

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

June 9, 2025

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 11:37 am and noted the following were in attendance; herself, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Diijon 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 requested a motion to adopt the June 9, 2025 agenda with the following items moved to consent.

F.1.a. Official Functions of the Board for FY26

F.2.a. Approval of the Minutes

F.3.a.i. Easement ~ Right of Entry Request ~ DeKalb County~ DeKalb Preparatory Charter Academy Site

F.3.a. ii. Easement Request ~ Georgia Power Company - Improvement of Distribution Lines at the DeKalb Preparatory Academy Charter Site

F.3.a.iii. Easement ~ Right of Entry Request ~ Georgia Power ~ New Elementary School at Dresden Site

F.3.a. iv. Easement Request ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Installation of Distribution Lines at the New Elementary School at Dresden Site

F.3.a.vii. Contract Award ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract # EV2516 ~ KONE, Inc. ~ Elevator and Escalator Maintenance Services (Not to exceed \$750,000)

F.3.c.i. Contract Award ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Georgia Statewide Contract ~ Yancey Bus Sales (#99999-SPD- GD63020-001) ~ Acquisition of 2026 Blue Bird/Vision School Buses (Not to exceed \$4,388,425)

F.3.c. ii. Contract Award ~ Professional Tax Services ~ Federal Clean Energy Rebates

F.3.d.i. School Nutrition Services (SNS) Adult Meal Price Increase SY25-26

F.3.d. ii. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 22-15 School Nutrition Frozen Temperature Control and Dry Food Products ~ Gordon Food Service, Inc., Renewal #4 of 4 (Not to exceed \$12,513,927.92 ~ SY 25-26)

F.4.a. RFP 25-607 Computer Device Repair and Insurance Services ~ Stratix Corporation (Not to exceed \$3,234,403)

F.4.b. Wireless Maintenance Agreement (Not to exceed \$128,000)

F.4.c. Educational Funding Group, Inc. for E-Rate Consulting Services ( Not to exceed \$80,000)

F.4.f. Canvas Learning Management System Approval (Not to exceed \$815,250)

F.4.h. E-RATE Category 1 Offsite Student Internet Connectivity Options (Not to exceed \$240,660)

F.5.b. Axon Enterprise Inc. Body Camera with Licenses Bundle (Not to exceed \$464,710.78)

F.5.c. Central Square Pro Records Cloud Platform Services (Not to exceed \$187,049.80)

F.6.d. Annual Software Approval ~ PowerSchool Group LLC (Allovue) ~ Renewal Year 4 of 4 (from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) (Not to exceed \$465,226.57)

F.6.e. Renewal (3 of 4) for RFP 22-12 Banking and Non-Banking Monetary Services and Contract Amendment for Inclusion of PayMode

F.6.f. Tyler Technologies (Not to exceed \$1,086,926.89)

F.8.a. Modern Classroom Project Training & Support Agreement (Not to exceed \$150,000)

F.10.b. Renewal: Naviance by PowerSchool Group: College Career and Life Readiness (CCLR) Platform (Not to exceed \$425,000)

F.14.a.i. Dunwoody High School Portable Restroom Trailer Donation (Not to exceed \$80,000)

F.14.a. ii. School Donation Acceptance for the Installation of an Outdoor Classroom at Hawthorne Elementary School (Not to exceed \$10,000)

F.14.a.iii. Hawthorne Elementary School Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) Mural Grant Approval

F.15.a.i. Renewal of the District's Excess Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Policy (Not to exceed \$417,250)

F.15.a. ii. Renewal of the District's Excess Cyber Risk Insurance Policy (Not to exceed \$143,884)

F.15.a.iii. Renewal of the District's Property and Cyber Liability Insurance Policy (Not to exceed \$3,544,904)

G.1. FIRST READ: Amendment to the Bylaws & Policies: Revision of Board Policy BHA: Board Member Conflict of Interest

G.2. FIRST READ: Amendment to the Bylaws & Policies: Rescind of Board Policy CEI: Superintendent Evaluation

G.3. FIRST READ: Amendment to the Bylaws & Policies: Revision of Board Policy BBD: Board ~ School Superintendent Relations

With no objections, these agenda items for the June 9, 2025, were moved to the consent agenda and the work session and business meeting agenda were adopted.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

### **STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no student board representative this month.

### **RECOGNITIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / MIRACLE MAKER AWARDS**

- a. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee Middle School Girls' Track Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- b. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee High School Girls' Track Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- c. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee High School Track Athlete Sierra Thornton  
Presented by Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- d. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee High School Track and Field Athlete Amelia Deweese  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- e. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee High School Girls' Soccer Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- f. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee High School Boys' Tennis Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- g. Recognition: Honoring Chamblee High School Girls' Lacrosse Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1

- h. Recognition: Honoring Dunwoody High School Boys' Baseball Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- i. Recognition: Honoring Dunwoody High School Girls' Golf Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- j. Recognition: Honoring Dunwoody High School Boys' Golf Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member District 1
- k. Recognition: Honoring Peachtree Middle School Girls' Soccer Team  
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1
- l. Recognition: Honoring Cedar Grove Middle School Boys' Track Team  
Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair
- m. Recognition: Honoring Henderson Middle School Boys' Soccer Team  
Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Vice Chair
- n. Recognition: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Boys' Track Team  
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- o. Recognition: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Track and Field Athlete Braylin Grier  
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- p. Recognition: Honoring Miller Grove High School Girls' Track Team  
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- q. Recognition: Honoring Miller Grove High School Track and Field Athlete Saniya Francis  
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- r. Recognition: Honoring Southwest DeKalb High School Track and Field Athlete Amari Scott  
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- s. Recognition: Honoring Southwest DeKalb High School Track and Field Athlete India Thorpe  
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member District 5
- t. Recognition: Honoring Stephenson High School Track and Field 4x200 Meter Relay Team  
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6
- u. Recognition: Honoring Stephenson High School Boys' Track Team  
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6

- v. Recognition: Honoring Stephenson High School Girls' Track Team  
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6
- w. Recognition: Honoring Stone Mountain High School Boys' Tennis Team  
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. Board Member, District 6
- x. Recognition: Honoring Pine Ridge Elementary School Girls' Flag Football Team  
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6
- y. Recognition: Honoring Stone Mill Elementary School Boys' Flag Football Team  
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6
- z. Recognition: Honoring Redan High School Boys' Baseball Team  
Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Board Member, District 7
- aa. Recognition: Honoring Redan High School Boys' Track Team  
Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Board Member, District 7
- ab. Recognition: Honoring Redan High School Track and Field Athlete NiZer Smith  
Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Board Member, District 7

**GROUP / EXTERNAL PRESENTATION ~ No Group Presentation This Month**

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

**1. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Strategic Plan Update ~ Goal Area #6: Organizational Excellence  
Presented by: Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, Dr. Candace Alexander, Chief of Accountability & Research, Division of Accountability & Research and Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology.
- b. Strategic Plan 45-Day Update  
Presented by: Mrs. Pamela McCloud, Director for Organizational Effectiveness, Chief of Staff Division.
- c. Student Mentoring Program Update  
Presented by Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity and Dr. Loukisha Walker, Executive Director of Student Mentorship & Partnerships, Division of Access & Opportunity.
- d. DeKalb Preparatory Academy Presentation: Corrective Action Plan Update  
Presented by: Dr. Lenise Bostic, Head of Schools of DeKalb Preparatory Academy, Mr. Malcolm Brown, Principal, Ms. Jamedia Owen, Principal, and Mr. Wayne Dennis, Operations Manager.

- e. Capital Improvement & Facilities Update

Presented by: Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations

## **2. Committee of the Whole Presentation ~ No Presentation This Month**

### **ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adjourn June 9, 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. Ziffer., second by Hogan, Ph.D., and with a vote of (7/0), the June 9, 2025, meeting adjourned to executive session.

### **ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Pierce called to adjourn the June 9, 2025, executive session to convene the community input session.

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mr. Eyasu and with a vote of (6/0), the June 9, 2025, executive session adjourned to the convene community input session.

### **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 9, 2025, BUSINESS MEETING**

#### 12.01.a.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair requested that the Board of Education approve travel related to educational conferences, meetings and workshops that address issues, strategies and process which will enable Board decisions to improve student achievement and successful management practices within the District for the fiscal year 2026.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

#### 12.02.a.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings; approve the minutes of the following meetings; May 12, 2025, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, May 14, 2025 virtual board policy review committee meeting, May 15, 2025 board of education - board of commissioners joint meeting, May 27, 2025 audit committee meeting, May 30, 2025 called meeting - 1st public budget presentation and 1st millage rate hearing, and the June 2, 2025, called meeting - 2nd public budget presentation and 2nd millage rate hearing.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

#### 12.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Right of Entry agreement with the DeKalb County Government ("the County") and/or its contractor (SAK Construction Company/ RK Reeves & Associates) for the purpose of completing critical system repairs and upgrades to the sewer system at the DeKalb Preparatory Academy Charter at Former Glen Haven Elementary School site.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.a. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve grant of an easement to the Georgia Power Company for upgrades to electric distribution facilities.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.a. iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Right of Entry agreement to Georgia Power for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining underground and overhead equipment for distribution lines at the New Elementary School at Dresden site.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.a. iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve grant of an easement to the Georgia Power Company for upgrades to electric distribution facilities at the New Elementary School at Dresden Site.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.a. v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the **Sourcewell RFP #031022** Cooperative Agreement contract between **DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and Gerflor USA, Inc., with Authorized Reseller, Ram Enterprises Inc.**, who will serve as a provider of installation services for wood flooring in the dance room, auditorium stage, and gymnasium at Martin Luther King Jr. High School in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein, for a not to exceed amount of **\$517,140**.

12.03.a. vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) use of the **Sourcewell RFP #081523** Cooperative Agreement contract between **DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and Hussey Seating Corporation, where their Exclusive Dealer, Southeastern Surfaces & Equipment, Inc. (SSE)** will serve as a provider of installation services for bleacher seating in the gymnasium at Martin Luther King Jr. High School for a not to exceed amount of **\$319,557.01**.

12.03.a. vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the cooperative agreement - OMNIA Partners Cooperative contract No. # **EV2516, Amendment No. 1**, between DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and **KONE, Inc.** for the purchase of elevator services, repair, maintenance, and inspection/testing parts in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein not to exceed **\$750,000**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the lease agreement between DeKalb County School District and the Clarkston Community Center Foundation.

**Dr. Horton tabled this item for further discussion.**

12.03.c.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the Cooperative Agreement - **Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-GD63020-001- Yancey Bus Sales** for the purchase of twenty-five (25) - 2026 Blue Bird/Vision 48 Passenger Propane School Bus with lift from **Yancey Bus Sales and Service** in a not to exceed amount of **\$4,388,425**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.c. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a contract award to **TransTax Advisors LLC** to provide strategic support and services in identifying and filing for eligible Federal tax credits and incentives related to clean energy initiatives.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.d.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Adult Meal Price Plan for the DeKalb County School District Nutrition Program effective **SY25-26**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.d. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal of ITB 22-15 for the purchase of frozen temperature control and dry food products for **Gordon Food Service, Inc.**, not to exceed the amount of **\$12,513,927.92** for **SY 25-26**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.03.e. i.

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

- **Change Order No. 4 to Construction Works, Inc. for the Salem Middle School Major Building Systems Replacement project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$430,446.23 that will be funded by budget reallocation.**
- **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$430,446.23 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

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

12.03.e. ii.

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

- **Change Order No. 3 to Construction Works, Inc. for the Redan Middle School Major Building Systems Replacement project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$180,798.15 that will be funded by budget reallocation.**
- **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$180,798.15 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

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

12.03.e. iii.

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

- **Change Order No. 5 to Evergreen Construction for the Midvale Elementary School -Major Systems Replacement that will be funded by the budget reallocation.**
- **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$192,283 from Program Contingency to the General Contractor cost code which will allow the proper funds to be allocated to the necessary project cost code for the Evergreen Construction Change Order No. 5.**

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

12.03.e. iv.

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

- **Change Order No. 4 to Construction Works, Inc. for the Fairington Elementary School Major Building Systems Replacement project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$143,905.06 that will be funded by budget reallocation.**
- **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$143,905.06 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

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

12.03.e.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **Change Order No. 1 to SRS, Inc.** for a not-to-exceed amount of **\$355,000** for design/build services to install a new HVAC System for Oak View ES as outlined in the Change Order No. 1 proposal documents.

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

12.03.e.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the **first of four (#1 of 4) contract renewals for RFQu 24-752-017 for Professional Architectural & Engineering Services** in the **not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000,000** to:

- **BRPH Architects Engineers**
- **CDH Partners, Inc.**
- **Chapman Griffin Lanier Sussenbach Architects, Inc. (CGLS)**
- **Collins, Cooper, Carusi Architects,**
- **Cooper Carry, Inc.**
- **Corgan**
- **Croft & Associates, PC**
- **DAG Architects**
- **Foreman Seeley Fountain Inc.**
- **Gardner Spencer Smith Tench & Jarbeau (GSST&J)**
- **Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood LLC, (GMC)**
- **KHAFRA Engineering**
- **Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc.**
- **Manley Spangler Smith Architects -PBK Architects, (MSSA-PBK)**
- **PGAL, Inc.**
- **Raymond Engineering -Georgia, Inc.**
- **Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Inc.**
- **MOSA Architects**
- **SRJ Architects**
- **Stanley Love-Stanley PC**
- **Sy Richards, Architects Inc.**

12.04.a.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract for RFP 25-607 Computer Device Repair and Insurance Services to Stratix Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$3,234,403.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.04.b.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & 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 \$128,000. This is a one-year maintenance agreement.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.04.c.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve payment to Educational Funding Group, Inc. for E-rate consulting services at an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.04.d.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the agreement with STEP CG for the Network Infrastructure Enhancement Phase II, in an amount not to exceed \$1,015,851.60.

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

12.04.e.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of managed print services and multi-function print device refresh to Lexmark International for an amount not to exceed \$1,773,849.84.

This is year two of a five-year agreement. Each year the request to renew services will be brought to the Board of Education for approval.

12.04.f.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & 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 \$815,250.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.04.g.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of district-wide Viewsonic interactive panels and services from Virtucom (TIPS Contract No. 230901 & 240101) and CDW-G (Sourcewell Contract No. 121923) in accordance with the contract numbers listed, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.

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

12.04.h.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of internet connectivity options and associated infrastructure components from T-Mobile for an amount not to exceed \$240,660. The district cost should not exceed \$46,746, after the 90% E-rate discount.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.05.a.

Mr. Elijah Palmer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Division requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Evolve Xpedite Hardware and installation, including accessories for all high schools, District Offices, and Stadiums for an amount of \$2,999,559.

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

12.05.b.

Mr. Elijah Palmer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Division requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Axon Enterprise's Body Cameras (Licenses included) in the amount of \$464,710.78.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.05.c.

Mr. Elijah Palmer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Division requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Central Square Software for Records Management in the amount of \$187,049.80.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.06.a.

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

12.06.b.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the FY2027 DeKalb County School District Budget Calendar.

12.06.c.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the Tax Levy Resolution, setting the millage rate at 22.78 mills for the support and maintenance of education, for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mr. Eyasu made a motion to lower the millage rate to 22.38. With no second, the motion failed.

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

12.06.d.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the annual PowerSchool (Formerly Allovue) agreement in the amount of \$465,226.57.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.06.e.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of **RFP 22-12** to **Bank of America (BOA)** to provide banking and non-banking monetary services for the District for a period of one year effective

from **July 1, 2025** through **June 30, 2026**. This is the third renewal option of four. Additionally, approval of a contract amendment for documentation of PayMode services is requested.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.06.f.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the annual subscription for the district's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application and related professional services and development with Tyler Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$1,086,926.89. This is a one-year agreement.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.06.g.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education adopt the DeKalb County School District FY2026 Budget.

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

12.06.h.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFP 25-69 to **Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-East, LLC**, to provide districtwide beverage services for a period of one year. If approved, the award would include four (4) one (1) year renewal options.

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

12.07.a.

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

12.07.b.

Mrs. Tasha Davis Mills, Chief Human Resources Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommended for employment contracts for the 2025-2026 academic year as recommended in the annual report submitted to the Board of Education.

**Hogan, Ph.D., objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.**

12.08.a.

Mrs. Michelle Dillard, Chief of Schools, Division of Schools & Leadership, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract with **The Modern Classrooms Project** to provide professional learning and mentorship to DeKalb County School District (DCSD) teachers for an amount not to exceed **\$150,000**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.09.a.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ~ NO AGENDA ITEM THIS MONTH

12.10.a.

Kishia K. Towns, Ph.D., Chief of Wrap Around Services, Division of Wrap Around Services, requested that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta and DCSD to provide Level Up: In-School Mentoring services to 400 students at Lithonia Middle School during the 2026 school year.

Dr. Horton tabled this item for further discussion.

12.10.b.

Kishia K. Towns, Ph.D., Chief of Wrap Around Services, Division of Wrap Around Services, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal to purchase the district-wide license, subscription, and training services from Naviance by PowerSchool Group LLC: College Career and Life Readiness (CCLR) Platform in accordance with The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Contract No. 210101 (not to exceed \$425,000). The contract term is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.11.

STUDENT SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

12.12.a.i.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the Board of Education approve the first of four, one-year renewals for **RFQ 24-565 Northside Athletic Trainers** provided by Northside Hospital, Inc., in the amount not to exceed **\$1,900,000**.

12.13.

ACCOUNTABILITY & RESEARCH ~ No Agenda Item This Month

12.14.a.i.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept Dunwoody High School's **Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)** and **Dunwoody Wildcat Fund** donation of one portable restroom trailer to house at Dunwoody High School at an estimated value of **\$80,000**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.14.a.ii.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of **\$10,000** from the **Hawthorne Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization** as a one-time donation per Board Policy DFK "Gifts and Bequests Guidelines".

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.14.a.iii.

Dr. Yolanda Williamson, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education approve Hawthorne Elementary School's awarded Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) mural grant (\$7,600 awarded from GCA with a matching \$7,600 provided by the Hawthorne Elementary School Foundation, totaling \$15,200.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.15.a.i.

Mr. H. Eric Hilton, Chief Legal Officer, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the District's Excess Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance coverage with **Safety National Casualty Corporation ("Safety National")**, for **\$417,250**.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.15.a.ii.

Mr. H. Eric Hilton, Chief Legal Officer, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the District's Excess Cyber Risk Insurance coverage with **Liberty Surplus Insurance Corporation ("Liberty")**, for **\$143,884**. This cost is an early indication of the renewal quotation. Although not anticipated, the final quotation from Liberty may exceed this figure.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

12.15.a.iii.

Mr. H. Eric Hilton, Chief Legal Officer, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the District's Property and Cyber Liability Insurance coverage with **Alliant Property Insurance Program ("Alliant")**, for **\$3,544,904**. This cost is an early indication of the renewal quotation. Although not anticipated, the final quotation from Alliant may exceed this figure.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

**AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

G.1.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Services, Division of Legal Services requested that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to Board Policy BHA: Board Member Conflict of Interest lay on the table at the June 9, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until June 20, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

G.2.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Services, Division of Legal Services requested that the Board of Education accept the recommendation to rescind Board Policy CEI: Superintendent Evaluation lay on the table at the June 9, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until June 20, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

G.3.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Services, Division of Legal Services requested that the Board of Education allow the proposed version of Board Policy BBD: Board-School Superintendent Relations lay on the table at the June 9, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until June 20, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

**This item was approved to be placed on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.**

**CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING**

Mrs. Pierce, Board Chair called to convene the June 9, 2025, business meeting.

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and with a vote of (7/0), the June 9, 2025, convened the business meeting.

The community input session began at 5:56 pm.

**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. Ansley Smith
2. Robert Nisby
3. Dr. Subrena Glenn
4. James Alec Gelin
5. Ken Schroeder
6. Luay Sami
7. Carla Weston-Brown
8. Kim Ault
9. Dejah Ault
10. Henry Carey
11. Lesley Dixon
12. Marjan Nadir

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Pierce, Board Chair called for a motion to approve the additional June 9, 2025, consent agenda items.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., second by Ms. McGinniss and with a vote of 7/0, the motion passed to approve the additional items on 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: Approval to Uphold the Student Appeals # 25-15 and #25-16 as discussed in Executive Session

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

## **K.2. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Item: Approval of Personnel Recommendations A & B.

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

- b. Item: Approval to settle Hall v Acker

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

## **K.3. 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: F.3.e.i. E-SPLOST V Project~ CHANGE ORDER REQUEST ~ Construction Works, Inc. ~ #365-35 for Salem Middle School Major Building Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 4 ~ Owner Requested Items and Extended General Conditions (Not to exceed \$430,446.23)

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

- b. Item: F.3.e.ii. E-SPLOST V Project~ CHANGE ORDER REQUEST ~ Construction Works, Inc. ~ #322-35 for Redan Middle School Major Building Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 3 ~ Owner Requested Items and Extended General Conditions (Not to exceed \$180,798.15)

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

- c. Item: F.3.e.iii. E-SPLOST V Project ~ CHANGE ORDER REQUEST ~ Evergreen Construction ~ #344-35 for Midvale Elementary School -Major Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 5 ~ Owner Requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions ~ Budget Reallocation and Change Order No. 5 (Not to exceed \$192,283)

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

- d. Item: F.3.e.iv. E-SPLOST V Project ~ CHANGE ORDER REQUEST ~ Construction Works, Inc. ~ #361-35 ~ Fairington Elementary School Major Building Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 4 ~ Owner Requested Items and Extended General Conditions (Not to exceed \$143,905.06)

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

- e. Item: F.3.e.v. E-SPLOST VI Project ~ CHANGE ORDER REQUEST ~ SRS, Inc. ~ #239-36 for Oak View Elementary School ~ Major Building Systems Replacement~ Gymnasium HVAC Replacement ~ Change Order No. 1 (Not to exceed \$355,000)

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

- f. Item: F.4.d. Network Infrastructure Enhancement Phase II (not to exceed \$1,015,851.60)

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

- g. Item: F.4.g. District Wide Interactive Panels and Services Contracts Approval (Not to exceed \$300,000)

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

- h. Item: F.5.a. Evolv eXpedite Hardware Installation with Alliance Technology Group (Not to exceed \$2,999,559)

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

- i. Item: F.6.c. Approval of Resolution for Tax Levy

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

- j. Item: F.6.g. Adoption of the DeKalb County School District Budget for 2025-2026 (FY26)

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

- k. Item: F.6.h. RFP 25-609 Districtwide Beverage Services

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

1. Item: F.7.b. Approval of Recommended Employment Contracts for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

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

**ADJOURN**

With no objections, Mrs. Pierce adjourned the June 9, 2025, work session and business meeting.

The work session and business meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Secretary Ex-Officio

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Chair