

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

December 12, 2022

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, December 12, 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, Chair, convened the meeting at 11:45 am and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, Mrs. Allyson Gevertz, Mr. Marshall D. Orson and Dr. Vasanne Tinsley, Interim Superintendent. Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Vice Chair and Dr. Joyce Morley joined the meeting virtually.

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

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adjourn November 14, 2022, meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding litigation, land, legal, personnel, and student appeals.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Orson and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), the December 12, 2022, meeting adjourned to executive session at 11:50 am.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adjourn the December 12, 2022, executive session and convene to the work session and business meeting.

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the December 12, 2022, executive session adjourned at 12:20 pm.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the December 12, 2022, consent agenda was approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Superintendent's Report: Fall 2023 Enrollment Forecast

Presented by: Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Hans Williams, Director of Planning/ESPLOST Programs
Mr. Eric Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer

2. Committee of the Whole Presentation(s): State Improvement Lists

Presented by: Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent
Dr. Rebecca Braaten, Director of Research, Data, and Evaluation

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

06.01.

Mrs. Vicki B. Turner, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the official meeting schedule for February 2023 through January 2024. Mrs. Allyson Gevertz made a motion to amend the February 2023-January 2024 DeKalb County Board of Education Meeting Calendar to include the addition of July 10, 2023, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, motion passes, 7-0.

06.02.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings: December 14, 2022 board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, and the December 1, 2022 Virtual Called Meeting and Executive Session.

06.03.a.

Ms. Masana Mailliard, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the October 2022 Monthly Financial Reports.

06.03b.

RISK MANAGEMENT – No Agenda Items This Month

06.04.a.

Dr. Angelica Collins, Director of Staff Services, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the November 2022 Human Resources Report.

06.05.

Mrs. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the agreement between EasterSeals North Georgia and the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) in the amount of \$696,874.

06.06.

DIVISION OF EQUITY AND STUDENT EMPOWERMENT – No Agenda Items This Month

06.07.

OFFICE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT (ACCOUNTABILITY) – No Agenda Items This Month

06.08.a.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve payment to Educational Funding Group, Inc. for E-rate consulting services at an amount not to exceed \$280,000. This payment will cover payment for E-rate funding years 2018, 2020, 2021, and 2022 at a cost of \$70,000 per year.

06.08.b.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of technology advisory services from Gartner, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$103,200 using Georgia State Contract GTA 9800-SS000.

06.08.c.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the annual dark fiber – point to point maintenance agreement with Zayo Enterprise Networks, LLC, at a cost not to exceed \$56,390.00.

06.08.d.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal for RFP 22-475 Physical Security Services – Access Control, Intrusion Detection and Video Surveillance to Convergent Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,887,650.

06.09.a.

Ms. Portia Kirkland, Director, Communications, requested that the Board of Education approve expanding the expenditure limit with Atlanta Soundworks, Inc. for an additional \$26,173.29 (over the \$49,000 allowed) to purchase DSTV control room furniture and equipment. This is part of Phase 1 of the Communications Infrastructure System Upgrade in collaboration with IT.

06.10.a.i.

Mr. Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to execute the Hudl dba Agile Sports Technologies ICA that exceeds \$50,000.00 with a total contract value not-to-exceed \$114,000.00.

06.10.b.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extension for ITB 18-752-045 for Cabinet Sign Replacement Services to Metro LED, LLC. The requested approval is for:

- One additional year, the fourth of four (4) one-year contract renewal options; and
- A limit increase for the previous cabinet sign replacement and maintenance contract, to fund a districtwide upgrade project from previous \$300,000 annual limit to the amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 for the fourth renewal term through January 24, 2024.

06.10.b.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education authorize the District to purchase natural gas from SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc. in accordance with the Statewide Contract for Natural Gas in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000, through December 31, 2023.

06.10.c.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extension for RFP 20-472, Charter Bus Services to Coast-to-Coast Tours, LLC., Friendship Tours, LLC., Kelly Tours, Inc., Kingsmen Coach Lines, R&W Motorcoach, Inc., Samson Tours, Inc., Southeastern Stages, Inc., and We Care Charters for one additional year through December 31, 2023. This recommendation is for the third of four (4) one-year contract renewal options.

06.10.c.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education ratify and approve the continued use of the contract agreement **with** Caduceus USA Medical Services, LLC for an additional year through June 30, 2023, for a not to exceed amount of \$200,000 for occupational medical services. This recommendation is for the second of four (4) one-year contract renewal options.

06.10.d.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education Ratify and Approve the initial contract ITB No. 22-541 for Liquid Propane Gas Delivery Service for the first of up to four (4) one (1)-year renewable contracts to Ferrellgas as the primary supplier and AmeriGas Propane LP as the secondary, in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 per year.

06.10.d.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of ten (10) Type D, 84-passenger Air-Conditioned Bluebird diesel school buses from Yancey Bus Sales through the Georgia Statewide Contract (SWC) #99999-SPD-SWL20200630-001 for an amount of \$1,959,990.00.

06.10.e

SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES ~No Agenda Items the Month

06.10.f.i.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the architectural services contract for E-SPLOST V Project 344-35 Midvale ES to include scope approved at the October 2022 Board meeting, namely replacing the HVAC system.

06.10.f.ii.

Mr. Richard Boyd, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the contract for architectural services of work for E-SPLOST V Project 36635: Rock Chapel ES to include the addition of replacing the fire alarm system, a new fire sprinkler system, lighting replacement and additional parking as approved at the October 17, 2022 Board meeting.

06.11.a.

Mrs. Melanie Pearch, Region I Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$6000 for Cross Keys High School from the Extra Yard for Teachers Grant awarded by the Sunbelt Conference through the Georgia State Athletics Department. The donation will be used to implement programs that acknowledge or reward students for consistently attending school, demonstrating high academic achievement, and/or showing improvement in those areas.

06.11.b.

Mr. Trenton Arnold, Regional Superintendent, Region II requested that the Board of Education accept a donation of audio equipment totaling \$20,128.58 from the Druid Hills Middle School PTSA to Druid Hills Middle School. This equipment will be installed in the cafeteria and the gymnasium to support school events held in these locations.

06.11.c.

Dr. Norman C. Sauce III, Regional Superintendent, Region IV requested that the Board of Education receive a donation of \$10,000.00 from an anonymous donor to be used for projects in the school's garden and outdoor learning areas.

06.11.d.

Dr. Norman C. Sauce III, Regional Superintendent, Region IV, requested that the Board of Education accept Zoom licenses totaling \$9,995.00 from Zoom Video Communications, Inc. to Stone Mountain Elementary School.

06.11.e.

Mrs. Ateshia Lester, Interim Regional Superintendent, Region VII requested that the Board of Education accept a donation of outdoor learning tools totaling \$10,000.00 from Out Teach to Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy. These tools will be utilized to support the creation of an outdoor learning classroom.

06.12.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education approve a personnel recommendation for Keon Wright, General Maintenance position in Operations. He is a relative of the Director of Flex Academy.

06.13.a.

Mr. Joel B. Thibodeaux, Director, Office of Audits & Compliance requested that the Board of Education consider and approve the award of RFP 23-543 Comprehensive Financial Audit of E-SPLOST IV and E-SPLOST V Spending to Plante Moran, PLLC for an amount not to exceed \$761,000.

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. READY FOR ACTION – Amendment to the Bylaws and Policies: Board Policy DIB Financial Reports (Capital Asset Capitalization Policy) Revision

Mrs. Turner announced that due to technical problems with Simbli, the First Read will lay on the table for stakeholder feedback at the December 12, 2022, board meeting and be considered for adoption at the January 9, 2023, board meeting.

The Board completed the work session and stood in recess until the convening of the Community Input Session.

The meeting resumed at 5:00 pm.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Turner convened the Community Input Session and read the Guidelines for Public Comments.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Rachel Slayton
2. Dr. Donna Troka
3. Rebeka Wharton (Virtual)
4. Deborah Jones
5. Jarrett Jackson
6. Kay Colson (Virtual)
7. Wendy Wheeler-Drew
8. Bishop Frances V. Mills
9. Maria Davila
10. Joe Williams

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to convene the December 12, 2022, business meeting.

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

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent . introduced Student Board Representative, Miss Augustina Marshall, Henderson Middle School, 8th grade.

RECOGNITION(S)

Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Board Chair presented a special recognition to Mr. Marshall D. Orson, for many years of leadership and service on the DeKalb County School Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to approve the December 12, 2022, consent agenda.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, 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

- a. Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adopt the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-08.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Orson, and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), The motion passed.

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adopt the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-09.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), the motion passed.

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

AGENDA –NO ITEMS WERE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

ADJOURN

Mrs. Turner called for a motion to adjourn the December 12, 2022, work session and business meeting.

Mrs. Turner noted there were no objections, the work session and business meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair