



Robert R. Freeman Administrative Complex
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer
Division of Finance

FROM: Mrs. Cheryl L. Watson-Harris, Superintendent
Office of the Superintendent

DATE: October 18, 2021

RE: **Renewal of Swift, Currie, McGee and Hiers, LLP Law Firm Agreement at Varied Hourly Rates (Year 4 of 5)**

(Part 1)

At its business meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, the DeKalb Board of Education approved the renewal of the Swift, Currie, McGee and Hiers, LLP ("Swift Currie") contract as Workers' Compensation Counsel at the hourly rate of \$210 for partners and senior attorneys, \$175 for associates and \$120 for paralegals, excluding necessary expenses and any necessary complex litigation, which will be determined and authorized by the Board Chair and Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. The Swift Currie hourly rate for handling litigation previously initiated by the law firm of Drew Eckl & Farnham is \$150 for partners and senior attorneys, \$140 for associates and \$95 for paralegals. The term of this annual agreement shall commence on December 3, 2021. This is the fourth of a five-year term.

(Part 2)

Also, the DeKalb Board of Education approved the renewal of the Swift Currie contract as General Liability Counsel, at the hourly rate of \$250 for partners and senior attorneys, \$200 for associates and \$150 for paralegals, excluding necessary expenses and any necessary complex litigation, which will be determined and authorized by the Board Chair and Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. The term of this annual agreement shall commence on December 3, 2021. This is the fourth of a five-year term.

Please take the appropriate action to affect this directive of the Board.

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c: Ms. Carla Smith, Purchasing Manager, Purchasing Department, Division of Finance
Ms. Phyllis Jones, Buyer, Purchasing Department, Division of Finance