Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session & Business Meeting

03/09/2026 - 11:30 AM

J. David Williamson Board Room, Robert R. Freeman Administrative Complex

1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

# 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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## 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. Diijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member

**Non-Voting Members**
Dr. Norman Sauce, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Winston A. Denmark, School Board Attorney
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, March 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 11:40 am.

### 1. Roster

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

Vice Chair, Mr. Awet Eyasu attended the meeting at 11:44 am.

Also in attendance were, School Board Attorney, Mr. Winston A. Denmark 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 March 9, 2026, agenda with the following items moved to the consent agenda.

F.3.a.ii. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-752-037 ~ Third Party Commissioning Services ~ Total Systems Commissioning, Inc., TLC Engineering Solutions ~ Contract Renewal (1 of 4) (Not to exceed $2,000,000)
F.3.a.iii. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-551 Painting Services ~ A & D Painting Services, Inc., Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc., Ideas Painting, LLC, Brad Construction Company II, LLC. (Renewal # 2 of 4) (Not to Exceed $2,500,000)
F.3.a.ix. Ratification ~ Emergency Purchase ~ Capital City Electrical Services ~ Emergency Replacement of Switchgear ~ Druid Hills Middle School (Not to Exceed $276,576)
F.3.b.i. 2026 Graduation Venue ~ Georgia State Convocation Center (Not to exceed $359,133.75)
F.3.d.i. Reimbursement Funds Application ~ Closeout of Fiscal Year 2022 GaDOE Projects Capital Outlay Application ~ (Total $6,407,045)
F.4.a. SchoolMessenger Communication Platform with PowerSchool (Not to exceed $117,429.30)
F.4.b. Docufree Platform Licensing (Scribbles and HR ECM) and Records Storage Services Renewal (Not to Exceed $422,200)
F.4.c. ITB 25-599 Contract Renewal for Computer Devices, Accessories, and Associated Services
F.6.a.i. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-17 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Fresh Produce to Royal Food Service (Not to Exceed $3,974,377) for SY 26-27)
F.6.a.ii. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-19 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Paper Products to Southeastern Paper Group, LLC (Not to Exceed $3,863,940 for SY 26-27)
F.6.a.iii. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-25 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Cold Storage

Services to Boulevard Cold Storage (The Waken Meat Company) (Not to Exceed $300,000 for SY 26-27)
F.6.a.iv. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-28 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Fluid Milk Products to New Dairy of Kentucky, LLC (d/b/a Borden Dairy) (Not to Exceed $5,444,315 for SY 26-27)
F.7.a. Human Resources Proposal for Recruitment & Retention Incentive for High-Needs Schools (Not to Exceed $1,020,000) Over Three Years
F.10.a. Spot Vision Screeners (Not to Exceed $356,675)
F.14.a.i. Donation Acceptance of $17,500.35 from the Waltemeyer Estate in Care of Truist Wealth Management for Fernbank Science Center

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

## C. RECOGNITIONS

### 1. Introduction of Student Board Representative ~ No Student Board Representative ~ Updated 3.9.2026

No Student Board Representative this month.

### 2. Recognitions / Proclamations

#### a. Proclamation: School Board Appreciation Week, March 8-14, 2026

Presented by: Dr. Norman C. Sauce III, Interim Superintendent

#### b. Proclamation: School Social Work Week ~ March 1-7, 2026

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

#### c. Proclamation: American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs, Inc. Honoring DCSD ~ Updated 3.4.2026

Presented by: Ms. Bev Vaughn, Co-Founder of the American Association of AdapED Sports Programs, Inc.

### 3. Group/External Presentation(s) ~ No Group 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 3.9.2026

Presented by: Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity,
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. Legislative Update**

Presented by: Mr. Edward Lindsey, Partner, Dentons US LLP, provided an update on the district's legislative priorities.

**2. Interim Superintendent of Schools Report**

**a. Update on the Impact and Evaluation of Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 Programs ~ Updated 3.9.2026**

Presented by: Mrs. Kiana King, Interim Chief of Student Services, Division of Student Services

**b. Update on Student Mentorship Framework ~ Updated 3.9.2026**

Presented by: Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity and
Dr. Latashia Searcy, Executive Director of Student Mentorship & Partnerships, Division of Access & Opportunity

## E. ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:39 pm., Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the March 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: Mr. Andrew Ziffer
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session.

### 1. ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:45 pm, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2026, executive session to convene the community input session.

Motion made by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

The community input session was convened.

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

## 1. BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

09.01.

## 2. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

09.02.

### a. Approval of Minutes

09.02.a.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings; February 9, 2026, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, and the February 24-February 25, 2026 2-day board retreat and executive session.

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

## 3. OPERATIONS

09.03.

### a. Facilities Management

09.03.a.

**i. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-564 HVAC Repair and Installation Services ~ 5 Seasons Mechanical, ARS Mechanical LLC, HVAC Allies LLC, Mann Mechanical Company, Inc., MAXAIR Mechanical, Mechanical Services, Inc., Smith Mechanical Heating & Air, and Trane U.S. Inc. ~ Contract Renewal ~ 2 of 4 (Not to Exceed $8,000,000)**

09.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve contract renewal (2 of 4) for RFP 24-564 HVAC Repair and Installation Services in the amount not to exceed **$8,000,000** to the list below:

- **5 Seasons Mechanical**
- **ARS Mechanical LLC**
- **HVAC Allies LLC**
- **Mann Mechanical Company, Inc.**
- **MAXAIR Mechanical**
- **Mechanical Services, Inc.**
- **Smith Mechanical Heating & Air**
- **Trane U.S. Inc.**

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

**ii. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-752-037 ~ Third Party Commissioning Services ~ Total Systems Commissioning, Inc., TLC Engineering Solutions ~ Contract Renewal (1 of 4)**

**(Not to exceed $2,000,000)**

09.03.a.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the first of four (1 of 4) contract renewals for RFP 24-752-037 Third Party Commissioning Services in the not-to-exceed amount of **$2,000,000** to:

- **Total Systems Commissioning, Inc.**
- **TLC Engineering Solutions (TLC)**

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

**iii. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-551 Painting Services ~ A & D Painting Services, Inc., Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc., Ideas Painting, LLC, Brad Construction Company II, LLC. (Renewal # 2 of 4) (Not to Exceed $2,500,000)**

09.03.a.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the second of (2 of 4) contract renewals for RFP 24-551 painting services in the amount not to exceed **$2,500,000** to:

- **A & D Painting, Inc.**
- **Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc.**
- **Ideas Painting LLC.**
- **Brad Construction Company II, LLC.**

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**iv. Work Order ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Lighting Services -Georgia Power Company MSA Energy-Related Equipment Sale and Installation ~ Phase I Interior Lighting Package (Not to Exceed $2,872,951)**

09.03.a.iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the work order to **Georgia Power Company** under the Georgia Power Company's Master Service Agreement for Energy Conservation Measures for the Phase 1 Interior LED Lighting Upgrade, not to exceed **$2,872,951.**

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

**v. Contract Renewal ~ Supplemental Custodial Services ~ RFP 24-557 ~ KleanPro Facility Services, LLC, Building Maintenance Services, Inc., American Facility Services, Inc. and Pinnacle Maintenance Services Inc., ~ Contract Renewal (2 of 4) (Not to Exceed**

**$12,000,000)**

09.03.a.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the (2 of 4) contract renewals for RFP 24-557 Supplemental Custodial Services in the amount not to exceed $12,000,000 to:

- KleanPro Facility Services LLC
- Building Maintenance Services, Inc.
- American Facility Services, Inc.
- Pinnacle Maintenance Services Inc.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss, objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and voted on 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 - No
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - No
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - No

**vi. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Sourcewell RFP #081523 ~ Hussey Seating Corporation ~ Southeastern Surfaces & Equipment, Inc. (SSE) ~ Authorized Reseller ~ Bleacher Replacement Installation ~ Cedar Grove Middle School, Stone Mountain High School, and Clarkston High School (Not to Exceed $1,000,000) ~ Updated 3.5.2026**

09.03.a.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the 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 provide gymnasium bleacher replacement and installation services, district-wide, in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 at the following schools:

- Cedar Grove Middle School
- Stone Mountain High School
- Clarkston High School

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

**vii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ OMNIA Partners #R2416~ Job Order**

**Contracting Services (JOC)~ Brown & Root Industrial Services ~ Kingsley Elementary School HVAC Unit Replacement (Not to Exceed $450,000)**

09.03.a.vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract for Job Order Contracting services for the Kingsley ES HVAC project to **Brown & Root Industrial Services**, to replace existing temporary rental HVAC units at Kingsley ES in an amount not to exceed **$450,000.**

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

**viii. Ratification ~ Emergency Purchase ~ K.E.G. Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. ~ Emergency Sinkhole Repair (Not to Exceed $992,000)**

09.03.a.viii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the ratification of the emergency spend amount to **K.E.G. Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc.** for emergency repair of the sinkhole at the Administrative Instructional Complex (AIC) at an amount **not to exceed $992,000.**

Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr., objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and voted on 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 - Abstain
Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Yes
Ms. Whitney McGinniss - Yes
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - Yes
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - No

**ix. Ratification ~ Emergency Purchase ~ Capital City Electrical Services ~ Emergency Replacement of Switchgear ~ Druid Hills Middle School (Not to Exceed $276,576)**

09.03.a.ix.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the ratification of the emergency spending amount to **Capital City Electrical Services** for the replacement of switch gear at Druid Hills MS, not to exceed **$276,575**.

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

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Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Motion seconded by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz
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. - Yes
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - No

**c. Fleet and Transportation Services ~ No Agenda Item**

09.03.c.
No Agenda Item

**d. E-SPLOST Projects / Capital Improvement Projects**

09.03.d.

**i. Reimbursement Funds Application ~ Closeout of Fiscal Year 2022 GaDOE Projects Capital Outlay Application ~ (Total $6,407,045)**

09.03.d.i.
Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education and the Superintendent approve execution of the "Certificate of the Board of Education" documents and authorize staff to submit to the Georgia Department of Education ("GaDOE") all documents necessary to receive the State Capital Outlay Reimbursement amounts shown below totaling $6,407,045 for the following project(s):

| Project Name | Project Number | Reimbursement |
|---|---|---|
| Dunwoody ES | 22-644-003 | $802,632 |
| Chestnut ES | 22-644-005 | $631,360 |
| Brockett ES | 22-644-006 | $598,123 |
| Briar Vista ES | 22-644-009 | $547,307 |
| Wynbrooke ES | 22-644-010 | $551,760 |
| Livsey ES | 22-644-012 | $487,376 |
| Hawthorne ES | 22-644-013 | $417,654 |
| Woodridge ES | 22-644-014 | $867,774 |
| Hambrick ES | 22-644-016 | $433,664 |
| Laurel Ridge ES | 22-644-020 | $812,403 |
| Ashford Park ES | 22-644-025 | $256,992 |

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**ii. Resolution ~ Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) ~ Approval of New Five-Year Local Facilities Plan ~ Updated 3.5.2026**

09.03.d.ii.
Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the resolution of the DeKalb County School (DCSD) new Five-Year Local Facilities Plan and its submission to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).

Ms. Whitney McGinniss made a motion to table this item.
Seconded by Mr. Andrew Ziffer.
With a vote of 3/4, opposition by Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mr. Awet Eyasu, Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr, and Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, the motion to table the item failed.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and voted on as an action item.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mr. Awet Eyasu
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Voting:
Ms. Allyson Gevertz - Yes
Mr. Awet Eyasu - Yes
Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Abstain
Ms. Whitney McGinniss - No
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - No
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - Yes

**iii. E-SPLOST VI Project Amendment ~ Manley Spangler Smith Architects ~ PBK Architects ("MSSA-PBK") ~ #40636 ~ Druid Hills High School Modernization ~ Full Design ~ Amendment No. 2 (Not to Exceed $7,591,500)**

09.03.d.iii.
Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve Amendment No. 2 to **PBK Architects ("MSSA-PBK")** for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Druid Hills High School Modernization at an amount not to exceed **$7,591,500**.

Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and voted on as an action item.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
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 - Yes
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - No
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - No

**iv. Contract ~ RFQu 24-752-023 ~ Professional Geotechnical, Environmental and Construction Material Testing Services ~ Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood LLC. (GMC) ~ New Sequoyah MS & HS Site ~ Materials Testing and Special Inspection Services (Not to Exceed $2,000,000)**

09.03.d.iv.
Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract for Materials Testing and Special Inspection Services for the Capital Improvement Project #101-36 — New Sequoyah MS & HS Site to **Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood, LLC** in the amount not-to-exceed **$2,000,000.**

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

**v. Capital Improvement Projects ~ Ratify Change Order ~ Evergreen Construction ~ # 01630 and #01430 for Montclair ES and Briarlake ES ~ Change Order No. 2 (Not to Exceed $984,748) ~ Updated 3.6.206**

09.03.d.v.
Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve Change Order No. 2 to **Evergreen Construction** for the Montclair Elementary School (#01630) and Briarlake Elementary School (#01430) HVAC Projects in the amount of **$984,748** from the Local Capital Project Fund.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss made a motion to amend the language by changing the word "approve" to "ratify".
Seconded by Mr. Awet Eyasu.
Vote Results: 6/1, opposition by Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr.
Motion to amend the language passed.

Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and voted on as an action item with the ratified language.

Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Voting:
Ms. Allyson Gevertz - Yes
Mr. Awet Eyasu - No
Mr. Andrew Ziffer - Yes
Ms. Whitney McGinniss - Yes
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - No
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - No

## 4. INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

09.04.

### a. SchoolMessenger Communication Platform with PowerSchool (Not to exceed $117,429.30)

09.04.a.
Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the School Messenger communication platform provided by **PowerSchool** for the contract period April 1, 2026, through March 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed **$117,429.30.**

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

### b. Docufree Platform Licensing (Scribbles and HR ECM) and Records Storage Services Renewal (Not to Exceed $422,200)

09.04.b.
Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the annual renewal of the district's platform licensing and subscription services, including the Scribbles student records platform and the **Docufree** enterprise content management (ECM) platform for Human Resources, and associated secure records storage services with **Docufree** in an amount not to exceed **$422,200.**

This action authorizes continued access to the software platforms used by the district to view, manage, and retrieve digitized documents, and provides secure storage of physical records while they are staged and processed for scanning. This request is for platform licensing/subscription and records storage costs only and does not include project-based scanning services.

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**c. ITB 25-599 Contract Renewal for Computer Devices, Accessories, and Associated Services**

09.04.c.
Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information & Instructional Technology, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the renewal and continued use of ITB 25-599: Computer Devices, Accessories, and Associated Services for the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) with **CDW-G** (student devices) and **Virtucom, Inc.** (staff devices).
This contract renewal does not authorize or obligate the expenditure of funds and is not associated with a single, defined project. Any future purchases under this ITB that exceed $100,000 will be brought forward for approval, in accordance with Board purchasing policy.

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**

09.05.
No Agenda Item This Month

**6. FINANCE**

09.06.

**a. School Nutrition Services**

09.06.a.

**i. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-17 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Fresh Produce to Royal Food Service (Not to Exceed $3,974,377) for SY 26-27**

09.06.a.i.
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract renewal of ITB 24-17 for School Nutrition Fresh Produce to **Royal Food Service**, not to exceed **$3,974,377.**
This request renews the contract award for an additional one (1) year term effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**ii. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-19 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Paper Products to Southeastern Paper Group, LLC (Not to Exceed $3,863,940 for SY 26-27)**

09.06.a.ii.
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve the contract renewal of ITB 24-19 for School Nutrition Paper Products to **Southeastern Paper Group, LLC,** not to exceed **$3,863,940.** This request renews the contract award for an additional one (1) year term effective **July 1, 2026, through June 30 30, 2027.**

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**iii. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-25 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Cold Storage Services to Boulevard Cold Storage (The Waken Meat Company) (Not to Exceed $300,000 for SY 26-27)**

09.06.a.iii.
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract renewal of ITB 24-25 for School Nutrition Cold Storage Services to **Boulevard Cold Storage (The Waken Meat Company),** not to exceed **$300,000.** This request renews the contract award for an additional one (1) year term effective **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**iv. Contract Renewal ~ ITB 24-28 (2 of 4 Renewal) ~ School Nutrition Fluid Milk Products to New Dairy of Kentucky, LLC (d/b/a Borden Dairy) (Not to Exceed $5,444,315 for SY 26-27)**

09.06.a.iv.
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve the contract renewal of ITB 24-28 for School Nutrition Fluid Milk Products to Fresh Produce to **New Dairy of Kentucky, LLC (d/b/a Borden Dairy),** not to exceed **$5,444,315.** This request renews the contract award for an additional one (1) year term effective July 1, 2026 through June 30 30, 2027.

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**v. Request for Increased Spend Limit Associated with Bid 22-15 ~ School Nutrition Frozen / Temperature Control & Dry Food Products to Gordon Food Service, Inc., in the Additional Amount of $15,000,000 for SY 25-26 (Cumulative Total Not to Exceed $27,513,927.92) This Request is from December 1, 2025 ~ June 30, 2026 ~ Added 3.6.2026**

09.06.a.v.
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve an increase in the spend limit associated with Bid 22-15 for School Nutrition Frozen/Temperature Control & Dry Food Products to Gordon Food Service, Inc. in the additional amount of $15,000,000 from December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda and voted on 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 - No
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce - Yes
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D. - No
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - Abstain

**b. Acceptance of the January 2026 Monthly Financial Report**

09.06.b.
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept the January 2026 Monthly Financial Report.

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

**7. HUMAN RESOURCES**

09.07.

**a. Human Resources Proposal for Recruitment & Retention Incentive for High-Needs Schools (Not to Exceed $1,020,000) Over Three Years**

09.07.a.
Mrs. Tasha Davis-Mills, Chief Human Resource Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve proposal for the Human Resources Recruitment & Retention for High-Needs Schools not to exceed **$1,020,000** in total **over 3 years.**

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**b. Approval of the Human Resources Monthly Report for March 2026 ~ Updated 3.5.2026**

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

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

**8. SCHOOLS & LEADERSHIP ~ No Agenda Item This Month ~ Updated 3.9.2026**

09.08.
No Agenda Item This Month

**9. TEACHING & LEARNING ~ No Agenda Item This Month**

09.09.
No Agenda Item This Month

**10. WRAP AROUND SERVICES**

09.10.

**a. Spot Vision Screeners (Not to Exceed $356,675)**

09.10.a.
Kishia K. Towns, Ph.D., Chief of Wrap Around Services, Division of Wrap Around Services requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approves the purchase of 55 Spot Vision Screeners from School Health for elementary schools for an amount not to exceed $356,675.

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**11. STUDENT SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month**

09.11.
No Agenda Item This Month

**12. ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY**

09.12.

**a. Athletics**

09.12.a.

**i. West End Well Werks, LLC for Athletic Trainers (Not to Exceed $75,000)**

09.12.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 execute an Independent Contractor Agreement (ICA) with **West End Well Werks, LLC** in an amount not to exceed **$75,000**.

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

**13. ACCOUNTABILITY & RESEARCH ~ No Agenda Item This Month**

09.13.
No Agenda Item This Month

**14. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

**a. DONATIONS / GRANTS**

09.14.a.

**i. Donation Acceptance of $17,500.35 from the Waltemeyer Estate in Care of Truist Wealth Management for Fernbank Science Center**

09.14.a.i.
Dr. Cherisse Campbell, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept a donation from Truist Wealth Management on behalf of **Mr. Robert Waltemeyer's** estate in the amount of **$17, 500.35**. This amount represents Fernbank Science Center's share of accumulated income (interest and dividends). Income distributions will occur periodically during the administration of the Robert V. Waltemeyer Trust agreement.

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

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**15. LEGAL SERVICES ~ No Agenda Items This Month**

09.15.
No Agenda Item This Month

**a. RISK MANAGEMENT ~ No Agenda Item This Month**

09.15.a.
No Agenda Item This Month

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

**H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Strategic Plan Update Goal Area #6 ~ Organizational Excellence**

Provided by: Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, and Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance

**2. Capital Improvement & Facilities Update ~ Added 3.6.2026**

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

**I. CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING**

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

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Motion seconded by: Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr.
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

**J. CONVENE THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION ~ 5:45pm ~ Updated 3.9.2026**

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, convened the Community Input Session at 5:45 pm.

***Speakers**

1. Monica Kupsco
2. Shanequa Moore
3. Ellery Hill
4. Sherelle Minter
5. Deborah Jones
6. Betty Prather
7. Elijah Stephens
8. Marianne Pettis
9. Mary Ellen Eady
10. Esco
11. Sonya Allicock

12. Karen Awet
13. Garry Laney
14. Tiffany Waters

## K. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

## L. ACTION ITEM(S)

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

#### a. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education reject the tribunal recommendation and accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the Finding of Fact case number # 26-400 as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Motion seconded by: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.
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. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - Abstain

#### b. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education modify the decision on student appeal Case Number # 26-10 as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Motion seconded by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer
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. - No
Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr. - Yes

## 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.a.v. Contract Renewal ~ Supplemental Custodial Services ~ RFP 24-557 ~ KleanPro Facility Services, LLC, Building Maintenance Services, Inc., American Facility Services, Inc. and Pinnacle Maintenance Services Inc., ~ Contract Renewal (2 of 4) (Not to Exceed $12,000,000)

F.3.a.viii. Ratification ~ Emergency Purchase ~ K.E.G. Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. ~ Emergency Sinkhole Repair (Not to Exceed $992,000

F.3.b.ii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services (E&I) Contract # CNR01496 ~ W.W. Grainger, Inc. ~ On-Site Services ~ Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) (Not to Exceed $10,000,000)

F.3.d.ii. Resolution ~ Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) ~ Approval of New Five-Year Local Facilities Plan

F.3.d.iii. E-SPLOST VI Project Amendment ~ Manley Spangler Smith Architects ~ PBK Architects ("MSSA-PBK") ~ #40636 ~ Druid Hills High School Modernization ~ Full Design ~ Amendment No. 2 (Not to Exceed $7,591,500)

F.3.d.v. Capital Improvement Projects ~ Ratify Change Order ~ Evergreen Construction ~ # 01630 and #01430 for Montclair ES and Briarlake ES ~ Change Order No. 2 (Not to Exceed $984,748)

F.6.a.v. Request for Increased Spend Limit Associated with Bid 22-15 ~ School Nutrition Frozen / Temperature Control & Dry Food Products to Gordon Food Service, Inc., in the Additional Amount of $15,000,000 for SY 25-26 (Cumulative Total Not to Exceed $27,513,927.92) This Request is from December 1, 2025 ~ June 30, 2026

## M. ADJOURN

With no objections, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, adjourned the March 9, 2026, work session and business meeting at 8:10 pm.

Voting:
Unanimously Approved