

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

May 8, 2023

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, May 8, 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 12:35 pm and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Mrs. Whitney McGinniss, Dr. Joyce Morley and Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent.

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 May 8, 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 Ms. McGinniss, seconded by Mrs. Turner and with a vote of (5\0), the May 8, 2023, meeting adjourned to executive session at 12:40 pm.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2023, executive session and convene to the work session and business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the May 8, 2023, executive session adjourned at 2:15 pm.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the May 8, 2023, work session and business meeting agenda.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the May 8, 2023, consent agenda was approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Superintendent's Report – No Report This Month

2. Committee of the Whole – Presentation of Tentative Budget for FY 2024

Presented by: Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY 8, 2023, BUSINESS MEETING

06.01.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the official meeting agenda for the May 8, 2023, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, the April 17, 2023, board meeting, executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, April 19, 2023, called meeting and executive session, and April 26, 2023, called meeting and executive session.

There being no objection, the agenda was placed on the consent agenda. Motion passes, 5-0.

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION – No Agenda Item This Month

06.02.a.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings: April 17, 2023, board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, April 19, 2023, called meeting and executive session, April 26, 2023, called meeting and executive session.

06.03.a.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the March 2023 Monthly Financial Report.

06.03b.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the selection of Loomis Armored US, LLC for district wide armored car services for a period of one year (with four (4) one-year extensions) at a price no greater than \$384,000 subject to execution of an Agreement acceptable to the district.

06.03.c.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the budget adjustment to cover additional costs for temporary staffing services on an as-needed basis in the not to exceed amount of \$750,000. This will bring the total amount to \$1,250,000.

06.03.d.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA) with Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner with a total contract value not-to-exceed \$64,000.

06.03.e.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the Tentative Budget/Revenue Budget Projections and Tax Levy for FY 2024.

06.03.f. Risk Management – No Agenda Item This Month

06.04.a.

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

06.05.a.

Ms. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal between Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency (MRESA) and Metro East Georgia Learning Resources System (MEGLRS) for an additional year in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

06.06.a.

EQUITY AND STUDENT EMPOWERMENT - No Agenda Item This Month

06.07.

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

06.08.a.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal for the Incident IQ Ticketing System at a cost not to exceed \$157,717.72.

06.08.b.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of BrainPOP and BrainPOP, Jr., with BrainPOP, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$186,637.42.

06.08.c.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Lightspeed Content Filter platform from CDW-G at a cost not to exceed \$903,550.00.

06.08.d.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the annual renewal agreement for the Infinite Campus Student Information System with K-12 Solutions Group at a cost not to exceed \$1,274,733.19.

06.08.e.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Canvas Learning Management System with Instructure, Incorporated at a cost not to exceed \$978,630.00. This is year 3 of a 5-year agreement.

06.08.f.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the annual subscription for the wireless maintenance agreement from Integrated Communications Networks (ICN) at a cost not to exceed \$335,055.40.

06.08.g.

Ms. Monika Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of physical security equipment and services from Convergent Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 to support the District-Wide Physical Security Refresh Initiative.

06.09.a.

DIVISION OF 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 an easement and Right of Way to the City of Dunwoody for improvement to the sidewalk on Vermack Road along the front of Dunwoody High School.

06.10.b. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve an easement to Georgia Power to allow for improvement to existing distribution lines which service Southwest Dekalb HS and other DeKalb residences.

06.10.b.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of General Contractor Services for Playground

Equipment Repairs, Replacements and Outdoor Equipment Installation Services Contract Limit Increase district wide to PlayPower Inc, on an as-needed basis during 2023. Work to be performed as per Sourcewell Solicitation Number: RFP #010521 for playground equipment repairs, replacements, and outdoor equipment installation services district wide to a not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000.

06.10.b. iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extension for ITB 19-752-032 for Gym Floor Maintenance, Repair, Recoat and Re-finishing Services with Fuller Sport Floors, for an additional year through June 4, 2024, for a not to exceed amount of \$500,000.

06.10.b.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extension for RFP 22-752-012 Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services with Yellowstone Landscape SE, LLC, for an additional year through May 20, 2024, for a not to exceed amount of \$2,750,000. This item was not placed on the consent agenda.

06.10.b.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the American Facility Services, Inc. (AFS) issued through Marietta City Schools RFP 91039-21-01, for providing custodial services and/or goods for a not to exceed amount of \$3,500,000. The term of the Agreement shall begin the date on which the Agreement is fully executed by DeKalb County School District and American Facility Services, Inc. (AFS) and shall end on February 29, 2024.

06.10.c.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of ITB 22-80, District-Wide Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment to Corporate Environments of Georgia, Ernie Morris Enterprises, Georgia Specialty Equipment, LLC., HCONE International Implex LLC., Lakeshore Learning Materials LLC., and School Specialty LLC., Contract Extension Ratification and Approval, Year 2 of 5. The most responsive and responsible firms whose bid best meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the ITB documents. This bid includes four (4) one (1)-year renewal options through 2027.

06.10.c. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Purchase of an annual license for the use of the Kahua Project

Management Software as the District's Project Management Information System (PMIS) for both E-SPLOST and Non-E-SPLOST construction projects for an amount not to exceed \$397,000 for the initial contract period. This request is for the initial one-year contract and will include four (4) one-year renewal options.

06.10.d.

FLEET and TRANSPORTATION – No Agenda Items This Month

06.10.e.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, 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 \$235,400.00 for SY 23-24. This request extends the agreement with Cintas Corporation an additional year from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This is the second of four (4) one-year (1-year) Contract Renewal options.

06.10.e. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the extension of Bid 22-18, USDA Product Processing to to 1.) Brookwood Farms, Inc., 2.) Gold Creek Foods, LLC, 3.) Goodman Food Products dba Don Lee Farms, 4.) Jennie O Turkey Store Sales, LLC dba Hormel Foods 5.) JTM Provisions Co. Inc., 6.) Land O' Lakes, Inc., 7.) Out of the Shell, LLC dba Yangs 5th Taste and 8.) Tyson Prepared Foods in the amount not to exceed \$4,628,750.00 for SY 23-24. This request extends the agreement for all vendors listed above an additional year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

06.10.f.

E-SPLOST Projects – No Agenda Items This Month

06.11.a.

Dr. Triscilla Weaver, Regional Superintendent, Region V requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$10,000 for Salem Middle School from Georgia United Credit Union. The funds will be used to decorate the teachers' lounge and the counseling center suite.

06.11.b.

Ms. Ateshia Lester, Interim Regional Superintendent, Region VII requested that the Board of Education accept a donation totaling \$8,000.00 from The Perry Foundation to Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy. These funds will be utilized to support the creation of the "Victory Room". The Victory Room is a student incentive room to support positive behavior and student achievement as outlined in the school's PBIS program.

06.12.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Agenda Items This Month.

06.13.a.

Office of Audits and Compliance - No Agenda Items This Month

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education adopt new Board Regulation DIB-R (1) Lease Accounting.
2. Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education lay the new Board Regulation DIB-R (2) Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) on the table as a FIRST READ and Board feedback until the June 12, 2023, Board Meeting where the new regulation will receive final approval.

The meeting resumed at 5:47 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. **Kay Colson (virtual)**
2. **Wendy Wheeler-Drew -No Show**
3. **Deborah Jones**
4. **Dr. Anne Mellinger-Birdsong**
5. **Dr. Preeti Jaggi**

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to convene the May 8, 2023, business meeting.

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

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – No Student Board Representative This Month

RECOGNITION(S)

- a. Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Board Member, District 5, presented a proclamation officially approving May 10, 2023, as National School Nurse Day.
- b. Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent presented a proclamation officially recognizing National Teacher Appreciation Week from May 8-12, 2023, to celebrate the contributions of our teachers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to approve the May 8, 2023, consent agenda items except for agenda item 10.b.v. RFP 22-752-012 Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services Contract Extension Approval (Yellowstone Landscape SE, LLC) renewal year 1 of 4 (not to exceed \$2,750,000).

On a motion by Mrs. Hill seconded by Mrs. Pierce 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. 23-32.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, 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. 23-33.

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Hill, 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 Hollis vs. DCSD Settlement.

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

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

AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion on an item pulled from the consent agenda
Item: 10.b.v RFP 22-752-012 Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services Contract Extension Approval (Yellowstone Landscape SE, LLC).

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of (5\1 abstention from Dr. Morley)

The motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2023, work session and business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the work session and business meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair