore the timing of Fall Break - had changed.

Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	New Hire	Mangione, Kirra	Kindergarten Para	NA	1/5/2026
Abney	New Hire	McDonald, Juanita	IRR Para Local	NA	10/22/2025
Abney	Resignation	Wilkinson, Amanda	NA	Kindergarten Para	11/21/2025
BHES	Transfer	Glosson, Sarah	ESEP Lead Teacher	Assistant Principal (205)	10/8/2025
Dugan	Retirement	Smith, Penny	NA	Bookkeeper (200)	12/19/2025
McGarity	Resignation	Hendricks, Shannon	NA	AUT Teacher IDEA	10/31/2025
Roberts	New Hire	Autrey, Amy	Art Teacher	NA	10/22/2025
Russom	Resignation	Lamb, Kassie	NA	AUT Para Local	10/3/2025
Austin	Supply	Thomas, Jonathan	MIMO Teacher Local	NA	10/15/2025
HJMS	New Hire	Dacy, Tiffany	School Nurse RN	NA	10/27/2025
Moses	Retirement	Revelle, Tammy	NA	6th Grade Teacher	11/30/2025
Scoggins	New Hire	Moss, Emily	Secretary (200)	NA	10/22/2025
EPHS	Resignation	Embry, Brittany	NA	AUT Para Local	10/24/2025
EPHS	Resignation	Johnson, Erika	NA	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	10/3/2025
NPHS	Resignation	Lee, Ayiesha	NA	Security Guard	10/13/2025
NPHS	New Hire	Stradley, Christy	Cosmetology Teacher	NA	1/5/2026
Central	Transfer	Jones, Grahm	Customer Care Technologist	Support Technologist II	10/22/2025
Central	Supply	Rodriguez, Kristen	ESOL Teacher	NA	10/14/2025
Central	Retirement	Turner, Erica	NA	Special Education Coordinator	12/19/2025
Transportation	Resignation	Hohenberger, Colleen	NA	Bus Driver	9/30/2025
Transportation	New Hire	McLean, Yolanda	Bus Driver	NA	10/22/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Remy, Peralte	Bus Driver	NA	10/22/2025

Personnel (cont.)

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SPHS	Additional Duty	Pryde, Cody	Assistant Football (11 month)	NA	9/25/2025
SPHS	Resignation-Add'l Duty	West, Bridger	NA	Assistant Football (11 month)	9/24/2025
EPHS	Community Coach	Buckley, Dallas	Volleyball	NA	2025/2026
EPHS	Community Coach	Ruegger, Rylie	Cheerleading	NA	2025/2026
SPHS	Community Coach	Putnam, Logan	Band	NA	2025/2026

