

EXECUTIVE SESSION, WORK SESSION, COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION &  
BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE  
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 11, 2022

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, in the J. David Williamson Board Room, at the DeKalb County School District's Robert R. Freeman Administrative Instructional Complex, 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Board Chair, convened the meeting at 11:40am and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Board Chair, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, Mrs. Allyson Gevertz, Dr. Joyce Morley (virtually) and Dr. Vasanne Tinsley, Interim Superintendent. Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Vice Chair, arrived at 12:00pm and Mr. Marshall D. Orson arrived at 12:45pm.

Also in attendance were Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Executive Administrator to the Board and General Counsel Attorneys, Mr. Clem Doyle and Ms. Joyette Holmes.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adjourn July 11, 2022, meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding litigation, land, personnel, and student appeals.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Gevertz and with a vote of (5\0) of Board Members present, the July 11, 2022, meeting adjourned to executive session at 11:42am.

**ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business, Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adjourn the July 11, 2022, executive session and convene to the work session and business meeting.

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the July 11, 2022, executive session adjourned at 11:51am.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adopt the July 11, 2022, work session and business meeting agenda.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Audit Committee Chair, requested agenda item no. **E.1.a, Appointment of Audit Committee Community Advisors**, be removed from the agenda.

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the July 11, 2022, work session and business meeting agenda was approved with the removal of the aforementioned item.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**1. Superintendent's Report: No Report This Month**

**2. Committee of the Whole Presentation(s) – FY23 Audit Summary Presentation**

Presented by: Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent

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

**REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JULY 11, 2022 BUSINESS MEETING**

**01.01.**

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Audit Committee Chair, requested that the Board of Education, appoint, by agreement of a majority, Community Advisors to the Audit Committee. The following DeKalb residents completed the application process: Ms. Lonita Broome, Mr. Russell Fincher, and Ms. Leigh Hopkins.

Per Board Policy BBC, Board Committees, "The Board of Education shall review all applications and shall appoint, by agreement of a majority of the Board of Education from the community at least two and no more than three outside, non-voting, community advisors to the Audit Committee who are residents of DeKalb County".

**Item removed from the agenda at the request of the Audit Committee Chair. No Board action was taken on this item.**

01.02.a.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings; June 6, 2022 1st virtual budget hearing, 1st virtual millage rate hearing, 2nd virtual millage rate hearing and the June 6, 2022 board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, the June 16, 2022, 2nd virtual budget hearing, 3rd virtual millage rate hearing and virtual called meeting, the June 22, 2022 virtual BOC-BOE joint meeting, the June 29, 2022 virtual called meeting and the June 30, 2022 virtual called meeting.

01.03.a.i.

Mr. Charles Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the May 2022 Monthly Financial Report.

01.03.b.

Mr. Charles Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFP 23-539 to Elliott Davis, LLC to provide an Independent Third-Party Review of Capitol Programs for a period of one year from the approval by the Board. This RFP includes four (4) one (1) year extension options for an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00.

**Item pulled from consent agenda and voted on as an ACTION ITEM.**

01.03.c.

RISK MANAGEMENT – No Agenda Items This Month

01.04.a.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the July 2022 Human Resources Report.

01.04.b.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education (BOE) approve the continuation of Executive Search/Recruitment Services with Hazard Young Attea Associates (HYA), for the Chief Financial Officer, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

01.05.a.

Ms. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of professional translation and interpretation services from the following vendors in excess of \$100,000.00 with a combined total not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the following vendors:

Alta Language Services  
Language Integration, LLC  
Language Line Services  
Translation Station, Inc.  
Zab Translation Solutions  
Real Time Translation

01.06.a.

Dr. Deborah Moore-Sanders, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Equity and Student Empowerment, requested that the Board of Education approve the MOU between Communities

in Schools of Atlanta, Inc., and the DeKalb County School District (DCSD), for an additional year for an amount not to exceed \$325,000.

01.07.a.

Mr. Oliver J. Lewis, Associate Superintendent, Office of Continuous Improvement (Accountability), in support of Board Policy II, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Illuminate Education Assessment Platform for SY 2022-2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

The requested purchase is a testing expenditure that does not require bid per the District's Purchasing Board Policy (DJE).

01.07.b.

Mr. Oliver J. Lewis, Associate Superintendent, Office of Continuous Improvement (Accountability), in support of Board Policy II, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment for the 2022-2023 school year in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00.

The requested purchase is an assessment expenditure that does not require bid per the District's Purchasing Board Policy (DJE).

01.08.

DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY – No Agenda Items This Month

01.09.a.

Dr. Antonette Campbell, Interim Regional Superintendent, Region IV, Division of Community Empowerment, Innovation and Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept a grant from Project Lead the Way in the amount of \$10,000 to support the implementation of the Project Lead the Way Launch Program at Stone Mountain Elementary School.

01.10.a.

ATHLETICS – No Agenda Items This Month

01.10.b.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education authorize the District to approve the following contractors utilizing the Georgia statewide contract to provide services for repairs, alterations and minor construction projects: Albion Scaccia Enterprises, LLC, (99999-SPD-S20200901-0001); Equix Holdings, Inc. dba Astra Construction Services (99999-SPD-S20200901-0026A); Bayne Development Group, LLC, (99999-SPD-S20200901-00024); Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC, (99999-SPD-S20160216-010); Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., (99999-SPD-S20200901-0003); Crown Retail Services (99999-SPD-S20200901-0004); Engineering Design Technologies, Inc., (99999-SPD-S20200901-0006); F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates (99999-SPD-S20200901-0007); HCR Construction, Inc., (99999-SPD-S20200901-0009); HITT Construction, Inc., (99999-SPD-S20200901-00010); Jewels of the South (99999-SPD-S20200901-00012); JOC Construction (99999-SPD-S20200901-00013); Lichty Commercial Construction, Inc., (99999-SPD-S20200901-00023); Osprey Management LLC, (99999-SPD-S20200901-00014); Paryani Construction (99999-SPD-S20200901-00020); Place Services, Inc., (99999-SPD-S20200901-00016); Prime Contractors (99999-SPD-S20200901-00015); Striker Contracting LLC (99999-SPD-S20200901-00019); Ujamma Construction SE LLC (99999-SPD-S20200901-00028); and Ward Humphrey Incorporated (99999-SPD-S20200901-00027) in accordance with the State of Georgia Indefinite Quantity Construction (EZIQC) statewide contract through June 30, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. This contract has an option to renew each fiscal year through June 30, 2024.

01.10.c.

BUSINESS SERVICES – No Agenda Items This Month

01.10.d.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between DeKalb County School District and DeKalb County Parks and Recreation to lease 10 or more school buses to DeKalb Parks and Recreation for their Summer 2022 Parks and Recreation Program.

01.10.d.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Agreement between DeKalb County School District (DCSD) and International Community School (ICS) to provide transportation services for the 2022-2023 School Year.

01.10.d.iii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Agreement between DeKalb County School District (DCSD) and PATH Academy Charter School to provide transportation services for the 2022-2023 School Year. This is a new Agreement that will begin on August 1, 2022 and expire on June 30, 2023.

01.10.e.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of RFP 20-20, purchase of Sanitation Services & Materials to Sanitech Systems, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$220,400.00 for SY 22-23. This request extends the agreement for Sanitech Systems an additional year from November 5, 2022, through November 4, 2023.

This is the third of four (4) one-year (1-Year) Contract Renewal options.

01.10.e.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of Bid 20-22, Ice Cream Products, to Hershey Creamery Company, in the amount not to exceed \$258,940.00 for SY 22-23. This request extends the agreement for Hershey Creamery Company an additional year October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

This is the third of four (4) one-year (1-year) Contract Renewal options.

01.10.e.iii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the extension of Bid 20-27, Purchase of Large Equipment to Douglas Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 for SY 22-23. This request extends the agreement for Douglas Equipment an additional year August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023.

This is the third of four (4) one-year (1-year) Contract Renewal options.

01.10.e.iv.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of RFP 21-524R, purchase of uniforms to Cintas Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 for SY 22-23. This request extends the agreement with Cintas Corporation an additional year from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

This is the first of four (4) one-year (1-year) Contract Renewal options.

01.10.f.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve three (3) awards for RFQu 22-752-030 for Architectural and Engineering Services for HVAC Replacement to the most responsive and responsible Offerors whose submittals are the most advantageous to the district. The awards are as follows:

Bob Mathis Elementary School, Chapel Hill Elementary School, Edward L. Bouie Elementary School, Martin Luther King Jr. High School, and Panola Way Elementary School to Corgan Associates, Inc. for the lump sum amount of \$1,163,339.

Marbut Elementary School, Pine Ridge Elementary School, Shadow Rock Elementary School, and Stephenson High School to Stanley, Love-Stanley PC for the lump sum amount of \$1,047,876.

Briarlake Elementary School, Early Learning Center, Montclair Elementary School, and Tucker Middle School to Epsten Group, Inc. for the lump sum amount of \$695,273.

01.10.f.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve an E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$402,216.00 from Program Contingency which will allow the proper funds to be allocated to the necessary project cost code for the installation of the HVAC in the gymnasium at Kittredge Magnet School.

It is also requested that the Board of Education approve the award of Bid No. 22-752-009 for GC Services for Kittredge Magnet School Gymnasium HVAC Installation to Maxair Mechanical, LLC, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the bid documents for the installation of the HVAC in the gymnasium at Kittredge Magnet School in an amount not to exceed \$368,504.00.

**Item pulled from consent agenda and voted on as an ACTION ITEM.**

01.11.a.

Mr. Trenton Arnold, Regional Superintendent, Region II, requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$21,480 from the Livsey Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, as a one-time donation per Board Policy DFK “Gifts and Bequests Guidelines”, for the installation of a new illuminated marquee sign at Livsey Elementary School.

01.11.b.

Dr. Deborah Moore-Sanders, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Equity and Student Empowerment, requested that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of \$10,000.00 in Kroger gift cards from the Assistance League of Atlanta - Operation School Bell. The donation will be administered through the Department of Social Work Services and will be provided to families in need.

01.12.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Agenda Items This Month

01.13.

OFFICE OF AUDITS & COMPLIANCE – No Agenda Items This Month

**AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

**1. READY FOR ACTION ~ Amendment to the Bylaws & Policies: Board Policy IDE, Co-Curricular Activities, Grades 6-12**

Ms. Stacy E. Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum and Instruction, requested that the Board of Education accept amended Board Policy IDE, Co-Curricular

Activities, Grades 6-12, that was presented for first read and laid on the table for public comment and Board feedback from June 6, 2022.

The proposed Board Policy IDE: Co-Curricular Activities, Grades 6-12 outlines the requirements for participating in co-curricular activities. The eligibility criteria, academic requirements, and special provisions are specified in the policy.

## **2. READY FOR ACTION ~ Amendment to the Bylaws & Policies: Board Policy IDE (1), Competitive Interscholastic Athletics, Grades 6-12**

Ms. Stacy E. Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum and Instruction, requested that the Board of Education accept amended Board Policy IDE (1), Competitive Interscholastic Athletics, Grades 6-12, that was presented for first read and laid on the table for public comment and Board feedback from June 6, 2022.

The current policy does not allow 6 through 8 grade magnet students access to play sports. Extending this opportunity allows for access to sports for fully enrolled students at their home attendance area school. In an effort to increase transparency, the middle school policy and high school policy have been combined.

The following conditions must be met under policy IDE(1), Competitive Interscholastic Athletics, Grades 6-12:

1. If the school in which the student is enrolled offers the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) or DeKalb County School District (DCSD) sanctioned extracurricular activity in which the student wishes to participate, the student shall be required to participate as a member of the school in which he/she is enrolled.
2. Students may not participate in competitive interscholastic athletics at both the school in which the student is enrolled and the homeschool. Instead, students must participate in GHSA extracurricular activities at the school in which they are enrolled unless that sport is not offered. For example, students could not play basketball at the school of enrollment and football at the homeschool.
3. The election of the student to participate in competitive interscholastic athletic activities for either the school of enrollment or the homeschool shall be binding for the current school year.
4. Students shall be required to comply with all GHSA and DCSD eligibility requirements.
5. Students shall remain subject to all applicable requirements for continued enrollment at DECA, DSA, DESA, Wadsworth Magnet, and Kittridge Magnet Schools, as well as all applicable requirements for participation in the GHSA/DCSD extracurricular activity. Students shall be solely responsible for providing any and all transportation necessary for participation in the GHSA/DCSD extracurricular activity.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING**

Mrs. Turner convened the Community Input Session and read the Guidelines for Public Comments at 5:47pm.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Gabriela Atsepoyi
2. Dr. Amy Noel Sery (virtual)
3. Tonja Holder
4. Jon Hawkins (virtual)
5. Vienna Hardy
6. Diana Hardy
7. Noy Hawkins (virtual)

8. Meredith Alberto
9. Deborah Jones (virtual)

**CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING**

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to convene the July 11, 2022, business meeting.

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the business meeting convened.

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE** ~ No Student Representative This Month

**RECOGNITION(S)** ~ No Recognitions This Month

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to approve the July 11, 2022, consent agenda except for the following (2) items, which were voted on separately as **ACTION ITEMS**:

- **ITEM NO. E.3.d.** –

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, seconded by Mr. Orson and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), the motion passed to approve the consent agenda.

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

**J.1. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adopt the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Personnel No. 23-01.

On a motion by Mrs. Gevertz, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of (5\0) the motion passed. Mr. DaCosta and Mr. Orson were not present in executive session and did not vote on this item.

**J.2. APPROVAL OF AN AGENDA ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Mrs. Turner called for a motion to approve the following ACTION ITEMS, which were pulled off the consent agenda.

1. **ITEM NO. E.3.b.** – RFP 22-539 Independent Third Party Review of Capitol Programs Award Approval to Elliott Davis, LLC (for an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00)

This item failed due to the lack of a motion.

2. **ITEM NO. E.10.f.ii.** – E-SPLOST V Project: ITB No. 22-752-009 for GC Services for Kittredge Magnet School Gymnasium HVAC Installation to Maxair Mechanical, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$368,504.00

On a motion by Mr. Orson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of (6\0\1) the motion passed, with Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Mr. Marshall D. Orson, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Allyson Gevertz and Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, voting 'YES' and Dr. Joyce Morley voting to 'ABSTAIN'.

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adjourn the July 11, 2022, work session and business meeting,

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the work session and business meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.