

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

February 13, 2023

**REVISED: April 4, 2023**

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, February 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 convened the meeting at 11:32 am and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre 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 called for a motion to adjourn February 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. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Hill and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), the February 13, 2023, meeting adjourned to executive session at 11:45 am.

**ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Mr. DaCosta noted there were no objections, the February 13, 2022, executive session adjourned at 12:20 pm.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

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

**1. Superintendent's Report: 2022-2023 Preliminary Winter MAP Data**

Presented by: Dr. Rebecca Braaten, Director, Division of Research Data & Evaluation

**2. Committee of the Whole – No Agenda Item This Month**

**REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023, BUSINESS MEETING**

06.01.

Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the official meeting agenda for the January 9, 2023, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, the February 1, 2023, called board meeting and executive session.

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: January 9, 2023, board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, and the February 1, 2023, called meeting and executive session.

06.03.a.

Mr. Lance McConkey, Comptroller, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the December 2022 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 January 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 extensions with Pediatric Services of America, Inc. dba Aveanna Healthcare: Cobb Pediatric/The Stepping Stones Group: Delta T Group: and Maxim Healthcare as the most responsive and responsible bidders to provide school health and school nursing services for more than \$50,000 per vendor but not to exceed a total contracted amount of \$3,000,000.

06.05.b.

Mrs. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extensions of RFP 20-187 for Progressus Therapy; Community Rehabilitation Associates, Incorporated: Cobb Pediatric/Stepping Stones Group (EBS is now part of the Stepping Stones Group); Comprehensive Therapy Consultants;

Pediatric Developmental; Orange Tree Staffing; Atlanta Pediatric Therapy; EDU Healthcare and Soliant as the most responsive and responsible bidders to provide speech-language, occupational therapy, and physical therapy services for more than \$50,000 per vendor but not to exceed the total contracted amount of \$9,000,000.00.

06.05.c.

Mrs. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of band uniforms for Columbia High School, Dunwoody High School, and Tucker High School in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.

06.06.a.

Mrs. Manomay Malathip-Kidd, Executive Director, Student Advancement, Division of Equity and Student Empowerment requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal for RFP No. 19-513 for the Naviance Inc. by PowerSchool, for an additional year in the amount not to exceed \$360,370.15

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 the contract renewal for the Student Success Agency (SSA) platform for an additional year for an amount not to exceed \$215,000.

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 the amended extension to RFP 17-487 Disaster Recovery As A Service (DRaaS) to CenturyLink Communications LLC (Lumen) and the purchase of Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS) for the district, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00.

06.09.a.

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

06.10.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Contract Renewal for the Athletic Department's Equipment and Uniform Bid with Riddell All American and BSN Sports, LLC, an additional year through May 16, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. This recommendation is for year two of the four (4) one-year renewal options and supports the growing programs, such as Middle School Soccer, Middle School Wrestling, Middle School Volleyball, Middle School Baseball, and Varsity Flag Football.

06.10.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal for ITB 21-752-011 for HVAC Maintenance and Repair services to MAXAIR, Inc., Mechanical Services, Inc. and Sluss and Padgett, Inc. for an additional year in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

06.10.b.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of EZIQC Contract No GA-ST01-040820-FHP to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC. Work to be performed as per the Final Detailed Scope of Work attached and as per the terms and conditions of EZIQC Contract No GA-ST01-040820-FHP for the cost of materials, delivery, design and construction services for the construction of outdoor soccer mini-pitch at both Chapel Hill Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$142,284 and Sequoyah Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$141,471 for a total of \$283,755. Work to be performed as per the Final Detailed Scope of Work per the terms and conditions of EZIQC Contract No GA-ST01-040820-FHP.

06.10.b.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extension for RFQu 19-752-023 for A/E Continuing Contract for Professional Services to BRPH Architects-Engineers, Inc., CDH Partners, CORGAN, Croft & Associates, P.C., GSB Architects & Interiors, Inc., Moody Nolan, Inc., Southern A&E, LLC, Stanley, Love Stanley, P.C., Sy Richards, Architects, Inc. and 2WR of Georgia, Inc. on an as needed basis for minor capital improvement projects for a not to exceed amount collectively of \$3,000,000. This request extends the agreement for Southern A&E, LLC and Sy Richards, Architects, Inc. an additional year March 11, 2023 – March 10, 2024; BRPH Architects-Engineers, Inc., Stanley, Love Stanley, P.C., and 2WR of Georgia, Inc an additional year March 20, 2023 – March 19, 2024; CDH Partners and CORGAN and additional year March 29, 2023 – March 28, 2024 and Croft & Associates, P.C., GSB Architects & Interiors, Inc., and Moody Nolan, Inc., an additional year April 23, 2023 – April 22, 2024.

06.10.b.iv.

Chief Bradley Gober, Executive Director of Public Safety, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Centegix Crisis Alert in the amount of \$3,933,000 as a safety and security enhancement to be installed in all elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the DeKalb County School District. The agreement will be for 5 years (three years with a two-year option for renewal).

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 purchase and installation of twelve (12) surface mount drive-on vehicle lifts, from Stertil-Koni Inc., utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. RFP 013020 for an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.

06.10.d.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal of Bid 19-752-050 for “turnkey” GPS Technology Systems to Education Logistics, Inc. (EDULOG). This is for year three (3) of four (4) one-year contract renewal options. The date of renewal period will be from March 13, 2023, through March 12, 2024.

06.10.d.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of thirty (30) support vehicles for the Transportation Department from Wade Ford, Inc., through Georgia Statewide Contract 99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S for an amount not to exceed \$828,360.90.

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 award of RFQu 23-752-008 for Architectural and Engineering Services for Dresden Elementary School Replacement to BRPH Architects Engineers Inc., the most responsive and responsible Offeror whose submittal is the most advantageous to the Board based on the evaluation factors, for the lump sum amount of \$2,280,000.

06.10.f.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education and Superintendent execute the “Certificate of the Board of Education” document(s) and authorize staff to submit to the Georgia Department of Education all documents necessary to receive the State Capital Outlay Reimbursement amounts shown below totaling \$550,408.00 for the following project(s):

<b><u>Project Name</u></b>	<b><u>Project#</u></b>	<b><u>Reimbursement</u></b>
Henderson Mill ES	19-644-007	\$96,124.00
Southwest DeKalb HS	19-644-008	\$454,284.00

06.11.a.

Mr. Trenton Arnold, Regional Superintendent, Region II requested that the Board of Education ratify the donation of outdoor classroom equipment totaling \$32,348.40 from the Fernbank Elementary Foundation to Fernbank Elementary School. This equipment is being installed in the school’s courtyard area to allow for teachers and students to hold classroom activities outdoors.

06.11.b.

Mr. Trenton Arnold, Regional Superintendent, Region II requested that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$14,076.30 from the Jaguar Endowment Fund to Smoke Rise Elementary School. These funds will be used to support classroom instruction such as the purchase of instructional materials and supplies, school-wide events, and various activities and celebratory events such as Student of the Month, Teacher of the Month, extracurricular clubs, etc.

06.12.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources

06.13.a.

No Agenda Items This Month

**AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES** – No Agenda Items This Month

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The meeting resumed at 5:44 pm.

**COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING**

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

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Michelle Gordon
2. Brittany Franklin
3. Dr. Valentino Shumate
4. Kay Colson
5. Deborah Jones
6. Libra Wise
7. Lance Hammonds
8. Anna Katz
9. Hannah Choi
10. Marques Moreland
11. Bela Sharma
12. Zakiya Jones
13. Julia Witcher
14. Charlotte Evans
15. Khadijah Barry
16. Bin Huang
17. Troy Butler
18. Ivis Avila – No Show

19. Stacie Griffin

20. Keyra Scott

### **CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING**

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

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

### **STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, introduced Student Board Representative, Miss Georgia Taylor, Tucker High School, 12th grade.

### **RECOGNITION(S)**

Dr. Joyce Morley, Board Member, District 7, presented a proclamation honoring the late Ms. Zepora Roberts, to acknowledge her noble career, dedication, and service to the children of DeKalb County School District.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, presented a proclamation honoring the late Dr. Crawford Lewis to acknowledge his noble career, dedication, and service to the children of DeKalb County School District

Mrs. Anna Hill, Board Member, District 1, presented a proclamation to officially recognize March 6- March 10, 2023, as Exceptional Children's Week.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice-Chair, presented a proclamation recognizing the entire month of February as Career, Technology, and Agricultural Education Month.

Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Board Member, District 5 presented a proclamation to recognize February 6- February 10, 2023, as National School Counseling Week.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to approve the February 13, 2023, consent agenda.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Pierce 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. Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-17.

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

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Special Education Litigation.

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Ms. Gevertz, and with a unanimous vote of (7\0),  
The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Worker's Comp settlement.

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

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Charter School Settlement.

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

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Personnel Recommendation.

On a motion by Dr. Morley, seconded by Mrs. Turner, 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**

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

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