



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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REVISED 4.20.2026

Attendance

Voting Members

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair
Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair
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, Interim Superintendent
Carolyn Lloyd, Executive Director BOE
Winston Denmark, School Board Attorney

A. CALL TO ORDER

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, April 20, 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 11:35 am.

1. Roster

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, noted the following were in attendance: Vice Chair, Mr. Awet Eyasu, 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 the School Board Attorney, Mr. Winston A. Denmark and the 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 April 20, 2026, agenda with the following items moved to the consent agenda.

F.2.a. Approval of Minutes

F.3.a.ii. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-550 Floor Covering Installation Services ~ Brad Construction Company II, LLC, and Kidd & Associates ~ Contract Renewal #2 of 3 (Not to Exceed \$3,500,000)

F.3.a.iii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement No. R240901 ~ Daikin Applied Americas, Inc. ~ HVAC Solutions, Related Products and Services (Not to Exceed \$1,500,000)

F.3.a.iv. Contract Award ~ ITB No. 26-710 ~ Districtwide On-Demand Electrical Contractor Services (Not to Exceed \$7,000,000)

F.3.a.vi. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Sourcewell RFP #092222 ~ Generac Power Systems, Inc. ~ Electrical Energy Power Generating Equipment with Related Parts, Supplies, and Services (Not to Exceed \$1,000,000)

F.3.a.vii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ OMNIA Partners Contract #3341 ~ Trane US, Inc. ~ HVAC Products, Installation, Labor Based Solutions, and Related Products and Services (Not to Exceed \$500,000)

F.3.b.i. Contract Approval for RFP 26-728 District Graduation Audio Visual Services to Real Eyes Production (Not to Exceed \$250,000)

F.3.c.i. Contract Renewal ~ ITB No. 22-541 ~ FerrellGas ~ Liquid Propane Gas Delivery Service ~ Renewal #4 of 4 (Not to Exceed \$2,000,000)

F.3.c.ii. Contract Award ~ ITB 26-715 ~ New and Retread Tires for Buses and Service Support Vehicles ~ Southern Tire Mart, LLC and Atlanta Commercial Tire (Not to Exceed \$650,000)

F.3.c.iii. Motor Coach Bus Transportation for the 2026 Graduation Ceremonies (Not to Exceed \$113,250)

F.3.c.iv. Contract Ratification and Renewal ~ ITB 25-549 Automotive, Bus Repair, and Services ~ Associated Fuel, Clark Truck Repair, Cummins, Inc., First Services, Georgia Truck & Trailer Repair, LLC, Stivers Ford South, Yancey Bros. (Not to Exceed \$1,800,000)

F.3.d.i. Easement ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Improvement of Electric Distribution Facilities at Oak View Elementary School & Stephenson Elementary School Health Portable Installation Sites

F.3.d.ii. Easement ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Improvement of Electric Distribution Facilities ~ Cross Keys High School Site

F.3.d.iii. Easement ~ DeKalb County Watershed ~ Permanent Sewer and Temporary Construction Easement ~ Sewer Lines ~ Montclair Elementary School and Misty Waters Site

F.3.d.iv. Easement ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Improvement of Electric Distribution Facilities at Avondale Elementary School Site

F.3.d.vi. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Multiple Contracts ~ Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 24736 Murphey Candler Elementary School Renovation Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) Purchase (Not to Exceed \$900,000)

F.3.d.vii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Multiple Contracts ~ Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 21836 - Dresden Elementary School Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) Purchase Approval (Not to Exceed \$1,500,000)

F.4.a. Approval of Physical Security Systems with Convergent Technologies for New Sequoyah High School, New Sequoyah Middle School, and New Cross Keys High School (Not to Exceed \$1,724,267.95)

F.4.b. Approval of Network Cabling, Fiber Infrastructure Installation Services, and Wireless with Integrated Communication Networks, Inc. (ICN) for New Sequoyah High School, New Sequoyah Middle School, and New Cross Keys High School (Not to Exceed \$2,540,002.52)

F.4.c. Approval of Instructional Technology Devices and Classroom Display Systems with Virtucom for Cross Keys High School (Not to Exceed \$187,242.26)

F.6.a.i. Annual DeKalb Parks and Recreation 2026 Summer Feeding Program Agreement ~ Vendor is DeKalb County School District Nutrition Services (Not to Exceed \$555,191.62)

F.7.a. Frontline Services Approval (Not to Exceed \$767,264.67)

F.11.a. RFP 25-606 School Psychological Services (Not to Exceed \$250,000)

F.12.a.i. Renewal Request for RFP 23-544 Ambulance Services (Not to Exceed \$550,000)

F.14.a.i. Project Lead The Way Grant Award of \$30,000 to Wadsworth Magnet School for High Achievers

F.14.a.ii. The Equal Justice Initiative \$12,000 Legacy Scholars Grant Award to Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School

F.14.iv. State Farm Grant Award \$50,000

With no objections, the April 20, 2026, agenda was adopted.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

C. RECOGNITIONS

1. Introduction of Student Board Representative ~ Miss Amyre J. Banks, Elizabeth Andrews High School, 10th Grade

Dr. Norman C. Sauce III, Interim Superintendent of Schools, introduced the Student Board Representative, Miss Amyre J. Banks, Elizabeth Andrews High School, 10th Grade.

2. Recognitions / Proclamations

a. Proclamation: School Library Month DeKalb County School District (DCSD) Library Media Specialist of the Year and DeKalb Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl (HRRB) 27th Anniversary

Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Immediate Past Chair, District 3

b. Proclamation: Exceptional Children's Week

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

c. Recognition: Keith Johnson ~ National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Georgia Chapter ~ Added 4.13.2026

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

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 Presentations

a. Student Assignment Project Monthly Update

Presented by: Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, and Dr. Cherisse Campbell, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative

b. 3DE (Junior Achievement) Academic Program Update

Presented by: Ms. Stacy E. Stepney, Senior Administrator, Office of the Interim Superintendent,
Dr. Kia Billingsley, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Teaching & Learning, and
Mr. John Hancock, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Georgia, and
Ms. Niambi Sampson, Chief Learning Officer for 3DE, and
Mrs. Amanda Salvaticus, Vice President of Portfolio Strategy and Operations of Junior Achievement of Georgia

2. Interim Superintendent of Schools Reports

a. Update on the Impact and Evaluation of Half Cap Ceremonies

Presented by: Champion Michelle Dillard, Chief of Schools, Division of Schools & Leadership

b. Update on the Park Lake Administrative Facility

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

E. ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:53 pm., Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the April 20, 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 results: Unanimously Approved

1. ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:27 pm, Ms. Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the April 20, 2026, executive session to convene the work session.

Motion made by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

| Voting results: Unanimously Approved

F. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE April 20, 2026, BUSINESS MEETING

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

10.01.

No Agenda Item This Month

2. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

10.02.

a. Approval of Minutes

10.02.a.

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings; March 9, 2026, board meeting, which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, and the March 19, 2026, virtual policy committee meeting.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

3. OPERATIONS

10.03.

a. Facilities Management

10.03.a.

i. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ RFP 24-01 ~ Furniture, Installation, and Related Services ~ Multiple OMNIA Cooperative Contracts (Not to Exceed \$5,000,000)

10.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the use of the following **OMNIA** cooperative contracts solicited under the Region 4 RFP 24-01 for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) purchases, with a combined not-to-exceed amount of **\$5,000,000**:

- R240112: ODP Business Solutions

Authorized dealers include: ODP Business Solutions

- R240114 – Safco Products Company

Authorization dealers include: Minton Jones Co Inc, Office Images Inc., Corporate Environments, Creative Office Design, Office Interiors Inc., Turner Boone

- R240115 – School Specialty

Authorized dealers include: School Specialty

- R240118 – VS America, Inc.

Authorized dealers include: Niswonger, Ernie Morris, Georgia Institutional Furnishings, Russell Ventures, CWC Office Furniture, and DeKalb Office Environments

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: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz

Yes: Mr. Awet Eyasu

No: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

No: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

Yes: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

ii. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 24-550 Floor Covering Installation Services ~ Brad Construction Company II, LLC, and Kidd & Associates ~ Contract Renewal #2 of 3 (Not to Exceed \$3,500,000)

10.03.a.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve two of three (#2 of 3) contract renewals for RFP 24-550 Floor Covering Installation Services in the amount not to exceed **\$3,500,000** to **Brad Construction Company II, LLC** and **Kidd & Associates Flooring & Contracting LLC**.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

iii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement No. R240901 ~ Daikin Applied Americas, Inc. ~ HVAC Solutions, Related Products and Services (Not to Exceed \$1,500,000)

10.03.a.iii.

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 OMNIA Partners Cooperative Agreement- #R240901 with **Daikin Applied Americas, Inc.** for an amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000**, to provide HVAC Solutions, Related Products, and Services on an as-needed basis districtwide.

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

meeting.

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

iv. Contract Award ~ ITB No. 26-710 ~ Districtwide On-Demand Electrical Contractor Services (Not to Exceed \$7,000,000)

10.03.a.iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the award of ITB 26-710 – District-Wide On-Demand Electrical Services in the amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 to the following vendors:

- ALL N ONE Security Services, Inc.
- Bell Electric Services LLC
- Brown Electrical Services, LLC
- Capital City Electrical Services
- D&R Construction and Contracting
- Electrical Contractor Incorporated
- K.E.G. Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc.
- MetroPower Systems Technologies
- MWI Electrical Contractors, Inc.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

v. AMENDED: Contract Ratification and Renewal ~ RFP 22-752-003 Swimming Pool Maintenance Services ~ StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. (Renewal 4 of 4) (Not to Exceed \$1,000,000) Updated 4.20.2026

10.03.a.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County School Board of Education approve the fourth of four (4 of 4) contract renewals for RFP 22-752-003 for Swimming Pool Maintenance Services to **StandGuard Aquatics**, not to exceed **\$1,000,000**.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss, objected to this item. It was removed from the consent agenda.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss made a motion to amend the language to include "Ratification and Renewal."

Second by: Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D.

Motion to amend the language passed.

Amended Action Item vote results listed below:

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

Voting results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz

No: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Yes: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Yes: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

No: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

vi. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Sourcewell RFP #092222 ~ Generac Power Systems, Inc. ~ Electrical Energy Power Generating Equipment with Related Parts, Supplies, and Services (Not to Exceed \$1,000,000)

10.03.a.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the use of the cooperative agreement, Sourcewell RFP #092222, between DeKalb County School District ("DCSD") and **Generac Power Systems, Inc.** for generator sales, service, and repair in 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 results: Unanimously Approved

vii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ OMNIA Partners Contract #3341 ~ Trane US, Inc. ~ HVAC Products, Installation, Labor Based Solutions, and Related Products and Services (Not to Exceed \$500,000)

10.03.a.vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve the use of the cooperative agreement, Omnia Partners Contract # 3341 between DeKalb County School District ("DCSD") and **Trane US, Inc.** for HVAC Products, Installation, and Related Products and Services in an amount not to exceed **\$500,000**.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

b. Business Services

10.03.b.

i. Contract Approval for RFP 26-728 District Graduation Audio Visual Services to Real Eyes Production (Not to Exceed \$250,000)

10.03.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education award a contract for RFP 26-728 for District Graduation Audio Visual Services to Real Eyes Production, not to exceed \$250,000 for one (1) year term effective April 20, 2026, through April 19, 2027.

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

| Voting results: Unanimously Approved

c. Fleet and Transportation Services

10.03.c.

i. Contract Renewal ~ ITB No. 22-541 ~ FerrellGas ~ Liquid Propane Gas Delivery Service ~ Renewal #4 of 4 (Not to Exceed \$2,000,000)

10.03.c.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract renewal for ITB No. 22-54, **Liquid Propane Gas Delivery Service to Ferrellgas** in an amount not to exceed **\$2,000,000**. This is the final (4 of 4), one (1) year renewal options.

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

| Voting results: Unanimously Approved

ii. Contract Award ~ ITB 26-715 ~ New and Retread Tires for Buses and Service Support Vehicles ~ Southern Tire Mart, LLC and Atlanta Commercial Tire (Not to Exceed \$650,000)

10.03.c.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract award of ITB 26-715, New and Retread Tires for Buses and Service Support Vehicles in the amount not to exceed **\$650,000** to the following vendors:

Southern Tire Mart, LLC (Primary vendor)
Atlanta Commercial Tire (Secondary vendor)

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

| Voting results: Unanimously Approved

iii. Motor Coach Bus Transportation for the 2026 Graduation Ceremonies (Not to Exceed \$113,250)

10.03.c.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the expenditure for Motor Coach Bus services provided by R&W Motor Coach in an amount not to exceed \$113,250. The services will be used to transport students from the 24 high schools to the graduation site (GA State Convocation Center) beginning May 18, 2026 and concluding on May 22, 2026.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

iv. Contract Ratification and Renewal ~ ITB 25-549 Automotive, Bus Repair, and Services ~ Associated Fuel, Clark Truck Repair, Cummins, Inc., First Services, Georgia Truck & Trailer Repair, LLC, Stivers Ford South, Yancey Bros. (Not to Exceed \$1,800,000)

10.03.c.iv.

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 and ratifications for **ITB 25-549, Automotive, Bus Repair and Services** in the amount not to exceed **\$1,800,000**:

- **Associated Fuel: 3/12/2026-3/11/2027***
- **Clark Truck Repair: 2/26/2026-2/25/2027***
- **Cummins Inc: 9/10/2026-9/9/2027**
- **First Services: 2/26/2026-2/25/2027***
- **Georgia Truck & Trailer Repair, LLC: 3/5/2026-3/4/2027***
- **Stivers Ford South: 2/26/2026-2/25/2027***
- **Yancey Bros: 5/14/2026-5/13/2027**

***The contracts were executed at different times, resulting in varying effective and renewal dates and require ratification.**

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

d. E-SPLOST Projects / Capital Improvement Projects

10.03.d.

i. Easement ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Improvement of Electric Distribution Facilities

at Oak View Elementary School & Stephenson Elementary School Health Portable Installation Sites

10.03.d.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the **Georgia Power Company** easement request for upgrades to electric distribution facilities to improve electric service reliability for the Capital Improvement Projects #10430 Oak View ES Health Center Portable Install and #10530 Stephenson ES Health Center Portable Installation sites.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

ii. Easement ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Improvement of Electric Distribution Facilities ~ Cross Keys High School Site

10.03.d.ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve **Georgia Power Company's** request for easement or upgrades to electric distribution facilities to improve electric service reliability for the Capital Improvement Project 21435. Cross Keys High School Additional & Modernization.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

iii. Easement ~ DeKalb County Watershed ~ Permanent Sewer and Temporary Construction Easement ~ Sewer Lines ~ Montclair Elementary School and Misty Waters Site

10.03.d.iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve grant of a permanent sewer easement and temporary construction easement to **DeKalb County Government, Department of Watershed Management ("DWM")** for the construction and maintenance of sewer lines on the following DeKalb County School District (DCSD) properties: Montclair Elementary School, 1680 Clairmont Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 and Misty Waters Site: 2925 Misty Waters Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

iv. Easement ~ Georgia Power Company ~ Improvement of Electric Distribution Facilities at Avondale Elementary School Site

10.03.d.iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve grant of an easement to the **Georgia Power Company** for upgrades to electric distribution facilities to improve electric service reliability to the Avondale Elementary School under the Grid Investment Program.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

v. Contract ~ ITB 21-752-018 Roofing Contractor Services ~ Core Roofing Systems, Inc. ~ Roof Restoration /Replacement ~ Sagamore Hills Elementary School and Canby Lane Elementary School (Not to Exceed \$2,500,000)

10.03.d.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve use of the ITB 21- 752- 018 Roofing Contractor Services Contract between DeKalb County School District ("DCSD") and Core Roofing Systems, Inc. to provide expedited roof repair services for the Sagamore Hills Elementary School and Canby Lane Elementary School projects for an amount not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000.

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

vi. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Multiple Contracts ~ Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 24736 Murphey Candler Elementary School Renovation Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) Purchase (Not to Exceed \$900,000)

10.03.d.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("The Board") approve the use of the following cooperative contracts for FF&E purchases for the Capital Improvement Project: 24736. Murphey Candler Elementary School Renovation Project with a combined not-to-exceed amount of **\$900,000**:

- **State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000198-0057 – Artcbell Corporation**
- **TIPS Contract No. 230301 - Ernie Morris Enterprises and School Outfitters**
- **Omnia Partners Contract No. R240110 - Lakeshore Learning Materials**
- **Omnia Partners Contract No. R240111 - Meteor Education**

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

meeting.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

vii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Multiple Contracts ~ Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 21836 - Dresden Elementary School Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) Purchase Approval (Not to Exceed \$1,500,000)

10.03.d.vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("The Board") approve the use of the following cooperative contracts for FF&E purchases for the Capital Improvement Project: 21836. Dresden Elementary School Replacement with a combined not-to-exceed amount of **\$1,500,000**:

- State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000198-0057
 - Artcbell Corporation
- State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000198-0032
 - AllSeating
- State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000198-0019
 - The HON Company
- TIPS Contract No. 230301
 - Ernie Morris Enterprises, Schola Craft Products Inc, National Public Seating and School Outfitters
- NCPA Contract No. 07-120
 - Smith System Manufacturing Company
- Equalis Contract No. R10-1176H
 - Glbal Industries, Inc.
- Omnia Partners Contract No. R240120
 - Wenger Corporation

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

4. INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

10.04.

a. Approval of Physical Security Systems with Convergent Technologies for New Sequoyah High School, New Sequoyah Middle School, and New Cross Keys High School (Not to Exceed \$1,724,267.95)

10.04.a.

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 with **Convergent Technologies** for New

Sequoyah High School, New Sequoyah Middle School, and New Cross Keys School at a total cost not to exceed **\$1,724,267.95**.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

b. Approval of Network Cabling, Fiber Infrastructure Installation Services, and Wireless with Integrated Communication Networks, Inc. (ICN) for New Sequoyah High School, New Sequoyah Middle School, and New Cross Keys High School (Not to Exceed \$2,540,002.52)

10.04.b.

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 and fiber infrastructure installation services from **Integrated Communication Networks, Inc. (ICN)** to support the opening of New Sequoyah High School, New Sequoyah Middle School, and New Cross Keys High School at a cost not to exceed **\$2,540,002.52**.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

c. Approval of Instructional Technology Devices and Classroom Display Systems with Virtucom for Cross Keys High School (Not to Exceed \$187,242.26)

10.04.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, classroom display systems, and related installation, configuration, warranty, and deployment services for Cross Keys High School with **Virtucom**, at a cost not to exceed **\$187,242.26**.

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

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

5. CHIEF OF STAFF ~ No Agenda Item This Month

10.05.

No Agenda Item This Month

6. FINANCE

10.06.

a. School Nutrition Services

10.06.a.

i. Annual DeKalb Parks and Recreation 2026 Summer Feeding Program Agreement ~ Vendor is DeKalb County School District Nutrition Services (Not to Exceed \$555,191.62)

10.06.a.i.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the agreement between **DeKalb County School District** (School Nutrition Services) and **DeKalb County Government** to serve as the vendor for the 2026 summer feeding program. School Nutrition Services partners with community programs to ensure every student receives meals needed during the summer months. If approved by the Board, the agreement term is June 4 through July 20, 2026.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

b. Acceptance of the February 2026 Monthly Financial Report

10.06.b.

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

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

c. Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Salary Supplement and Budget Amendment (Not to Exceed \$27,669,104.57) ~ Updated 4.17.2026

10.06.c.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve a **one-time salary supplement to eligible employees at a total cost not to exceed \$27,669,104.57** and a budget amendment to increase General Fund.

It is requested that the Board approve a budget amendment to increase General Fund.

- State revenues by **\$18,884,579** and
- Expenditures of **\$865,474.43** to provide charter schools amount earned in this incentive
- Expenditures of **\$26,019,104.57** to fund a one-time supplement to qualifying employees.

Additional state and federal program funds of \$1,650,000 will be used to pay qualifying employees that are funded through respective grants.

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

7. HUMAN RESOURCES

10.07.

a. Frontline Services Approval (Not to Exceed \$767,264.67)

10.07.a.

Mrs. Tasha Davis-Mills, Chief Human Resource Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the contract for **Human Capital Management** – Applicant Tracking, Absence & Substitute Management, Professional Learning Management, Employee Evaluation Management as well as Asset Tracking Services with Frontline Education for an amount not to exceed **\$767,264.67**. This will be an annual subscription to be presented to the BOE each fiscal year.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

b. DeKalb Para to Teacher Apprenticeship Program (Not to Exceed \$489,225) ~ Updated 4.20.2026

10.07.b.

Mrs. Tasha Davis-Mills, Chief Human Resource Officer, Division of Human Resources, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the award recommendation for RFP 26-723 - DeKalb Para to Teacher Apprenticeship Program to **Kennesaw State University** for a period of two years not to exceed **\$489,225**.

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. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Voting results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz

Yes: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Abstain: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Yes: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

Yes: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

c. Approval of the Human Resources Monthly Report for April 2026 ~ Updated 4.16.2026

10.07.c.

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

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

8. SCHOOLS & LEADERSHIP ~ No Agenda Item This Month

10.08.

No Agenda Item This Month

9. TEACHING & LEARNING ~ No Agenda Item This Month

10.09.

No Agenda Item This Month

10. WRAP AROUND SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

10.10.

No Agenda Item This Month

11. STUDENT SERVICES

10.11.

a. RFP 25-606 School Psychological Services (Not to Exceed \$250,000)

10.11.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 25-606 for the following eight (8) vendors to **Stellar Therapy Services, The Stepping Stones Group LLC, Quantum Health Professionals dba Quantum Education Professionals, Presence Learning, Inc., Horizons Psychological Assessment Center, Comprehensive Psycho-Educational Assessment Agency, Psyched About School Behavior & Educational Consulting, LLC, and SHC Services, Inc. dba Supplemental Health Care** as the most responsive and responsible bidders to provide school psychological services for more than \$50,000 per vendor but not to exceed a total contracted amount of **\$250,000**.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

12. ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY

10.12.

a. Athletics

10.12.a.

i. Renewal Request for RFP 23-544 Ambulance Services (Not to Exceed \$550,000)

10.12.a.i.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the third of four one-year renewals for RFP 23-544 for ambulance services provided by **Metro Ambulance Services Inc.**, doing business as American Medical Response, for an amount not to exceed **\$550,000**.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

b. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #07-77 ~ Furniture ~ AmTAB, An Authorized Dealer (Not to Exceed \$496,535.01) for Phase II of the Climate Improvement Project

10.12.b.

Triscilla Weaver, Ph.D., Chief of Access & Opportunity, Division of Access & Opportunity, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the use of the Cooperative Agreement with **AmTAB** through Region 14 ESC (Education Service Center) and **Omnia Partners Contract number 07-77**, in an amount not to exceed **\$496,535.01** through September 30, 2026, for Phase II of the Climate Improvement Project.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss objected to this item and made a motion to table this item until the Student Assignment Project concluded.

No second.

The motion failed.

Ms. Whitney McGinniss, requested that the item be 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 results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz

Yes: Mr. Awet Eyasu

No: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Yes: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.
Yes: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

13. ACCOUNTABILITY & RESEARCH ~ No Agenda Item This Month

10.13.

No Agenda Item This Month

14. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

10.14.

a. DONATIONS / GRANTS

10.14.a.

i. Project Lead The Way Grant Award of \$30,000 to Wadsworth Magnet School for High Achievers

10.14.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 the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) \$30,000 grant award to enhance STEM curriculum and programming at Wadsworth Magnet School.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

ii. The Equal Justice Initiative \$12,000 Legacy Scholars Grant Award to Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School

10.14.a.ii.

Dr. Cherisse Campbell, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept the \$12,000 Legacy Scholars Grant from the Equal Justice Initiative to support Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School's educational visit to the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and the Freedom Monument Sculpture enhancing students' understanding of history, justice and civic responsibility.

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

iii. Donation of \$10,000 from DeKalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to DCSD's SAFE Centers

10.14.a.iii.

Dr. Cherisse Campbell, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept the \$10,000 donation from DeKalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, who has pledged a \$10,000 contribution to help stock food pantries at the DeKalb County School District's SAFE Centers. These centers provide counseling, clothing, and other wraparound support for students and families. The donation will help ensure essential food items remain available, strengthening the network of services that support student well-being and academic success.

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

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. had questions about this item and asked it to be removed from the list of unanimous consent items until his questions were answered.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. reported that his questions had been answered.

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

iv. State Farm Grant Award \$50,000

10.14.a.iv.

Dr. Cherisse Campbell, Chief of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education accept the State Farm grant award for a total of \$50,000 to support the following departments and their programs during the 2026-2027 school year:

- Wrap Around and Support Services: (Supporting Student and Family Engagement Centers- e.g., SAFE Centers) \$11,500
- Family Engagement: (Family and Community Empowerment) Adult Education Graduation: \$10,000
- Save Our Daughters (Career Development Opportunities for Elementary School-aged girls): \$8,500
- Student Advancement (Mobile Student Success Centers): \$10,000
- Student Mentorship and Partnership (My Brother's Keeper and Our Sister's Keeper) \$10,000

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

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

15. LEGAL SERVICES

10.15.

a. RISK MANAGEMENT

10.15.a.

i. RFP 26-720 Employment Matter Legal Services/Agreements with Law Firms (Not to Exceed \$850,000)

10.15.a.i.

Mr. H. Eric Hilton, Chief Legal Officer, Division of Legal Services, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("Board") approve the contract Award for RFP 26-720 for the following law firms:

1. Denmark Ashby Matricardi LLC;
2. Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP; and
3. The Employment Law Solution, LLC.

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

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. had questions about this item and asked it to be removed from the list of unanimous consent items until his questions were answered.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. reported that his questions had been answered.

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

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

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Capital Improvement & Facilities Update ~ Updated 4.16.2026

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 April 20, 2026, business meeting.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

J. CONVENE THE COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION ~ 5:45pm ~ Updated 4.20.2026

The Community Input Session began at 5:47 pm.

*Speakers

1. Lucca and Sofie Fusia
2. Hailey Hughes
3. Tiffany Angulo
4. Zachary Wommack Substitute Speaker: Christine Green
5. Thomas Brown
6. Ginny Fairchild
7. Dr. Roberta Barber
8. Michael Kidd
9. Tricia Aden
10. Lucy Brown
11. Catie Bonk
12. Loreen Booker Brown
13. Esther Lim
14. Daniel Sobczak
15. Kristi Vogel
16. Julia Styles
17. Matthew Talbert
18. Verdaillia Turner Request withdrawn via email
18. Liat Oren Substitute Speaker: Jennifer Alexander Sanchez
19. Sundra Burdette
20. Kowanna Clemons

K. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion made by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

| **Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

L. ACTION ITEM(S)

1. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Dr. Derrica Boochee-Davis to the position of Area Superintendent of Horizon Schools, in the Office of the Superintendent, as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

| **Voting results:**

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz
Yes: Mr. Awet Eyasu
Abstain: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Yes: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.
Yes: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

2. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Mr. Damian Bounds, to the position of Area Superintendent of High Schools, in the Office of the Superintendent, as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

3. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Mr. Darrell Stallings to the position of Chief of Capital Improvement, in the Office of the Superintendent, as discussed in the executive session.

Motion made by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Motion seconded by: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

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

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education uphold the recommendation of Student Appeal Case Numbers # 26-11, as discussed in executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz
Yes: Mr. Awet Eyasu
Yes: Ms. Whitney McGinniss
Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce
Yes: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.
Abstain: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

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

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education uphold the recommendation of Student Appeal Case Numbers # 26-12, as discussed in executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

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

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education uphold the recommendation of Student Appeal Case Numbers # 26-13, as discussed in executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

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

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve a spend increase for the forensic audit from \$125,000 to \$200,000, as well as the time extension to July 2026, as discussed in executive session.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

8. 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:

E.3.a.i. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ RFP 24-01 ~ Furniture, Installation, and Related Services ~ Multiple OMNIA Cooperative Contracts (Not to Exceed \$5,000,000)

E.3.v. AMENDED: Contract Ratification and Renewal ~ RFP 22-752-003 Swimming Pool Maintenance Services ~ StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. (Renewal 4 of 4) (Not to Exceed \$1,000,000)

E.7.b. DeKalb Para to Teacher Apprenticeship Program (Not to Exceed \$489,225)

F.12.b. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #07-77 ~ Furniture ~ AmTAB, An Authorized Dealer (Not to Exceed \$496,535.01) for Phase II of the Climate Improvement Project

M. ADJOURN

At 8:03 pm, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, called for a motion to adjourn the April 20, 2026, work session and business meeting.

Motion made by: Mr. Diijon DaCosta, Sr.

Motion seconded by: Mr. Awet Eyasu

| Voting results: Unanimously Approved

PENDING APPROVAL