

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

October 6, 2025

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, October 6, 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 11:33 am and noted the following were in attendance; herself, 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 requested a motion to adopt the October 6, 2025, agenda with the following items moved to unanimous consent.

F.2.a. Approval of Minutes

F.3.a.vi. Easement Request ~ City of Dunwoody ~ Permanent Easement and Temporary Construction Easement with Right of Entry ~ Stormwater Drainage ~ Former Shallowford Elementary School Site

F.3.a.vii. Easement Request for New Dresden Elementary School Site ~ Catholic Education of North Georgia, Inc. (St. Pius X Catholic HS) ~ Temporary Construction Easement and Parking and Access Easement~ New Dresden Elementary School Site Overflow Parking Lot

F.3.a. viii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Sourcewell – State of GA #GA-ST01-040820-FHP ~ F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen ~ Miller Grove High School Wing Wall Demolition (Not to exceed \$138,576)

F.3.d.iii. Contract ~ License Renewal ~ Project Management Software ~ Kahua Project Management Information System (PMIS) Software (Renewal # 3 of 4) and Kahua Managed Services Consultant (Not to exceed \$386,750)

F.4.a. Approval of Cellular Services with AT&T Mobility, Inc. (Not to exceed \$774,000)

F.4.b. Approval of Annual Mitel Maintenance Services, Equipment, and Software Licensing from Layer3/MGT (Not to exceed \$251,926.10)

F.4.c. Approval of Annual Subscription for Microsoft A5 and Copilot Licenses with Dell (Not to exceed \$1,464,502.76)

F.4.d. Approval of Annual Subscription with Microsoft Corporation for Unified Support Services (Not to exceed \$278,108.38)

F.4.e. Approval of Contract with Docufree Corporation for School and Business Record Digitization Services

F.4.f. RFP 22-475 Contract Renewal for Physical Security Services – Access Control, Intrusion Detection, and Video Surveillance with Convergent (Not to exceed \$500,000)

F.5.a. Continue the Utilization of Alliance Technologies (Evolv) Services for School Year 2025 ~ 2026 (Year 3 of 4) (Not to exceed \$1,586,832.55)

F.5.b. Evolv Express, Dual Lane, Hardware and Software Subscription with Alliance Technology Group (Not to exceed 184,559.20)

F.6.a.i. Bid Renewal ~ Bid 24-26 ~ School Nutrition Small Wares Equipment ~ Sam Tell and Son, Inc., ~ Renewal #1 of 4 (Not to exceed \$275,000 for SY 25-26)

F.6.b. Tyler Technologies – Professional Services Agreement (Not to exceed \$301,000)

F.7.b. District-Wide Employee Engagement Services with Gallup Inc. (Not to exceed \$ 140,025)

F.11.a. DeKalb County School District (DCSD) and ViewPoint Health (VPH) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (Not to exceed \$90,000)

F.14.a.i. Grant Acceptance of GaDOE Student Mental and Behavioral Health Services Grant (Not to exceed \$920,000)

F.14.a.iii. Donation Acceptance of eSports Donation of \$10,000 from Beta Psi Omega Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. to Columbia High School

F.14.a. iv. Donation Acceptance of \$23,658.97 in Funding from the Waltemeyer Estate in Care of Truist Wealth Management

With no objections, these agenda items for October 6, 2025, were moved to the consent agenda and the work session and business meeting agenda were adopted.

RECOGNITIONS

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Marvin Garcia, Chamblee High School, 12th Grade

RECOGNITIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / MIRACLE MAKER AWARDS

- a. Proclamation ~ GA Pre-K Week
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6
- b. Recognition ~ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Ocean Guardian School
Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5
- c. MIRACLES Maker Award ~ Honoring Excellence in Mathematics
Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1

- d. Proclamation ~ National Bullying Awareness Month
Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Vice Chair
- e. Proclamation ~ Red Ribbon Week ~ October 23-31, 2025
Presented by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member District 2
- f. Custodial Workers Recognition Day
Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Board Member, District 7
- g. School Bus Safety Week
Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Chair

GROUP / EXTERNAL PRESENTATION ~ No Group Presentation This Month

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Committee of the Whole Presentation ~ No Presentation This Month

2. Superintendent's Report

- a. Student Assignment Project
Presented by: Ms. Sarita Smith, Executive Director, Student Assignment, Division of Access & Opportunity
- b. Capital Improvement & Facilities Update
Presented by: Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, Mr. Scott Leopold, Director of Planning Services, HPM, Mr. Artis Johnson, Program Director, HPM and Hans Williams, Director of Planning, Division of Operations
- c. Strategic Plan Update ~ Goal Area # 2: School, Family and Family Engagement
Presented by: Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships and Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology
- d. Update on Recess and Unstructured Break Time
Presented by: Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships

ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adjourn October 6, 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. Gevertz, and with a vote of (7/0), the October 6, 2025, meeting adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adjourn the October 6, 2025, executive session to convene the community input session.

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

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2025, BUSINESS MEETING

04.01.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

04.02.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; September 8, 2025, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, September 24, 2025 board b policy review committee meeting, and September 25-September 26, 2025 2-day board retreat & executive session.

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

04.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **Croft & Associates, Inc.**, as design professional to the Facility Space Inventory project, not to exceed **\$527,898**.

04.03.a. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the **fourth of four (#4 of 4) contract renewals for RFP 20-752-030R Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Abatement Services** with **SACAL Environmental & Management Company** in the amount **not to exceed \$1,500,000**.

Approval for ratification of services is required from April 22, 2025, through October 13, 2025

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

04.03.a. iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract award of **RFP 26-702—Facility Maintenance and Repair Services**, on an as-needed basis, in the **not to exceed amount of \$3,000,000 to:**

- **All N One Security Services, Inc.**
- **Brown Electrical Services**
- **CapCon LLC**
- **CGS LLC**
- **Continental Engineering & Construction Inc.**
- **Jewel of the South Inc.**
- **Mann Mechanical Services**
- **Vector of Norcross**

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

04.03.a. iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract award of **ITB No. 26-701 Kitchen Equipment Maintenance and Repair Services** in the **not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000** to:

- HVAC Allies, LLC
- EEC Acquisition LLC dba Smart Care Equipment Solutions

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

04.03.a. v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the following **Independent Contractor Agreements (ICAs)** with a total contract value amount not-to-exceed **\$99,000**.

- **Electrical Contractor, Inc. (\$99,000)**

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

04.03.a. vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve grant of a permanent easement and temporary construction easement with right of entry to the City of Dunwoody (“City”) for improvement and maintenance of the stormwater drains at the former Shallowford Elementary School site located at 4680 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., Dunwoody, Ga 30338.

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

04.03.a. vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a temporary construction easement and a parking and access easement from **Catholic Education of North Georgia, Inc.** to **DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”)** to facilitate construction of the New Dresden Elementary School.

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

04.03.a. viii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the Sourcewell -State of GA contract IFB# GA-040820-FHP Cooperative Agreement contract between DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen who will serve as a provider of demolition services for the Miller Grove High School wing wall demolition project, for a not to exceed amount of \$138,576.

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

04.03.a. ix.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the modular classroom trailers located at the Heritage Facility, 2225 Heritage Drive from **Mobile Modular Company** for an amount **not to exceed \$366,536**.

04.03.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of cooperative agreement **Contract No. 230301** between **The Interlocking Purchasing System (TIPS)** and **National Public Seating (NPS)**,

where the authorized distributor, **Nisewonger Audio Visuals**, will serve as the provider for the purchase of cafeteria tables for a not to exceed amount of **\$2,255,000**.

04.03.c.

FLEET SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

04.03.d. i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the **Equipment Purchase Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)**, not to exceed **\$1,581,100** for the Capital Improvement Project #36335 — Kingsley Elementary School HVAC System Replacement and Renovations.

04.03.d. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Capital Improvement Project -Security Vestibules Group 2 in the not to exceed amount of **\$17,680,721.65**.

04.03.d. iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a contract renewal for an Annual License for the use of the Kahua Project Management Information System (PMIS) software and the Kahua Managed Services Consultant to Kahua for a not-to-exceed amount of **\$386,750**.

This request is for the third of four (#3 of 4) contract license renewals, from October 15, 2025, to October 14, 2026.

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

04.04.a.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Chief of Information & Instructional Technology, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of cellular services from AT&T Mobility, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$774,000.

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

04.04.b.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Chief of Information & Instructional Technology, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve annual maintenance services, equipment, and software licensing from Layer3/MGT in an amount not to exceed \$251,926.10.

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

04.04.c.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Chief of Information & Instructional Technology, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the annual subscription for Microsoft A5 Licenses and Copilot Licenses from Dell for a total cost not to exceed \$1,464,502.76.

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

04.04.d.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Chief of Information & Instructional Technology, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the annual subscription for Microsoft Unified Support Services from Microsoft Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$278,108.38.

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

04.04.e.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Chief of Information & Instructional Technology, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve the contract for record digitization services with Docufree Corporation at no additional cost to the district.

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

04.04.f.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Chief of Information & Instructional Technology, Division of Information & Instructional Technology requested that the Board of Education approve year five of five contract renewal for RFP 22-475 Physical Security Services – Access Control, Intrusion Detection and Video Surveillance to Convergent Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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

04.05.a.

Mr. Elijah Palmer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Division requested that the Board of Education approve to continue the utilization of Alliance Technologies (Evolv Systems) for the 2025–2026 school year to support emergency communication and campus safety initiatives across DeKalb County Schools for an amount not to exceed \$1,586,832.55. This is year 3 of 4.

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

04.05.b.

Mr. Elijah Palmer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Division requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of two dual-lane Evolv Express Systems. One system will be assigned to the DeKalb Alternative School. The second system will be assigned to the Fernbank Science Center, which hosts hundreds of visitors per day for an amount not to exceed \$184,559.20.

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

04.06.a.i.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the bid renewal of the following: Renewal of Bid 24-26 by **Sam Tell and Son, Inc., not to exceed \$275,000** for SY 25-26. This request renews the bid with **Sam Tell and Son, Inc.**, for the purchase of small wares equipment for School Nutrition Services for an additional one (1) year term effective **November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026.**

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

04.06.b.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the **Tyler Technologies** professional services agreement not to exceed **\$301,000.**

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

04.06.c.

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

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

04.07.a.

Mr. Jason Kennedy, Deputy Chief Human Resources Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the October Human Resources Report.

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

04.07.b.

Mr. Jason Kennedy, Deputy Chief Human Resources Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the Board of Education approve the continuance of the professional services contract with **Gallup, Inc.** for district-wide employee engagement services for a cost not to exceed \$140,025 for each annual renewal.

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

04.08.

SCHOOLS & LEADERSHIP ~ No Agenda Item This Month

04.09.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

04.10.

WRAP AROUND SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

04.11.

Dr. Norman Sauce III, Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services, requested that the Board of Education approve this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) and the ViewPoint Health (VPH) agency regarding the education of eligible students with disabilities placed in the VPH Crisis Stabilization Program. There is no financial impact to the general budget as all costs associated with providing educational services to students placed at VPH will be paid from the Rule 10 Special Education State Grant in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.

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

04.12.

ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY ~ Athletics ~ No Agenda Item This Month

04.13.a.

Dr. Felicia Rhone, Director of Accountability & Research requested that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Advanced Placement Exams from College Board for the SY25-26 test administration in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

The requested purchase is a testing expenditure that does not require bid per the District's Purchasing Board Policy (DJE).

04.14.a.i.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the Student Mental and Behavioral Health Services grant award in the amount of **\$920,000** from the **GaDOE** to provide funding for 46 middle and high schools, including 9 charter schools and Laurel Heights Residential Treatment Center. The funds will be used to provide direct services to students in grades 6-12 to support their mental and behavioral health and wellbeing. Each school will receive \$20,000 to provide these services.

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

04.14.a. ii.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of audiovisual equipment and professional installation provided by **Nisewonger Audio Visual Center** to enhance the school's event-hosting capabilities from the Fernbank Elementary School Foundation.

04.14.a. iii.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the **eSports** donation in the amount of \$10,000 on behalf of the Beta Psi Omega Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., to help support the implementation of a new eSports program at Columbia High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

04.14.a. iv.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division 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 \$23,658.97. 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.

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

04.14.a. v.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$18,590 from the DeKalb Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. to provide support to Kittredge Magnet School (KMS) for the purposes of Environmental Education field trips and hands-on learning.

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

04.15.

LEGAL SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

G.1.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Relations, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to Board Policy DFK: Gifts and Bequests to lay on the table as a first read at the October 6, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until October 21, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

G.2.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Relations, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to Board Policy KEB: Solicitations to lay on the table as a first read at the October 6, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until October 21, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

G.3.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Relations, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to Board Policy CN: Administrative Records to lay on the table as a first read at the October 6, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until October 21, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

G.4.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Relations, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to Board Policy JBCC: Student Assignment to lay on the table as a first read at the October 6, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until October 21, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

G.5.

Mrs. Marissa Key, Executive Director of Employee Relations, Division of Legal Services, requested that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to Board Policy IFBG: Acceptable Use to lay on the table as a first read at the October 6, 2025, Board Meeting for stakeholder feedback until October 21, 2025, and be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Pierce, Board Chair, called for a motion to convene the October 6, 2025, business meeting.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., second by Ms. McGinniss, and with a vote of (6/0), the October 6, 2025, convened the business meeting.

The community input session began at 5:45 p.m.

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. Monique Woodson

2. Scherita Daniel
3. Sonya Allicock
4. Marcia Kochel
5. Daniel Sobczak
6. Lindsey Crawford
7. Thaddius Chapman
8. David Barber
9. Dr. Carolyn King-Stephens
10. Elijah Stephens
11. Jessica McGruder
12. Deborah Jones
13. Sylvester Sinclair, Jr.
14. Endia Sinclair
15. Devanna Bibbs
16. LaTanya Simmons
17. Kirste Young
18. Miriam Martin
19. Riley Simmons
- 20. Eric Gaines**

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Pierce, Board Chair, called for a motion to approve the additional October 6, 2025, consent agenda items.

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Ms. Gevertz 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. Personnel Recommendation: Approve the hiring recommendation of Mr. John Goldman to the position of Director of Communications, in the Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships.

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

- b. Approve the settlement of Macon-Smith v. DCSD

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

- c. Approval to purchase 3448 Stewart Road

On a motion by Mr. Ziffer, second by Mr. Eyasu, abstention by Ms. McGinniss and Hogan, Ph.D., and with a vote of 5/0/2, 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: F.3.a. ii. Contract ~ Renewal and Ratification ~ RFP 20-752-030R Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Abatement Services ~ SACAL Environmental & Management Company ~ Renewal # 4 of 4 (AMENDED Not to exceed \$750,000

On a motion by Mr. Ziffer, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. DaCosta, Sr. And Mr. Eyasu, and an abstention by Ms. McGinniss with a vote of 3/3/1, the motion failed.

Mr. Ziffer made a motion to amend the amount to \$750,000, second by Ms. McGinniss, opposition by Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and with a vote of 6/1, the amount was amended, and the motion passed.

- b. Item: F.3.a.iii. Contract Award ~ RFP 26-702 ~ Facility Maintenance and Repair Services ~ ALL N ONE Security Services, Inc., Brown Electrical Services, CapCon LLC, CGS LLC, Continental Engineering & Construction Inc., Jewel of the South Inc., Mann Mechanical Services, and Vector of Norcross (Not to exceed \$3,000,000)

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mr. Ziffer, opposition by Hogan, Ph. D. and Mr. DaCosta, Sr., abstention by Mr. Eyasu and with a vote of 4/2/1, the motion passed.

- c. Item: F.3.a. iv. Contract Award ~ ITB No. 26-701 ~ Kitchen Equipment Maintenance and Repair Services ~ HVAC Allies, LLC and EEC Acquisition LLC dba Smart Care Equipment Solutions (Not to exceed \$1,000,000)

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

- d. Item: F.3.a.v. Service Agreements ~ Independent Contractor Agreements (ICAs) ~ Various Services ~ Electrical Contractor, Inc. (Not to exceed \$99,000)

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

- e. Item: F.6.c. Acceptance of the August 2025 Monthly Financial Report

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

- f. Item: F.7.a. Approval of the Human Resources Monthly Report for October 2025

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

- g. Item: F.14.v. Donation Acceptance of \$18,590 from the DeKalb Schools Educational Foundation to Kittredge Magnet School

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

ADJOURN

With no objections, Mrs. Pierce adjourned the October 6, 2025, work session and business meeting.

The work session and business meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair