

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

June 12, 2023

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, June 12, 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 12:36 pm and noted the following were in attendance; Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Mrs. Whitney McGinniss, Mrs. Vickie Turner, Mrs. Allyson Gevertz, Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Joyce Morley attended the executive session 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 June 12, 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 vote of (6\0), the June 12, 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 June 12, 2023, executive session and convene to the work session and business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the June 12, 2023, executive session adjourned at 2:53 pm.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the June 12, 2023, work session and business meeting agenda, with the exception of agenda item 5.d. RFP No. 23-545 for district Academic Recovery Plan in an amount not to exceed \$4,003,684.67 to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the June 12, 2023, work session and business meeting agenda was approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**1. Superintendent's Report – Interim Superintendent's Accomplishments
Presented by Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley**

2. Committee of the Whole – No Report This Month

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 12, 2023, BUSINESS MEETING

12.01.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – No Agenda Item This Month

12.02.a.

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings: May 8, 2023, board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, May 10, 2023, virtual audit committee meeting, May 17, 2023, called meeting and executive session, May 31, 2023 public ethics hearing, May 31, 2023 called meeting and executive session.

12.03.a.

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

12.03.b.i.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the District's Excess Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance coverage with Star Insurance Company ("Star"), for \$272,800.00.

12.03.b. ii.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of Renewal of Property, Machinery and Fine Arts Insurance Coverage (not to exceed \$3,321,129)

12.04.a.

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

12.04.b.

Dr. Tekshia Ward-Smith, Administrator, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommended for employment contracts for the 2023-2024 academic year.

12.05.a.

Ms. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract extensions of RFP 21-522R1 with the following seven vendors: Cobb Pediatrics (DBA Stepping Stones), Comprehensive Behavior Change, Core Therapy, Kadiant, Maxim, Pathways (Rebecca Lamont), and Southern Behavior

Group, as the most responsive and responsible bidders to provide behavior intervention services for more than \$100,000 per vendor, not to exceed the total contract amount of \$2,000,000.

Dr. Morley requested that this item be pulled from the consent agenda and be voted on separately.

12.05.b.

Ms. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of professional translation and interpretation services from the following vendors in excess of \$100,000.00 with a combined total not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the following vendors:

Alta Language Services
Language Line Services
Real Time Translation
SeSo, Inc.
Translation Station, Inc.
Zab Translation Solutions

12.05.c.

Ms. Stacy Stepney, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the contractual agreement between the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) and Laurel Heights Hospital (LHH) in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00.

12.05.d.

RFP No. 23-545 for district Academic Recovery Plan in an amount not to exceed \$4,003,684.67 to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt was removed from the agenda in executive session. On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, and a vote of 7/0) the item was removed from the agenda and would not be placed on the consent agenda.

12.12.a.

Dr. Kishia Towns, Deputy Superintendent of Student Support and Intervention, Division of Equity and Student Empowerment requested that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta and DCSD in the amount of \$249,983 to provide Level Up: In-School Mentoring services to 100 students at Lithonia Middle School during the 2024 school year.

12.07

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

12.08. a.

Ms. Monica Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of professional services to provide staffing augmentation and monitoring for network, data center, and cloud services with GreenPages Technology Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$2,988,720.

12.08. b.

Ms. Monica Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education award the purchase of Managed Print Services to Lexmark International in an amount not to exceed \$1,723,237.

12.08. c.

Ms. Monica Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of E-rate consulting services from Educational Funding Group, Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

12.08. d.

Ms. Monica Davis, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the request to utilize the services of Computer Aid, Inc (CAI) not to exceed \$3,240,653.

12.09.

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

12.10.a.

ATHLETICS – No Agenda Items This Month

12.10.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve two (2) awards for RFP No. 23-752-014 for Roof Replacement Services to the most responsive and responsible Offerors whose submittals are the most advantageous to the district. The awards are as follows:

DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts and Freedom Middle School to SRS, Inc. not to exceed \$5,270,000.

Redan Elementary School and Sam Moss Service Center to Tecta America SE, LLC not to exceed \$4,069,300.

12.10.c.i.

BUSINESS SERVICES – No Agenda Items This Month

12.10.d.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education ratify and approve the contract extension of the use of the IBS Contract between DeKalb County School District and Genuine Parts Company (NAPA) for services in accordance with the Georgia Statewide Contract #SWC 99999-SPD-SWL20201105 for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for a not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000.

12.10.e.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of Bid 24-397 School Nutrition Grocery Products to Sutherland's Foodservice, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$950,400 for SY 23-24.

12.10.f.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFQu No. 23-752-020 for construction management services for the New Sequoyah Middle and High School to Gilbane Building Company, the most responsive and responsible Offeror whose proposal is the most advantageous to the Board based on the evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Qualifications solicitation document.

In addition, it requested that the Board of Education approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$175,000.00, for the Pre-Construction Phase Fee associated with this contract agreement. Additional packages will be presented to the Board of Education for approval as indicated below:

Site package will be presented in Winter 2023-2024. Final Middle School /Preliminary High Scholl package will be presented in Spring 2024. Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP will be presented in Winter 2025.

Additional subpackages may be presented to the Board of Education for approval as needed.

12.10.f. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFQu 23-752-010 for Architectural & Engineering Services for Livsey Elementary School Major Building System Replacement to Croft & Associates, 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 \$260,100.

12.11.

DONATIONS – No Agenda Items This Month

12.12.

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

12.13.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 the new Board Regulation DIB-R (2) Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) as a new regulation.

The meeting resumed at 5:47 pm.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. convened the Community Input Session after he informed the public that the agenda would be adjusted for the 2nd Millage Rate Hearing to begin after the last speaker in the community input session.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce read the Guidelines for Public Comments.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. **Ashley Bryant Kees**
2. **Kate Haynes**
3. **Sophia Gallo**
4. **Taylor Ohlstrom**
5. **Dr. Claudia Fruin**
6. **Jacob Arnberger**
7. **Willie Pringle**
8. **Nancy Kelly**
9. **Gabriela Atsepoyi**
10. **Kendra Hill**
11. **Kristin Quarles**
12. **Lura Daussat**
13. **Will Berry**
14. **Lillian Bittaye**
15. **Jocelyn O'Neal**
16. **Representative Doreen Carter**

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. requested to reconvene the June 12, 2023, business meeting after the 2nd Millage Rate Hearing.

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

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – No Student Board Representative This Month

RECOGNITION(S) – **Special Presentation to Interim Superintendent, Dr. Vasanne Tinsley**

A video presentation was shown that highlighted Dr. Tinsley’s tenure as Interim Superintendent.

Mrs. Turner read and presented a Proclamation to Dr. Tinsley

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. read and presented a crystal plaque to Dr. Tinsley

The Senior Cabinet thanked Dr. Tinsley for service and leadership

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, consent agenda items, with the exception of following 2 agenda items.

ITEM NO. E.5.a. RFP 21-522R1 for Behavior Intervention Services Contract Extension (Year 2 of 4) (not to exceed \$2,000,000) – This item would be voted on separately as an Action Item.

ITEM NO. E.5.d. RFP 23-545 Academic Recovery Plan Software Initial Contract Approval (not to exceed \$4,003,684.67). – This item was removed from the agenda during executive session.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill seconded by Mrs. Pierce and with a 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, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-34.

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

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to accept the actions, as presented, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-35.

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

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to accept the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for DCSD vs. Joiner settlement.

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Hill and with a vote of (7/0),
The motion passed.

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

Mr. DaCosta called for a motion to approve the following Action Item which was pulled off the consent agenda.

ITEM E.5.a. RFP 21-522R1 for Behavior Intervention Services Contract Extension (Year 2 of 4) (not to exceed \$2,000,000)

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Gevertz, and with a unanimous vote of (6\1 abstention from Dr. Morley)
The motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn the June 12, 2023, work session and business meeting.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. noted there were no objections, the work session and business meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair