

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

March 10, 2025

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Chair convened the meeting at 11:38 am and noted the following were in attendance; herself, Vice Chair, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Mr. Awet Eyasu and Superintendent, Dr. Devon Q. Horton.

Also in attendance were General Counsel Attorney, Ms. Melanie Slaton and Executive Director to the Board, Ms. Carolyn Lloyd.

Mrs. Pierce led the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Pierce asked if there were any objections to amend the agenda to move the executive session to after the Legislative Update and to have the Avondale Elementary School Music Club Chorale performance after their recognition was read.

With no objections, the amended agenda was adopted.

RECOGNITIONS

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ~ Dr. Devon Horton introduced this month's Student Board Representative, Mr. Manuel Bonilla-Aguilar, Cross Keys High School, 12th Grade.

RECOGNITIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / MIRACLE MAKER AWARDS

- a. Proclamation: Youth Art and Music Appreciation Month 2025
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6
- b. Recognition: Avondale Elementary School Music Club Chorale
Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair
- c. Recognition: Georgia All-State Ensembles for Band, Choir, and Orchestra
Presented by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- d. Recognition: DeKalb NAACP Recognizes Cross Keys High School Band
Presented by: Ms. Nakia Hill, DeKalb NAACP

- e. Proclamation: National School Social Work Appreciation Week: March 2-8, 2025
Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Board Member, District 7
- f. Recognition: DeKalb County School District Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Schools
Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Vice Chair
- g. Recognition: K-12 National, State, and/or County Art Contest Winners
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- h. Recognition: Alliance Theatre Program Partnerships at Miller Grove Middle School, Lithonia High School, and Miller Grove High School
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- i. Proclamation: School Board Appreciation Week, March 10 ~ March 14, 2025
Presented by: Dr. Devon Q. Horton, Superintendent
- j. Recognition: ERP Team Recognition
Presented by: Dr. Devon Q. Horton, Superintendent

GROUP / EXTERNAL PRESENTATION ~ Avondale Elementary School Music Club Chorale

Directed by: Mrs. Sheila Smith, Musical Director, Avondale Elementary School

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Strategic Plan Update

Presented by: Mrs. Pamela McCloud, Coordinator III for Organizational Effectiveness, Chief of Staff Division

b. DCSD Adult Education and ESL Program Presentation

Presented by: Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships
Dr. Damienne Denham Shabazz, Program Coordinator, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships

c. ESOL Program Evaluation and Master Planning Project ~ Phase 1 Results and Next Steps

Presented by: Dr. Norman Sauce III, Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services, Robin Jarvis, Ph.D., Vice President, Research Making Change (RMC) Research Corporation, Heidi Goertzen, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Research Making Change (RMC) Research Group

- d. Student Assignment Progress Report
Presented by: Dr. Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity

2. Committee of the Whole Presentations

- a. Department of Exceptional Education ~ Departmental Presentation
Presented by: Dr. Norman Sauce III, Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 10, 2025, BUSINESS MEETING

09.01.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair, requested that Mr. Dan Baskerville, Senior Policy Director, Dentons to provide the Board of Education with legislative updates.

ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adjourn March 10, 2025, meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding litigation, land, legal, personnel, and student appeals.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., second by Ms. McGinniss and with a vote of (7/0), the March 10, 2025, meeting adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Pierce called to adjourn the March 10, 2025, executive session to convene the work session.

On a motion by Mr. Ziffer, second by Mr. Eyasu and with a vote of (7/0), the March 10, 2025, executive session adjourned to the convene the community input session.

09.02.a.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting; February 10, 2025, board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, February 12, 2025 virtual board b-policy review committee meeting, February 25 – February 26, 2025 2-day board retreat, and March 5, 2025 virtual board b-policy review committee meeting.

Mr. Eyasu objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve grant of an easement to DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management for construction, installation, and ongoing maintenance of a sanitary sewer line at Bethune Middle School site located at 1911 South Hairston Rd., Decatur, GA 30035.

09.03.a.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the cooperative agreement - OMNIA Partners Cooperative contract No. **02-123** Contract between DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and **Carrier** for **HVAC Equipment, Controls, and Service Solutions** goods and services in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein not to exceed **\$1,000,000.00**. This is **contract renewal #1**.

09.03.a.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **Controls Concepts, Inc.**, as a single source vendor for the installation of **HVAC Instrumentation and Controls** district wide in the amount not to exceed **\$300,000**.

09.03.a.iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve use of the contract award between Filter Pro USA and Gwinnett County School System through **October 20, 2025**. This is contract award renewal #2 for Filter Pro USA. The resulting contract between **DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”)** (a “piggyback” contract) and **FilterPro USA** will be in accordance with **RFP 2302KM** for the **not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000**.

Mr. Eyasu objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.a.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the below items **in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000**:

- Use of the OMNIA/Daikin contract to replace the **Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) units** one-for-one with VRV from **Daikin at MLK Jr. HS**.
- Approval of an HVAC contractor for the VRV unit installation.

09.03.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the following:

- An **increase in the spend limit of contract Bid 23-417 for Portable Air Condition Unit (A/C) to Sun Belt Rentals, Inc. and Spot Coolers, Inc., through September 21, 2025**, in the not to exceed amount of **\$4,000,000**.
- The **Contract Renewal for Bid 23-417-Portable Air Condition Unit (A/C) to Sun Belt Rentals, Inc. and Spot Coolers, Inc. for a term effective September 22, 2025, through September 21, 2026**, not to exceed amount of **\$8,000,000**.
 - **This is the third four (#3 of 4) contract renewals for Bid 23-417.**

Mr. Eyasu objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.b.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal for RFP No. 22-491 for **Graduation Audio Visual Services to Real Eyes Production dba Real Eyes Entertainment, not to exceed \$250,000** for a one (1) year term effective **April 14, 2025, through April 13, 2026.**

09.03.c.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the **1 Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA)** contract # 23-17PV-03 awarded to **Education Logistics, Inc. (EDULOG) by DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”)** for turnkey GPS Technology Systems from March 28, 2025, through March 27, 2026, for a not to exceed amount of **\$796,632.**

09.03.c.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **R&W Motorcoach Inc.** for Charter Bus Services in an amount not to exceed **\$90,000 for May 21, 2025, through May 25, 2025.**

09.03.d.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award for ITB 25-27 for School Nutrition Large Equipment, to **Boelter, Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot), Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc), Owens Equipment Company, Inc., Sam Tell and Son Inc. and Superior Equipment & Supply, Co.,** not to exceed **\$1,500,000 for March 11, 2025 through March 10, 2026.**

09.03.d. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award for ITB 25-22 for School Nutrition Ice Cream Products, to **Hershey Creamery Company,** in the amount not to exceed **\$128,400 for April 1, 2025,** through **March 31, 2026.**

Mr. Eyasu objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.e. i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education and the Superintendent approve execution of the **Certificate of the Board of Education documents** and authorize staff to submit to the Georgia Department of Education (“GaDOE”) all documents necessary to receive the **State Capital Outlay Reimbursement** in the amount of **\$1,186,898.**

09.03.e. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approved

- A budget reallocation in the amount of \$148,871.96 from Local Projects Capital Improvement Fund to the General Contractor cost code.
- Change Order No. 1 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC, for the **Druid Hills Middle School Roof, HVAC and Controls Replacement project** that will be funded by the budget reallocation.

09.03.e. iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **Amendment No. 1 to MSSA-PBK for the Druid Hills High School Modernization project** for an increase in the Architect's fee in the amount of **\$218,500**.

Mr. Eyasu objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.e. iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the below:

- The Final Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP") of **\$25,677,042**, for the construction of the **International Student Center HVAC Replacement and Renovations** per the terms set forth in the Construction Manager at Risk ("CM@Risk") contract previously awarded to **The Winter Construction Company (General Contractor – "GC")**.
- **Amendment No. 2 to Corgan Associates (Architectural & Engineering – "A/E")** in a Not -to-Exceed amount of **\$640,622.52**, for added design services.

Ms. McGinniss objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.e. v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the below:

- The established Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP") of **\$143,484,535** for the construction of the **Cross Keys High School New Addition and Modernization E-SPLOST V project** per the terms set forth in the Construction Manager at Risk ("CM@Risk") contract previously awarded to **Evergreen Construction Company (General Contractor- "GC")**.
- Budget Reallocation of **\$99,065,458** from E-SPLOST V program contingency to fund this project.
- **Amendment No. 08 to Cooper Carry, Inc. (Architectural & Engineering – "A/E")** in a Not -to-Exceed amount of **\$4,937,072** for added design services.

Ms. McGinniss objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.e. vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract award of **RFQu 25-752-003 for Architectural and Engineering Services for Bus Maintenance, Parking & Charging Facilities - Phase 1**, for

East DeKalb Campus and Former Hooper Alexander Elementary to **Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Inc.** for the lump sum amount of **\$655,500.**

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.03.e. vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the below:

- A Resolution requesting modification of the FY2022 and FY2023 Capital Outlay Applications
- Provide authorization to staff to submit the resolution to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).

The following are the Capital Outlay project applications for withdrawal:

Project #	Project Name	Project #	Project Name
22-644-001	Sequoyah MS	22-644-018	Evansdale ES
22-644-002	Montgomery ES	22-644-019	Stone Mountain ES
22-644-004	Kingsley ES	22-644-021	Dunaire ES
22-644-007	Columbia HS	22-644-022	Huntley Hills ES
22-644-008	Woodward ES	22-644-023	Cary Reynolds ES
22-644-011	Dresden ES	22-644-024	Stone Mill ES
22-644-015	Vanderlyn ES	23-644-002	Kittredge Magnet ES
22-644-017	Allgood ES		

09.04.a.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the award for ITB 25-599: Computer Devices, Accessories, and Associated Services for the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) for the upcoming device refresh initiative which fall under the Instructional Device Lifecycle Management Program for over 98,000 student devices and 11,500 staff devices to CDW-G and Virtucom, Inc to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the Bid Documents in the amount, not to exceed \$49,074,734.46.

After a thorough evaluation, CDW-G and Virtucom, Inc. were selected as the vendors who best meet the solicitation requirements. The requested awards are \$36,403,901.30 for CDW-G and \$12,670,833.16 for Virtucom, Inc., totaling \$49,074,734.46.

Ms. McGinniss objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.04.b.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the contract for Human Capital Management – Applicant Tracking, Absence & Substitute Management, Professional Learning Management, Employee Evaluation Management as well as Asset Tracking Services with

Frontline Education in an amount not to exceed \$767,264.67. This will be an annual subscription to be presented to the BOE each fiscal year.

09.04.c.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve an extension of the contract for Self-Provisioned Fiber Maintenance to the Zayo Group in an amount not exceed \$205,320. This award is in accordance with the federal government's E-rate bidding process and allows the district to continue seeking Category 1 reimbursement for Internet Connections and non-recurring services. This is year 4 of a five-year agreement.

09.04.d.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the ERATE Category 1 awards for the following eligible purchases for services from the following vendors in the amounts listed below, as the lowest responsible, responsive bids, in an amount not to exceed **\$404,948**. The district cost should not exceed **\$40,494.80**, after the 90% Erate discount.

- \$50,000.04 **Zayo** Dark Fiber (AIC to 56 Marietta)
- \$62,505.96 **CDW-G** Category 1 Switch Equipment
- \$291,026 **Zayo** Self Provisioned Fiber New Sites (WAN)
- \$1,416 **Zayo** Maintenance

09.04.e.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Technology Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the ERATE Category 2 awards for the following eligible purchases for services from the following vendors in the amounts listed below, as the lowest responsible, responsive bids, in an amount not to exceed **\$2,984,452.83**. The district cost should not exceed **\$447,667.93** after the 90% Erate discount.

- \$554,680.23 **CDWG** Access Level Switches and associated components for new school locations (New Cross Keys, New Dresden and New Sequoyah)
- \$2,429,772.60 **MGT Wireless** Access Points and Licenses

09.05.a.

CHIEF OF STAFF DIVISION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

09.06.a.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the January 2025 Monthly Financial Report.

09.06.b.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the FY 2023 audit corrective action plan developed in response to Senate Bill 68 requirements. FY 2023 audit results stipulate the District's designated risk level as being moderate. The District's corrective action plan must be presented at a regular board meeting, signed by each board member, and submitted to the State Board of Education no later than 120 days from receiving audit results (June 28, 2025).

Ms. McGinniss objected to this item. Mr. Ziffer made a motion to pull the item from the agenda. With a second by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and a vote of 7/0, the item was pulled from the agenda and would be presented at the April board meeting.

09.06.c.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve a budget amendment to transfer \$13,486,030.83 from Operations general funds to Operations capital projects funds.

09.07.a.

Mrs. Tasha Davis Mills, Chief Human Resource Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the March Human Resources Report.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. objected to this item. It was pulled from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

09.08.

SCHOOLS & LEADERSHIP ~ No Agenda Item This Month

09.09.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

09.10.

WRAP AROUND SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

09.11.

STUDENT SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

09.12.a.i.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the Board of Education approve the following:

- Bid Renewal for the Athletic Department's Equipment and Uniform Bid with **Riddell All American and BSN Sports, LLC**, for an additional year through May 16, 2026. This recommendation is for year four (4) of four (4) one-year renewal options.
- Increase the Spend Limit of the contract to an amount not to exceed an amount not to exceed **\$3,000,000**, which is an increase of **\$1,525,000**. The spend limit increase will support the new initiatives for Elementary School, as well as the growing programs, such as Middle School Soccer, Middle School Wrestling, Middle School Volleyball, Middle School Baseball, and Varsity Flag Football and Competitive Dance.

09.12.b.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the Board of Education approve access and usage of **THOMSON REUTERS CLEAR**, a public record information database software not to exceed **\$141,548**.

09.12.c.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the Cooperative Agreement with AMTAB through Region 14 ESC (Education Service Center) and Omnia Partners Contract number 07-77, for an amount not to exceed **\$389,010.87 through September 30, 2025, for Phase I of the Climate Improvement Project.**

09.13.a.

Dr. Candace Alexander, Chief Accountability Officer, Division of Accountability & Continuous Improvement, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of **SchoolMint Grow** for the district's teacher coaching, and professional development processes. The total amount requested for the implementation, training, and ongoing support is **\$275,000.13.**

Mr. Ziffer made a motion to move all of the donation items listed under 14 to the consent agenda.

With a second from Ms. McGinniss and a vote of 7/0, all of the donation items were moved to the consent agenda.

09.14.a.i.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of 10 Virtual Reality (VR) headsets on behalf of Inspirit VR to Martin Luther King, Jr. High School to provide innovative technology that enhances engagement, inspires creativity, and expands educational opportunities.

09.14.a.ii.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the State Farm furniture donation to support Wrap Around and Support Services, Family Engagement and Student Advancement departments during the 2024-2025 school year.

09.14.a.iii.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the Georgia Department of Education School Based Health Centers grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 to support the development of a school-based health center at Pine Ridge Elementary School (\$1,000,000) and Oakview Elementary School (\$1,000,000).

09.14.a.iv.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the subaward grant awarded to Fernbank Science Center from DeKalb County (District 2) in the amount of \$175,000. The American Rescue Plan Act, H.R. 1319, allocated \$147,484,541 in Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund funds ("ARPA funds") to DeKalb County, which it may utilize to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its economic impacts; and DeKalb County has identified a need to address the public health emergency, and its economic impacts caused by COVID-19 by supporting Fernbank Science Center and its provision of an Instructional Science/STEM Exhibit. On November 19, 2024, the DeKalb County Governing Authority authorized the allocation of

\$175,000 of ARPA funds to Fernbank Science Center to support its provision of the eligible services pursuant to Agenda Item 2024-1316.

09.14.a.v.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept a donation from Truist Wealth Management on behalf of Mr. Robert Waltemeyer's estate in the amount of \$54,047.38. This amount represents Fernbank Science Center's share of accumulated income (interest and dividends) for 15,872 common shares of Coca-Cola Co. with a value of \$58.1925 per share. Income distributions will occur periodically during the administration of the Robert V. Waltemeyer Trust agreement until the shares are officially transferred to Fernbank Science Center, DeKalb County School District brokerage account.

09.14.a.vi.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the Valencia Coniah Bates Special Needs Trust donation in the amount of \$6,130.45 to the DeKalb County School District's Department of Exceptional Education to support special needs programs that are specific to helping special needs students achieve academic success in and outside the classroom.

09.14.a.vii.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept a shoe donation at the value of \$15,000 for students at Panola Way Elementary School.

09.14.a.viii.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the Druid Hills Middle School donation of furniture that totals \$7750 from the PTSA Enrichment Fund to help outfit 2 Collaboration Stations.

09.14.a.ix.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the State Farm grant award for a total of **\$100,000** to support the following departments and their programs: **Wrap Around and Support Services** (Student and Family Engagement Centers) **\$50,000**, **Family Engagement** (Family and Community Empowerment) **\$10,000**, **Student Advancement** (Mobile Student Success Centers) **\$25,000**, and **Student Mentorship and Partnership** (My Brother's Keeper and Our Sister's Keeper) **\$15,000** programs during the 2024-2025 school year.

09.15.a.

LEGAL SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

F.1.

Ms. Melanie Slaton, General Counsel, Hall Booth Smith, PC Attorneys at Law requested that the Board of Education accept the amendments to Board Policy BCBI: Public Participation in Board Meetings as First Read.

F.2.

Ms. Melanie Slaton, General Counsel, Hall Booth Smith, PC Attorneys at Law requested that the Board of Education accept the amendments to Board Policy BBI: Board Staff Relations as Ready For Action.

The community input session began at 5:45 pm.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Tasha Davis Mills, Chief Human Resource Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Dr. Matthew Alexander, Jr., as Manager III of Facilities and Maintenance, in the Division of Operation

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Pierce, Board Chair called to convene the March 10, 2025, business meeting.

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Ms. Allyson Gevertz. and with a vote of (7/0), the March 10, 2025 convened the business meeting.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Pierce convened the Community Input Session and Ms. Gevertz called the speakers for Public Comments.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Madelyn Wood Rega
2. Jordan Beer
3. Kate Denny ~ No Show
4. Nakhia Hill ~ No Show
5. Myrna Clayton
6. Carla Weston-Brown
7. Kim Gokce ~ No Show
8. Amy Leventhal
9. Sonny Neely

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Pierce, Board Chair called for a motion to approve the March 10, 2025, consent agenda items.

On a motion by Mr. Ziffer, second by Mr. Eyasu and with a vote of 7/0, the motion passed to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEM(S)

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

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adopt the actions as discussed in Executive Session for:

- a. Item: Student Appeal #25-11 as discussed in executive session

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Mr. Ziffer, and with a vote of 7/0, the motion passed.

- b. Item: Student Appeal #25-12 as discussed in executive session

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Hogan, Ph.D., and with a vote of 7/0, the motion passed.

- c. Item: Personnel Recommendation from executive session for the position of Manager III of Facilities & Maintenance in the Division of Operations.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., second by Mr. Eyasu, opposition by Hogan, Ph.D., and with a vote of 6/1, the motion passed.

- d. Item: Approval of a settlement for the Keith vs. DCSD litigation matter.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., second by Mr. Eyasu and with a vote of 7/0, the motion passed.

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

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to approve the following Action Items which were NOT placed on the consent agenda.

- a. Item: E.2.a. Approval of Minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Eyasu, second by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and with a vote of 7/0, the motion passed.

- b. Item: E.3.a.iv. (Piggyback) Contract ~ RFP 2302KM HVAC Air Filter Replacement Services ~ Gwinnett County Public School System RFP ~ Filter Pro USA (Not to exceed \$2,500,000).

On a motion by Mr. Ziffer, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and Mr. Eyasu, and with a vote of 5/2, the motion passed.

- c. Item: E.3.b.i. Contract Spend Limit Increase and Contract Renewal ~ Bid 23-417 ~ Portable Air Condition Unit (A/C) ~ Sun Belt Rentals, Inc. and Spot Coolers, Inc. ~ Contract Renewal #3 of 4 and Spend Limit Increase (Not to exceed \$12,000,000 Collectively).

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mr. Ziffer, opposition by Mr. Eyasu and Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and with a vote of 5/2, the motion passed.

- d. Item: E.3.d.ii. Contract Award ~ Ice Cream Products ~ ITB 25-22 ~ Hershey Creamery Company (Not to exceed \$128,400).

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., second by Hogan, Ph.D., opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mr. Eyasu, and with a vote of 5/2, the motion passed.

- e. Item: E.3.e.iii. E-SPLOST VI Project ~ Amendment Request ~ Manley Spangler Smith Architects ~ PBK Architects (“MSSA-PBK”) - #40636 ~ Druid Hills High School Modernization ~ Amendment No. 1, Additional Site Studies (Not to exceed \$218,500).

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Ms. McGinniss, opposition by Hogan, Ph.D., DaCosta, Sr., and Mr. Eyasu, and with a vote of 4/3, the motion passed.

- f. Item: E.3.e.iv. E-SPLOST VI Project: Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and Amendment Request ~ #50736 ~ International Student Center HVAC Replacement and Renovations Project ~ The Winter Construction Company and Corgan Associates ~ Final GMP Approval and Amendment No. 2 (Not to exceed \$26,317,664.52 Collectively).

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., opposition by Ms. McGinniss, Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Ziffer and with a vote of 4/3, the motion passed.

- g. Item: E.3.e.v. E-SPLOST V Project ~ Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), Budget Reallocation, and Amendment Request ~ #21435 ~ Cross Keys High School New Addition and Modernization ~ Evergreen Construction Company and Cooper Carry, Inc. ~ Final GMP Approval, Budget Reallocation, and Amendment No. 8-A/E Fee Adjustment (Not to exceed -\$148,421,607).

On a motion by Mr. Ziffer, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and with a vote of 6/1, the motion passed.

- h. Item: E.3.e.vi. Contract Award ~ Capital Improvement Project: RFQu No. 25-752-003 Professional Architectural and Engineering Services ~ Phase 1 ~ Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Inc. ~ East DeKalb Campus and Former Hooper Alexander Elementary ~ Bus Maintenance, Parking & Charging Facilities (Not to exceed \$655,500).

On a motion by Mr. Eyasu, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., Ms. McGinniss, Hogan Ph.D., and with a vote of 4/3, the motion passed.

- i. Item: E.4.a. ITB 25-599: Computer Devices, Accessories, and Associated Services (Not to exceed \$49,074,734.46).

On a motion by Mr. Eyasu, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Hogan, Ph.D. and Ms. McGinniss, and with a vote of 5/2, the motion passed.

- j. Item: E.7.a. Approval of the Human Resources Monthly Report for March 2025.

On a motion by Mr. Eyasu, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and with a vote of 6/1 , the motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no objections, Mrs. Pierce adjourned the March 10, 2025, work session and business meeting.

The work session and business meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair