

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

March 13, 2023

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023, 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.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. convened the meeting at 11:30 am and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Mrs. Allyson Gevertz, Mrs. Whitney McGinniss and Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Joyce Morley joined the meeting virtually.

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

ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn March 13, 2023, 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. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Turner and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), the March 13, 2023, meeting adjourned to executive session at 11:45 am.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn the March 13, 2023, executive session and convene to the work session and business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the March 13, 2022, executive session adjourned at 1:48 pm.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the March 13, 2023, work session and business meeting agenda.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the March 13, 2023, consent agenda was approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1. Superintendent's Report: No Agenda Item This Month**
- 2. Committee of the Whole – Discipline Data – Behavior Events and Resolutions
Presented by: Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent**

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 13, 2023, BUSINESS MEETING

06.01.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the official meeting agenda for the March 13, 2023, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, the February 9, 2023, called board meeting and executive session, February 21 – February 22, 2023 board retreat and executive session, March 2, 2023 – March 3, 2023 called meeting and executive session, and March 8, 2023 Virtual Audit Committee Meeting, and March 13, 2023 board meeting which included the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting

There being no objection, the agenda was placed on the consent agenda. Motion passes, 7-0.

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION – No Agenda Items This Month

06.02.a.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings: February 9, 2023, called meeting and executive session, February 13, 2023, board meeting which includes the executive session. work session, community input session and business meeting, February 21 – February 22, 2023, board retreat, March 2 – 3, 2023 called meeting and executive session, and the March 8, 2023, virtual audit committee meeting.

06.03.a.

Mr. Lance McConkey, Comptroller, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the January 2023 Monthly Financial Reports.

06.03b.

RISK MANAGEMENT – No Agenda Items This Month

06.04.a.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the February 2023 Human Resources Report.

06.05.a.

Mrs. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract of RFP 22-491 for Real Eyes Entertainment/DBA Real Eyes Production as the most responsive and responsible bidder to provide audio visual services during the graduation exercises in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. This is the first of three, one-year renewal options.

06.06.a.

Mrs. Denise Revels, Director, Wrap Around and Support Services, Division of Equity and Student Empowerment requested that the DeKalb Board of Education approve the purchase of

the Second Step: Bullying Prevention Unit and the Child Protection Unit for K-5 schools. The cost of the licenses, which will support all elementary schools, is a one-time purchase and should not exceed \$158,511.60.

06.06.b.

Mrs. Denise Revels, Director, Wrap Around and Support Services, Division of Equity and Student Empowerment requested that the DeKalb Board of Education approve Georgia State University (GSU) to receive \$220,088 of the \$1,557,4010 grant to support the recruitment and training of the DeKalb County School District certified educators (e.g. special education teachers, general education teachers, certified school-based personnel) or individuals from underrepresented groups and/or from those living in communities served by our school district to alleviate the financial burden of graduate school. This is Year 1 for the fully funded grant project.

06.07.

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

06.08.a.i.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract for asset management, applicant tracking absence management, professional development management, and employee evaluation management services with Frontline Education in an amount not to exceed \$702,236.16. This will be an annual subscription to be presented to the BOE each fiscal year.

06.08.b.i.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of professional services and hardware to support the modernization of the district's technology infrastructure with GreenPages Technology Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$3,319,889. This is year 2 of a 2-year agreement.

06.08.c.i.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education renew the contract for RFP 20-07, District-Wide Cabling Equipment and Services to Integrated Communication Networks, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,450,000. This request is to fund equipment and services that will refresh local area network cabling in all school buildings and facilities. This will be year five of a five-year agreement.

06.08.c. ii.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education renew the contract for RFP 20-516, District Wide Wireless Infrastructure Equipment and Services to Integrated Communications Network (LCN), in an amount not to exceed \$8,553,600. This request to spend is to fund equipment and services that will refresh wireless networks in all school buildings and facilities. This will be year five of a five-year agreement.

06.08.d.i

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the E-Rate award for Self-Provisioned Fiber Maintenance to the Zayo Group in an amount not exceed \$205,320. This will allow the district to seek Category 1 reimbursement for Internet Connections and non-recurring services. This is year 1 of a five-year agreement.

06.08.d.ii

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the E-rate award for Fiber Cabling – Wiring Closets to the Integrated Communication Network (ICN) Inc in an amount not to exceed \$1,948,997.40. This award will allow the district to seek Category 2 reimbursement for fiber cabling and services.

06.08.iii.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the E-RATE award for Category 1: Switch & GBICS Equipment and Maintenance & Technical Support to CDW-G LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,676,823.50. This will allow the district to seek Category 1 reimbursement for switches and GBICS equipment, accessories, services, and maintenance.

06.08. iv.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the E-Rate award for Category 2: Switch & GBICS Equipment and Maintenance & Technical Support to CDW-G LLC in an amount not to exceed \$13,565,232. This will allow the district to seek Category 2 reimbursement for switches and GBICS equipment, accessories, services, and maintenance.

06.09.a.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS - No Agenda Items This Month

06.10.a.

Athletics -No Agenda Items This Month

06.10.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the extension of RFP 20-752-030R Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Abatement Services with SACAL Environmental & Management Company, for an additional year through April 22, 2024.

06.10.b. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the CINTAS Uniform Agreement issued through the Omnia

Cooperative Agreement Contract No. 222886, for the rental of uniforms for Maintenance, Fleet, and AIC custodial staff for a not to exceed amount of \$400,000. The contract period will be for one (1) year, effective April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

06.10.b.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of Bid 22-496 for Custodial Equipment to Southeast Link, Veritiv Operating Company, and W.W. Grainger for an additional year not to exceed \$3,400,000.

06.10.b. iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of Bid 22-497 for Custodial Supplies to Acuity Specialty Products dba Zep, Buckeye Atlanta, Central Poly-Bag Corp., Southeastern Paper, Veritiv Operating Company, and W.W. Grainger for an additional year not exceed \$2,000,000.

06.10.b.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the district to contract with Cauty Consulting Services for an amount not to exceed \$84,000 from March 14, 2023, to September 30, 2023.

06.10.b.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the Herc Rental Agreement issued through Omnia Contract No. 2019000318, for the rental of various maintenance equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000.

06.10.b.vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFP No. 23-752-003 to Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., the most responsive and responsible offeror whose proposal is the most advantageous to the Board based on the evaluation factors, for General Contractor services for the School-Based Health Center Expansion at Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy for the lump sum amount of \$448,800.00. A correction to the financial impact was presented as follows: The cost of the project will now be allocated from 2 sources. \$300,000 from the General Funds account: 100.2600.543009.00011.7520.9990.8013.004.0000. \$150,000 will come from grant received from Emory University.

06.10.b. viii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal for RFQu 19-752-024 for Geotechnical, Environmental and Construction Material Testing on an as needed basis for Geotechnical, Environmental and Construction Material Testing for both SPLOST and Non-SPLOST

projects. This request extends the agreement for Matrix Engineering Group, Inc., an additional year through April 22, 2024, MC Squared, Inc., an additional year through June 4, 2024, NOVA Engineering and Environmental, LLC, an additional year through May 8, 2024, Terracon Consultants, Inc., and S&ME, Inc. an additional year through July 24, 2024.

06.10.b. ix.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the continued use of U.S. Communities Agreement, Graybar Electric Company, Inc. Contract No. EV2370 for the purchase of lighting for an additional year for a not to exceed amount of \$250,000.

06.10.b.x.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education authorize the district to use the E & I Cooperative Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corporation to dispose, relocate, install, and renovate existing portable classrooms to install fire sprinkler systems in accordance with the new Georgia State Fire Marshall requirements in the fixed price amount of \$3,110,663.00.

06.10.b. xi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of ITB 21-752-018 for roofing contractor services to Core Roofing Systems, Inc., and Klein Contracting Corp. on an as needed basis for minor roofing repair projects, for various locations throughout the district. This request extends the agreement for Core Roofing Systems, Inc., and Klein Contracting Corp. an additional year through May 19, 2024, for an additional year not to exceed \$2,000,000.

06.10.b.xii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education ratify and approve the renewal of ITB No. 19-466 for district-wide grease trap & septic tank pumping services to Darling Ingredients, Inc. for an additional year in the amount not to exceed \$290,000.

06.10.b. xiii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal and ratification of ITB 20-752-037 for Plumbing Contractor Services to K.E.G. Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc., MAXAIR Mechanical, LLC, Sid's Sewer and Drain, Inc., and The Elite Plumber, LLC for an additional year in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

06.10.b.xiv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the lease of Evolv Weapons Detection for middle and high schools in an amount of \$8,014,853.16 to be paid over four years as follows:

Year 1: \$3,254,355.50

Year 2: \$1,586,832.55

Year 3: \$1,586,832.55

Year 4: \$1,586,832.55

06.10.c.i.

Business Services – No Agenda Items This Month

06.10.d.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the expenditure for Motor Coach Bus services to R&W Motorcoach for an amount not to exceed \$76,000.00. The purpose for the service: to transport students from the 24 high schools to the graduation site (Hallford Stadium) and return them to their respective high school during the week of May 22-27, 2023.

06.10.e

School Nutrition Services ~No Agenda Items This Month

06.10.f.i

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the lease of the 10-classroom modular building in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Lease Quotation between DCSD and Mobile Modular Management Corporation, in the fixed price amount of \$312,538.88.

06.11.a.

Dr. Triscilla Weaver, Regional Superintendent, Region V requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$25,000 from Amazon Future Engineer Program for Chapel Hill Elementary School. The funds will be used to support the school's STEM Lab with the purchase of instructional materials and supplies.

06.11.b.

Mrs. Ateshia Lester, Regional Superintendent, Region VII requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$5000 from the Academy of Sports and Outdoors to DeKalb County School District. These funds will be used to support any initiatives based on the district's strategic plan.

06.12.a.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources requested that the Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Byron Schueneman to the position of Chief Financial Officer in the Division of Finance.

06.12.b.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources requested that the Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Candace Y. Alexander to the position of Director of Professional Learning.

06.12.c.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources requested that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommendation of Valencia Allen-Love for the position of Accountant II in Finance, to the relative of the Director of Educational Media Services.

06.12.d.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources requested that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommendation of Nivea Bodison for the position of Substitute, to the relative of the Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction.

06.13.a.

Office of Audits and Compliance - No Agenda Items This Month

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. FIRST READ – Amendment to the Bylaws & Policies: Board Policy BBC, Part B.1 (Membership)

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Committee Chair, requested that the Board of Education accept amended Board Policy BBC, Part B.1. (Membership) as a FIRST READ to lay on the table for stakeholder feedback and be considered for adoption at the April 17, 2023, board meeting.

The meeting resumed at 5:43 pm.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. convened the Community Input Session and Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce read the Guidelines for Public Comments.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. J'Shanna Graves

2. Robin McDonald
3. Dee Smith
4. Tiffany Tate-Hogan
5. Deborah Jones
6. Lance Hammonds
7. Deidra Wright
8. Carla Weston-Brown
9. Lanita Smith – withdrew her name from the community input session
10. Albert Fields

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to convene the March 13, 2022, business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the business meeting convened.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent. introduced Student Board Representative, Mr. Xavier Leach, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, 12th Grade.

RECOGNITION(S)

Mrs. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member, District 2, presented a proclamation officially recognizing March as Youth Art and Music in Our Schools Month.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Member, District 4, requested to approve the national proclamation for School Social Work Week during the week of March 5 – 11, 2023.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., officially recognized the achievements of three Southwest DeKalb HS Wrestling team members.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, presented a proclamation honoring the Board of Education members to acknowledge their dedication, and service to the children of DeKalb County School District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to approve the March 13, 2023, consent agenda items.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Hill and with a unanimous vote of (6\0), the motion passed to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEM(S)

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

- a. Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-18.

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Gevertz, and with a vote of (6\0),
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-19.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Gevertz, and with a vote of (6\0),
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-20.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Turner, and with a vote of (6\0),
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-21.

On a motion by Mrs. McGinniss, seconded by Ms. Gevertz, and with a vote of (6\0),
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Personnel Recommendation: Byron Schueneman to position of Chief Financial Officer in the Division of Finance.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Pierce and with a vote of (6\0),
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Personnel Recommendation: Candace Alexander to position of Director of Professional Learning in the Division of Curriculum & Instruction.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Turner and with a vote of (6\0),
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Juul Settlement.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Turner and with a 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

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn the March 13, 2023, work session and business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the work session and business meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair