



MEETING MINUTES

Vision

To prepare students for success as lifelong learners and responsible global citizens

Mission

To promote the academic, social and emotional growth of each student by fostering a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment



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2nd REVISED 2.8.2026

Attendance

Voting Members

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair
Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair
Mr. Andrew Ziffer, Board Member
Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, Board Member
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D., Board Member
Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Norman Sauce, Chief of Student Services
Carolyn Lloyd, Executive Director BOE

A. CALL TO ORDER

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, in the J. David Williamson Board Room, at the DeKalb County School District's Robert R. Freeman Administrative Instructional Complex, located at 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain,

Georgia, 30083.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, convened the meeting at 11:44 am.

1. Roster

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, noted the following were in attendance: Vice Chair, Mr. Awet Eyasu, Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Immediate Past Chair, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., and Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Norman C. Sauce III.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested to adopt the February 9, 2026, agenda with the following items unanimously moved to the consent agenda.

F.2.a. Approval of Minutes

F.3.a.ii. Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA): SynLawn of Georgia – Turf Installation and Related Services

F.3.a.v. The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) RFP #240402 Cooperative Agreement – Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC. d/b/a Imperial Dade for Custodial Equipment Repair Services

F.4.a. Approval of Network Cabling, Wireless Infrastructure, and Fiber Installation Services for New Dresden Elementary School

F.4.b. Approval of Physical Security Systems for New Dresden Elementary School

F.4.c. Approval of Instructional Technology Devices and Installation Services for New Dresden Elementary School (Virtucom)

F.4.d. Approval of Instructional Support Equipment and STEM Resources for New Dresden Elementary School (CDW-G)

F.4.e. Approval of E-Rate Category 1 Network Services

F.4.f. Approval of E-Rate Category 2 Network Equipment and Security Services

F.4.g. Approval of Finalsite Website Content Management System

F.4.h. Approval of Self-Provisioned Fiber Maintenance

F.4.i. Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS)

F.6.a.i. Bid—Renewal ~ Bid 25-27 ~ Boelter, Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot), Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc.), Owens Equipment Company, Inc., and Sam Tell and Son Inc. ~ Renewal #1 of #4

F.11.b. RFP 24-187 for Speech-Language, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services for Students with Disabilities

F.12.a.i. Approval of Agile Sports Technologies dba Hudl Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA)

F.12.b. DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc. ~ Charter Contract Renewal

F.13.a. Domo Data Analytics and Dashboard Platform

- F.14.a.i. Donation Acceptance of \$7,500 from the Hawthorne School Foundation for the Implementation of the Alliance Theatre Residency Program at Hawthorne Elementary School
- F.14.a.ii. Donation Acceptance of 6,000 Books from Reading is Fundamental to the Support Read Across DeKalb Initiative

With no objections, the February 9, 2026, agenda was approved.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. RECOGNITIONS

1. Introduction of Student Board Representative ~ Miss Fadela Aliman Soura, Lakeside High School, 11th Grade

Dr. Norman C. Sauce III, Interim Superintendent of Schools, introduced the Student Board Representative, Miss Fadela Aliman Soura, Lakeside High School, 11th Grade.

2. Recognitions / Proclamations

a. Proclamation: National School Counseling Week

Presented by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member, District 2

b. Proclamation: Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Month 2026

Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Member, District 3

c. Recognition: Redan Middle School Football County Champions

Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair

d. Recognition: Stephenson High School Football Region Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6

e. Recognition: Stephenson High School Cheerleading Region Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6

f. Recognition: Stephenson High School Girls' Cross County Region Champion ~ Tatyana Baptiste ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6

g. Recognition: Stephenson High School Boys' Cross Country Region Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member, District 6

h. Recognition: Miller Grove High School Volleyball Region Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5

i. Recognition: Miller Grove High School Cross Country Region Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Board Member, District 5

j. Recognition: Lakeside High School Boys' Cross Country Varsity Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair

k. Recognition: Lakeside High School Cross Country State Champion ~ Andrew Bitsko ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair

l. Recognition: Henderson Middle School Girls' Volleyball County Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair

m. Recognition: Columbia High School Football Region Champions ~ Update 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Member, District 3

n. Recognition: Ronald E. McNair Middle School Girls' Flag Football County Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Member, District 3

o. Recognition: DeKalb School of the Arts One-Act Play Region Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Member, District 3

p. Recognition: Kittredge Magnet Elementary School Boys' Soccer Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member, District 2

q. Recognition: Austin Elementary School Girls' Soccer Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1

r. Recognition: Chamblee High School Girls' Cross Country County Champions ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, Board Member, District 1

s. Resolution: DeKalb Board of Education Resolution Protecting All Students ~ Updated 2.5.2026

Presented by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair

3. Group/External Presentation(s) ~ No Presentation This Month

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE and INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

1. Committee of the Whole Presentation

a. Student Assignment Project Monthly Update ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Ms. Sarita Smith, Executive Director of Student Assignment, Division of Access & Opportunity, and
Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Deputy Chief of Communications, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships

b. DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc. (D.A.T.E.) Charter School Application Renewal Presentation ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Dr. Maury Wills, Chief Executive Officer, DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc, and
Mr. George Jones, Governing Board Chair, DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc., and
Dr. Keidra Taylor, Chief Academic Officer, DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc., and
Mr. Tony Loye, Chief Financial Officer, DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc.

2. Interim Superintendent of Schools Report

a. Overview of Information Technology (IT) ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology

b. Update on the Impact and Evaluation of SAFE Centers and School-Based Health Centers ~ Updated 2.9.2026

Presented by: Kishia K. Towns, Ph.D., Chief of Wrap Around Services, Division of Wrap Around Services

E. ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:35 pm., Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the February 9, 2026, board meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding land, legal, litigation, personnel and student appeals.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session.

1. ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:49 pm, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the February 9, 2026, executive session to convene the work session.

Motion made by: Mr. Awet Eyasu
Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting:

Ms. Allyson Gevertz - Yes
Mr. Awet Eyasu - Yes
Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Yes
Ms. Whitney McGinniss - Yes
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Not Present
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - Yes
Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. - Yes

F. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE February 9, 2026 BUSINESS MEETING

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION

08.01.

a. Election of Audit Committee and Advisory Members

08.01.a.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education authorize no more than two (2) additional Board of Education members and no more than three (3) Community Advisors to serve on the Audit Committee with Committee Chair, Mr. Awet Eyasu.

Board Members, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce and Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D. will serve on the Audit Committee.

Community Advisors, Ms. Cathy Iconis, Ms. Tambria M. Peeples, and Mr. James B. Williams will serve on the committee.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

b. Approve the Name Change of the Board Policy Review Committee to Policy Committee

08.01.b.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb Board of Education approve the name change of the Board Policy Review Committee to Policy Committee.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

c. Election of Board Member to the Policy Committee

08.01.c.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that DeKalb County Board of Education accept the appointment of Board Members to serve on the Policy Committee.

Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer will serve as Committee Chair.

Mr. Awet Eyasu and Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. were selected to serve on the committee.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., declined to serve on the Committee.

Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer nominated Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D.

Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D. declined the nomination.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

2. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

08.02.

a. Approval of Minutes

08.02.a.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings; January 12, 2026, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, and the January 21-January 22, 2026 2-day board retreat and executive session.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

3. OPERATIONS

08.03.

a. Facilities Management

08.03.a.

i. Contract Renewal: ShepCo Paving & DAF Concrete ~ 2 of 4 (Not to Exceed \$2,500,000)

08.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract renewal two of four (#2 of 4) for ITB 24-458 for Asphalt Paving, Striping, and Overlay Services at an amount

not to exceed \$2,500,000:

- DAF Concrete, Inc.
- ShepCo Paving, Inc.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

ii. Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA): SynLawn of Georgia - Turf Installation and Related Services (Not to Exceed \$99,999)

08.03.a.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the following Independent Contractor Agreements (ICAs) with **SynLawn** of Georgia with a total contract amount not-to-exceed **\$99,999**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

iii. Spend Limit Increase ~ Contract # 222886 ~ OMNIA Cooperative/CINTAS Corporation (Not to Exceed \$200,000)

08.03.a.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve an increase in the spending of Contract No. 222886 to Omnia Cooperative Contract/CINTAS Corporation No. 2 for the current renewal (#2), expiring August 14, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

iv. Spend Limit Increase ~ Cooperative Agreement Contract ~ OMNIA/Daikin for Martin Luther King, Jr. High School (Not to Exceed \$1,750,000)

08.03.a.iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve an increase in the spending limit of the **OMNIA/Daikin contract** to cover additional unforeseen costs associated with the Martin Luther King Jr. HS - Variant Refrigerant Volume Unit (VRF) system replacement of units in the new wing at an amount not to exceed **\$1,750,000**.

With no objection, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

v. The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) RFP #240402 Cooperative Agreement ~ Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC d/b/a Imperial Dade for Custodial Equipment Repair Services (Not to Exceed \$1,000,000) ~ Updated 2.5.2026

08.03.a.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) use of the **Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) RFP #240402** Cooperative Agreement between **DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC d/b/a Imperial Dade**, as the provider of custodial equipment repair services, district-wide for an amount not to exceed **\$1,000,000**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. Business Services ~ No Agenda Item This Month

08.03.b.

No Agenda Item This Month

c. Fleet and Transportation Services ~ No Agenda Item This Month

08.03.c.

No Agenda Item This Month

d. E-SPLOST Projects / Capital Improvement Projects

08.03.d.

i. ESPLOST VI ~ Contract Renewal ~ Capital Improvement Program Planning and Management Services ~ RFP 25-752-004 ~ Hoar Program Management, LLC (HPM) (Not to Exceed \$6,343,280.20)

08.03.d.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract renewal for RFP 25-752-004 to **Hoar Program Management, LLC (“HPM”)** for Capital Improvement Program (“CIP”) Planning and Management Services in the amount not to exceed - **\$6,343,280.20**. This is contract renewal number one of four (#1 of 4), effective June 1, 2026.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion made to table this item by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting:

0/5/2 ~ opposition by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Awet Eyasu, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer, and abstentions by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss and Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion failed.

This item was voted on separately as an Action Item.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Voting:

Ms. Allyson Gevertz - Yes

Mr. Awet Eyasu - Yes

Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Yes

Ms. Whitney McGinniss - Yes

Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes

Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - Yes

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. - No

ii. Capital Improvement Project #10136 ~ Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power Company ~ NEW Sequoyah Middle School/ High School Site (Not to Exceed \$189,015)

08.03.d.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County School District Board of Education approve the lighting services agreement with Georgia Power Company to provide lighting and related services to the new Sequoyah Middle/High School site, not to exceed \$189,015.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

iii. E-SPLOST V ~ Project 60235 Budget Adjustments ~ Program Contingency

08.03.d.iii

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the recommended budget adjustments to projects in the DeKalb County School District E-SPLOST V program listed in the attached document named E-SPLOST V Budget Adjustments 2026.pdf.

Ms. McGinniss objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and was voted on separately as an Action Item.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Voting:

Ms. Allyson Gevertz - Yes

Mr. Awet Eyasu - No

Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Yes

Ms. Whitney McGinniss - No

Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes

Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - No
Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. - Yes

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iv. E-SPLOST V Project #35835 ~ Champion Theme Middle School ~ Balfour Beatty ~ Phase 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price (Not to Exceed \$10,004,387.66)

08.03.d.iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County School Board of Education approve the items below:
Establish a Phase 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price ("Phase 2 -GMP") of \$10,004,387.66 per the terms set forth in the Construction Manager at Risk ("CMAR") contract previously awarded to **Balfour Beatty via EXHIBIT M – GMP** Amendment to Agreement.

Approve a Budget Reallocation from Program Contingency to the necessary project cost code (SP5FACCON. 35835.GENCONTR) for Phase 2 of the E-SPLOST V Project #35835 – Champion Theme Middle School Major Building System Replacement Project in the amount not to exceed \$10,004,387.66.

Ms. McGinniss objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and was voted on separately as an Action Item.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

4. INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

08.04.

a. Approval of Network Cabling, Wireless Infrastructure, and Fiber Installation Services for New Dresden Elementary School (Integrated Communication Networks, Inc.) (Not to exceed \$684,213.78)

08.04.a.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase of network cabling, wireless infrastructure, and fiber installation services from **Integrated Communication Networks, Inc. (ICN)** to support the opening of New Dresden Elementary School, at a cost not to exceed **\$684,213.78**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. Approval of Physical Security Systems for New Dresden Elementary School (Convergent) (Not to exceed \$683,304.70)

08.04.b.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of physical security systems for New Dresden Elementary School, provided by **Convergent Technologies**, at a total cost not to exceed **\$683,304.70**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

c. Approval of Instructional Technology Devices and Installation Services for New Dresden Elementary School (Virtucom) (Not to exceed \$367,731.88)

08.04.c.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase of instructional technology devices and related installation, configuration, warranty, and deployment services from **Virtucom** for New Dresden Elementary School, at a cost not to exceed **\$367,731.88**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

d. Approval of Instructional Support Equipment and STEM Resources for New Dresden Elementary School (CDW-G) (Not to exceed \$232,451.89)

08.04.d.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase of instructional support equipment, student devices, charging solutions, and STEM instructional resources from **CDW-G** for New Dresden Elementary School, at a cost not to exceed **\$232,451.89**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

e. Approval of E-Rate Category 1 Network Services (Not to Exceed \$139,087.33 after E-

Rate Discount)

08.04.e.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase of E-Rate Category 1 eligible network equipment and technology services for the following:

- Zayo in the amount of \$37,500 for Dark Fiber
- Cogent in the amount of \$99,999 for 100Gb Internet Access
- AT&T in the amount of \$1,253,374.32 for Lit Fiber Network

Total cost not to exceed \$1,390,873 before E-Rate reimbursement. The district cost should not exceed \$139,087.33 after the 90% E-Rate reimbursement.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

f. Approval of E-Rate Category 2 Network Equipment and Security Services (District Cost Not to Exceed \$513,642.16)

08.04.f.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase of E-Rate Category 2 eligible network equipment and technology services for the following:

- **CDWG** in the amount of **\$961,065.68** for switches and related network hardware
- **ICN** in the amount of **\$219,917.00** for internal connections and cabling
- **STEPCG** in the amount of **\$579,493.08** for firewall licensing, managed services, and maintenance

Total cost not to exceed \$1,760,475.76 before E-Rate reimbursement. **The district cost should not exceed \$513,642.16** after E-Rate reimbursement.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

g. Approval of Finalsite Website Content Management System (Not to exceed \$240,000)

08.04.g.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the website

content management system with **Finalsite** in an amount **not to exceed \$240,000**.

The cost includes \$63,000 for implementation and district CMS for 2025-26 and \$177,000 for set-up costs and schools and district CMS for 2026-27.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

h. Approval of Self-Provisioned Fiber Maintenance (Not to Exceed \$205,320)

08.04.h.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the extension of the Self-Provisioned Fiber (SPF) Maintenance contract with **Zayo Group** in an amount not to exceed **\$205,320**. This is year 4 of a 5-year agreement.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

i. Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS) (Not to Exceed \$365,274)

08.04.i.

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, recommended that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the second-year renewal of Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS) pursuant to RFP 24-577, awarded to **MGT (formerly Layer 3)**, in an amount **not to exceed \$365,274**.

This is year 3 of a 5-year agreement.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

5. CHIEF OF STAFF ~ No Agenda Item This Month

08.05.

No Agenda Item This Month

6. FINANCE ~ Updated 2.6.2026

08.06.

a. School Nutrition Services ~ Updated 2.3.2026

08.06.a.

i. Bid Renewal ~ Bid 25-27 ~ Boelter, Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot), Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc.), Owens Equipment Company, Inc., and Sam Tell and Son Inc. ~ Renewal #1 of #4 (Not to Exceed \$1,500,000)

08.06.a.i.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the renewal of Bid 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., not to exceed \$1,500,000**. This request renews the bid award with the five vendors, for the purchase of large equipment for School Nutrition Services for an additional one (1) year term effective **March 11, 2026 through March 10, 2027**.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. RFP 26-719 Central Office Operational Assessment (Not to Exceed \$179,891 for the Assessment and Subsequent Implementation Support) ~ Added 2.6.2026

08.06.b

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract for RFP No. 26-719 for the Central Office Operational Assessment in an amount not to exceed \$139,891 to **RTI International**, the most responsive and responsible vendor. In addition to the assessment, we are requesting approval for an additional \$40,000 to provide subsequent implementation support for a total not to exceed amount of \$179,891.

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

c. Acceptance of the December 2025 Monthly Financial Report

08.06.c.

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

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES

08.07.

a. Approval of the Human Resources Monthly Report for February 2026 ~ Updated

2.3.2026

08.07.a.

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

With no objections, this item was moved to the consent agenda.

8. SCHOOLS & LEADERSHIP ~ No Agenda Item This Month

08.08.

No Agenda Item This Month

9. TEACHING & LEARNING~ No Agenda Item This Month ~ Updated 2.3.2026

08.09.

No Agenda Item This Month

10. WRAP AROUND SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

08.10.

No Agenda Item This Month

11. STUDENT SERVICES

08.11.

a. RFP 25-603 (Extension 2 of 4) Nursing Services for Medically Fragile Students with Disabilities Contract ~ School Health and School Nursing Services for More than \$50,000 Per Vendor (Not to Exceed \$2,000,000)

08.11.a.

Mrs. Kiana King, Interim Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve an extension (year 2 of 4) for RFP 25-603 to Pediatric Services of America, LLC dba Aveanna Healthcare; Delta T Group Georgia, Inc.; EDU Healthcare, LLC; SHC Services, Inc. dba Supplemental Health Care; Tandym Group, LLC; Technostaff LLC dba HonorVet Technologies; and the Stepping Stones Group LLC. as the seven most responsive and responsible bidders to provide school health and school nursing services for more than **\$50,000** per vendor, but not to exceed a total contracted amount of **\$2,000,000**.

Motion to reduce the not to exceed amount to \$1,000,000 made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Vote: 2/5/0 ~ opposition by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Mr. Andrew B. Ziffer

The motion died.

This item was voted on separately as an Action Item.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting:

Ms. Allyson Gevertz - Yes

Mr. Awet Eyasu - Abstain

Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Yes

Ms. Whitney McGinniss - Yes

Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes

Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - Yes

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. - Yes

b. RFP 24-187 for Speech-Language, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services for Students with Disabilities (Extension: Year 3 of 5) (Not to Exceed \$9,500,000)

Mrs. Kiana King, Interim Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve an extension (year 3 of 5) for RFP 24-187 for Speech Language, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy Services to **Applied Pediatrics, Inc; The Stepping Stones Group; Comprehensive Therapy Consultants; Orange Tree Staffing; Soliant Health (TTF Solutions, LLC); Supplemental Healthcare (SHC Services); ProCare Therapy (New Directions Solutions, LLC); Community Rehab Associates, Inc. (CRA Therapy); Tandym Group, LLC; AMN Allied Services, LLC; American Medical Staffing, Inc.; Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings, Inc. (Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.); ESS Clinical (Academic Staffing); Pediatric Developmental Services (Therapy Spot); Epic Special Education Staffing; Verbal Expressions, Inc.; General Healthcare Resources (GHR Education); Total Communication Therapy (CBR Therapy Consultants); E-Therapy, LLC; Advokids, LLC; SenseAbilities Inc; Sunbelt Staffing; and Progressus Therapy LLC** as the most responsive and responsible bidders to provide speech language, occupational therapy, and/or physical therapy services for more than **\$100,000** per vendor but not to exceed **\$9,500,000**. To date, there are no Speech Language vacancies as all student needs are currently being met through the provision of services by District employees and contracted service providers.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

12. ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY

08.12.

a. Athletics

08.12.a.

i. Approval of Agile Sports Technologies dba Hudl Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA) (Not to Exceed \$164,000) ~ Updated 2.8.2026

08.12.a.i.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent to approve the Agile Sports Technologies dba Hudl ICA in an amount not to exceed \$164,000.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment, Inc. ~ Charter Contract Renewal

08.12.b.

Ms. Kina Champion, Director of School Innovation, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the charter contract renewal of DeKalb Agriculture Technology Environment, Inc. for five years ending June 30, 2031.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

13. ACCOUNTABILITY & RESEARCH

08.13.

a. Domo Data Analytics and Dashboard Platform (Not to Exceed \$188,000)

08.13.a.

Dr. Candace Alexander, Chief of Accountability & Research, Division of Accountability & Research requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the purchase of the **Domo Data Analytics and Dashboard Platform** for district-wide data analytics and dashboard services for implementation, licensing, and ongoing support in an amount not to exceed **\$188,000**.

The quote is based on Omnia contract #R240303 and is exempt from the solicitation process according to Board Policy DJE.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

14. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

08.14.

a. DONATIONS / GRANTS

08.14.a.

i. Donation Acceptance: Donation of \$7,500 from the Hawthorne School Foundation for the Implementation of the Alliance Theatre Residency Program at Hawthorne Elementary School During the 2025-2026 School Year

08.14.a.i.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Deputy Chief of Communications, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept the donation of \$7,500 from the Hawthorne School Foundation for the implementation of the Alliance Theatre Residency Program at Hawthorne Elementary School during the 2025-2026 school year to enhance art education and student engagement. All programs will be scheduled during the 2025-26 school year.

Funding:

Foundation Funding: \$7,500

Total funding \$7,500.

The Foundation will use this funding to contract with 1 vendor:

Alliance Theatre –classroom residency workshops – \$7,500

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

ii. Donation Acceptance: Donation of 6,000 Books from Reading is Fundamental to Support Read Across DeKalb Initiative (Valued at \$39,000)

08.14.a.ii.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Deputy Chief of Communications, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept the book donation, valued at \$39,000, from Reading Is Fundamental to support the Family and Community Engagement department's Read Across DeKalb initiative to promote literacy and a love for reading for K-2 students.

This item was unanimously approved to go on the consent agenda at the top of the meeting.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

15. LEGAL SERVICES ~ Updated 2.6.2026

08.15.

No Agenda Item This Month

a. RISK MANAGEMENT ~ Updated 2.6.2026

08.15.a.

No Agenda Item This Month

i. RFP 26-718 Board Attorney Legal Services/Law Firm Agreement ~ Added 2.6.2026

Mr. H. Eric Hilton, Chief Legal Officer, Division of Legal Services, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("Board") select a law firm to serve as the attorney for the Board, pursuant to RFP 26-718, entitled Board Attorney Legal Services.

Motion made to table this item:

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

This item was table

G. AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS & POLICIES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

No Agenda Item This Month

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Strategic Plan Update Goal Area #5 ~ Mental Health & Wellness ~ Updated 2.3.2025

Kishia K. Towns, Ph.D., Chief of Wrap Around Services, Division of Wrap Around Services, and

Mrs. Kiana King, Interim Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services provided an update on Strategic Plan Goal Area #5.

2. Capital Improvement & Facilities Update ~ Added 2.6.2026

I. CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to convene the February 9, 2026, business meeting.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

J. CONVENE THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION ~ 5:45pm ~ Updated 2.9.2026

The Community Input Session began at 5:49 pm.

*Speakers

1. Sundra Burdette
2. Laura Keen
3. Cassandra Morris - no show
4. Sumter Alton
5. Finnley Schenck - no show
6. Daniel Sobczak
7. Deborah Jones
8. Elijah Stephens
9. Chris Andrews
10. Torra Hancock
11. Linda Podger Williams

K. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

L. ACTION ITEM(S)

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

a. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Dr. Nicole Bullen, to the position of Executive Administrator, in the Division of Schools & Leadership, as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Dr. Latashia Searcy, to the position of Executive Director of Student Mentorship and Partnerships, in the Division of Access & Opportunity, as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

c. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the Settlement of the Worker's Compensation Case Lemons v DCSD as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

d. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the Settlement of the Worker's Compensation Case Trice v DCSD as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

e. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the decision of Student Appeal Case Numbers # 26-08 and #26-09 as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

f. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve Finding of Fact for #26-300 as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

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

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for individual motions to approve the Action Items which were NOT placed on the consent agenda.

Refer to the following agenda items for the Action Item vote results:

F.3.d.i. E-SPLOST VI ~ Contract Renewal ~ Capital Improvement Program Planning and Management Services ~ RFP 25-752-004 ~ Hoar Program Management, LLC. (HPM)

F.3.d.iii. E-SPLOST V ~ Project 60235 Budget Adjustments ~ Program Contingency

F.3.d.iv. E-SPLOST V ~ Project #35835 ~ Champion Theme Middle School ~ Balfour Beatty ~ Phase 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price

F.11.a. RFP 25-603 (Extension 2 of 4) Nursing Services for Medically Fragile Students with Disabilities Contract ~ School Health and School Nursing Services for More than \$50,000 Per Vendor

M. ADJOURN

With no objections, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, adjourned the February 9, 2026, work session and business meeting at 7:48 pm.

Pending Approval