

2-DAY BOARD RETREAT
OF THE
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 21 – February 22, 2023

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its 2-Day Board Retreat, February 21–February 22, 2023, at the Inn at Serenbe located at 10950 Hutcheson Ferry Road, Chatt Hills, Georgia.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Chair, convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mrs. Whitney McGinniss and Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent.

Also in attendance were General Counsel Attorney, Ms. Melanie Slaton and Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Executive Administrator to the Board.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education adopt the February 21 – February 22, 2023, 2-Day Board Retreat.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Hill and there being no objection, the agenda was approved 6-0.

BOARD RETREAT – FEBRUARY 21, 2023 (DAY 1 – 10:00 AM)

1. WELCOME, PURPOSE, AND INTRODUCTIONS

By: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair

2. BOARD REREAT: FACILITATED BY CLARA AXAM, CLARIFICATION & MEDIATION, INC.

a. Setting the Context: Primer on Robert’s Rules of Order

Presented by: Ms. Melanie Slaton, Hall, Booth & Smith

b. Cognia Report

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

c. Policy Review / Revision Discussion

Presented by: Ms. Melanie Slaton, Hall, Booth & Smith

d. GSBA Self-Assessment & Plan of Action

Presented by: Ms. Clara Axam, Clarification & Mediation, Inc.

e. Mid-Year Progress Check-in for Interim Superintendent

Presented by: Ms. Clara Axam, Clarification & Mediation, Inc.

RECESS BOARD RETREAT – DAY 1

Dr. DaCosta, Sr. requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education recess Day 1, February 21, 2023, of the 2-day board retreat. There being no objections, Day 1 of the board retreat recessed at 4:00 PM.

RECONVENE BOARD RETREAT – FEBRUARY 22, 2023 (DAY 2 – 10:00 AM)

Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education reconvene the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mrs. Whitney McGinniss and Dr. Morley attended virtually.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Executive Administrator to the Board was also in attendance.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Ms. Gevertz. There being no objections, the board reconvened day 2 of the board retreat and adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn February 22, 2023, Day 2 of the board retreat 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 Mrs. Gevertz and with a unanimous vote of (6\0), the February 22, 2023, board retreat adjourned to Executive Session at p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education adjourn the February 22, 2023, executive session, and February 21 – 22, 2023 board retreat.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the 2-day board retreat adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair