

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

November 11, 2024

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Executive Session, Work Session, Community Input Session and Business Meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024, in the J. David Williamson Board Room, at the DeKalb County School District's Robert R. Freeman Administrative Instructional Complex, 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. convened the meeting at 11:32 am and noted the following were in attendance; himself, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Mrs. Anna Hill, Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Ms. Allyson Gevertz and Superintendent, Dr. Devon Q. Horton.

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

GROUP / EXTERNAL PRESENTATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. introduced the Tucker HS JROTC to present the colors. Cadet Soriano led the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called to adopt the agenda for the November 11, 2024, work session and business meeting.

Mrs. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-0, the November 11, 2024, work session and business meeting agenda was approved.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Horton introduced Student Board Representative Miss Serenity Brister, Stone Mountain High School, 12th Grade

RECOGNITIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / MIRACLE MAKER AWARDS

- a. Proclamation: National School Psychology Week (November 11~15, 2024)
Presented by: Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Member, District 4
- b. Proclamation: National Apply to College Month
Presented by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member, District 2
- c. Proclamation: Parent & Family Engagement Month
Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board Vice-Chair
- d. Recognition: Miller Grove High School Softball Team
Presented by: Mrs. Vickie B. Turner, Board Member, District 5
- e. Recognition: Najee Smother, DeKalb Silver Streaks
Presented by: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Superintendent’s Report

a. Strategic Plan Update

Presented by: Dr. Amelia Jefferson, Administrator, Chief of Staff Division
Mr. Elijah Palmer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff Division

2. Committee of the Whole Presentation

a. E-SPLOST / Finance Reporting

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

ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn November 11, 2024, meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding litigation, land, legal, personnel, and student appeals.

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, a second by Mrs. Hill and with a vote of (6/0), the November 11, 2024, meeting adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called to adjourn the November 11, 2024, executive session to convene the work session.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, second by Ms. McGinniss and with a vote of (6/0), the November 11, 2024, executive session adjourned to the convene the business meeting.

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 11, 2024, BUSINESS MEETING

05.01.a.

Ms. Melanie Slaton, General Counsel, Hall Booth Smith, P.C. requested that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda from the October 7, 2024, business meeting.

05.01.b.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair requested that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s Goals and Artifacts.

05.01.c.

Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair requested that the Board of Education approve the District to engage **Dentons for Professional Services** in an amount not to exceed **\$144,000** within the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at a rate of **no more than \$12,000 per month** for strategic support and lobbying services. This item was pulled from the agenda and moved to the December 9, 2024 meeting.

05.02.a

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. requested that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings: October 7, 2024, board meeting which includes the executive session, work session, community input session and business meeting, October 10, 2024, audit committee meeting, October 23, 2024, virtual board b-policy review committee meeting, the November 1, 2024, virtual board b-policy review committee meeting, November 1, 2024 virtual called meeting and the November 7, 2024, audit committee meeting.

05.03.a.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a grant of an easement to the City of Doraville for the construction of a trail along Stewart Road on the Sequoyah Middle School site.

05.03.a. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) use of **Sourcewell Request for Proposal (“RFP”) #031622 for Artificial Turf and Tracks with Installation, Related Equipment, Materials, and Supplies for FY2024-2025.**

The award is for a Cooperative Agreement with **Hellas Construction** to provide General Contractor Services for the William “Buck” Godfrey Stadium athletic field and track renovation project in a **not to exceed amount of \$399,000.**

Hellas Construction, Inc. will perform general contractor services to renovate the track and athletic field to meet the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) standards.

Mrs. Hill opposed this item. The item was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

05.03.b.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal #1 of 4 for RFP 24-556 for District- Wide Moving services in the amount **not to exceed \$600,000** to:

- **Leslie Regis, Inc. dba Atlanta Cargo Transportation Co.**
- **Beltmann Relocation Group**
- **ALS Lines Services Inc.**
- **The Armstrong Group**

05.03.b. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the use of the cooperative agreement - OMNIA Partners Cooperative contract No. 152610 Contract between DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and **Southeastern Paper Group (a distributor/affiliate of ENVOY Solutions)** for goods in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein not to exceed **\$1,500,000.**

05.03.c.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve contract renewal #3 of 4 of the IBS Contract between DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) and **Genuine Parts Company (NAPA)** for services in accordance with

the Georgia Statewide Contract #SWC 99999-SPD-SWL20201105 for **January 1, 2025**, through **December 29, 2025**, for a **not to exceed amount of \$8,000,000**.

05.03.d.i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education ratify and extend Bid 20-22 School Nutrition Ice Cream Products, to **Hershey Creamery Company**, in the amount not to exceed **\$342,448.00** for **SY24-25**. This request extends the agreement from **October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025**.

Ms. McGinniss requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda. The item was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

05.03.d. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFP 25-20 School Nutrition Sanitation Training Services & Materials to **Sanitech Systems Inc.**, in the amount not to exceed the amount of **\$223,770** for **SY 24-25**.

05.03.e. i.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFQu 24-752-035 for Architectural and Engineering Services for Group 3 Security Vestibules to **Chapman Griffin Lanier Sussenbach Architects, Inc. ("CGLS")** for the lump sum amount of **\$990,000**.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. pulled this item from the consent agenda. It would be voted on separately.

05.03.e. ii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve the award of RFQu 24-752-038 for Architectural and Engineering Services for Allgood Elementary School HVAC Replacement and Renovations to **Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood, LLC.**, for the lump sum amount of **\$1,200,000**.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. pulled this item from the consent agenda. It would be voted on separately.

05.03.e. iii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education **approve Ratification / Change Order No. 4 to Centennial Contractors Inc.** for the **Henderson Mill Elementary School Major System Replacements** project to install a new Security Vestibule in the amount of **\$332,193.58**.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. pulled this item from the consent agenda. It would be voted on separately.

05.03.e. iv.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / **budget reallocation in the amount of \$793,276.23 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

It is also requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve **Change Order No. 4**

to Centennial Contractors Inc. for the Briar Vista ES Major System Replacements project in the amount of \$793,276.23 which will be partially funded by the budget reallocation.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e.v.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$1,185,031 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

It is also requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education **approve Change Order No. 4 to Evergreen Construction for the Midvale Elementary School Major Systems Replacement project in the amount of \$1,185,031** which will be funded by the budget reallocation.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e.vi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / **budget reallocation in the amount of \$344,416 from Local Capital Projects Fund to the Contractor cost code.**

It is also requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education **approve Change Order No. 1 to Evergreen Construction for the Early Learning Center HVAC and Controls Replacement** project that will be funded by the budget reallocation.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e.vii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$684,789 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

It is also requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education **approve Change Order No. 3 to Evergreen Construction for the DeKalb High School of Technology-South Major Systems Replacement project in the amount of \$684,789** that will be funded by the budget reallocation.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e.viii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / **E-SPLOST V budget reallocation in the amount of \$391,176.00 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

It is also requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education **approve Change Order No. 2 to Evergreen Construction for the Laurel Ridge Elementary School Major Systems Replacement project in the amount of \$1,372,374.00** which will be partially funded by the budget reallocation.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e. ix.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / E-SPLOST V **budget reallocation in the amount of \$303,313 from Program Contingency to the Contractor cost code.**

It is also requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education **approve Change Order No. 2 to Evergreen Construction for the Woodridge Elementary School Major Systems Replacement project in the amount of \$1,277,481** which will be partially funded by the budget reallocation.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e. x.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve a Ratification / Change Order No. 2 to **Evergreen Construction** for a not-to-exceed amount of **\$806,264** for unforeseen conditions and Owner -DeKalb County School District (“DCSD”) requested items as outlined in the Change Order No. 2 documents.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e. xi.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **Amendment No. 2 to SSOE | Stevens & Wilkinson, for Kingsley Elementary School Major System Renovations and Replacements** project for an additional design and engineering fee of **\$268,389.**

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e. xii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve **Amendment No. 4 to SSOE | Stevens & Wilkinson, for Nancy Creek Elementary School Major System Renovations and Replacements** project for an additional design and engineering fee of **\$335,365.**

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

05.03.e. xiii.

Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations, requested that the Board of Education approve Amendment No. 1 to **BRPH Architects Engineers Inc.**, for the New Elementary School at Dresden project for an additional design and engineering fee in the amount of **\$1,825,000**.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. stated that this item would be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

The community input session began at 5:45 pm.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. convened the Community Input Session and Mrs. Pierce read the Guidelines for Public Comments.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Tameka Williams
2. Kerry-Ann Givans – No Show
3. Terrica Reid
4. Jawanna Lewis – No Show
5. Deborah Jones
6. Cathea Simelton-Treminio
7. Maria Guadalupe Martinez
8. Nancy Kelly – Request withdrawn
9. Carla Weston-Brown
10. Sandy Purkett
11. Lance Coachman
12. Alvenio Treminio – Did not speak

05.04.a.

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

This is year 4 of a five-year agreement.

05.05.

CHIEF OF STAFF ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.06.a.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education accept the September 2024 Monthly Financial Report.

05.06.b.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve a budget amendment, increasing the FY2026 general fund budget by **\$42,683,136.97**.

Ms. McGinniss requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda. The item was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

05.06.c.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of RFP 22-533 to **Dudley Thomas Spade SPE, LLC dba DTSpade** to provide real estate advisory services for a period of one year effective from **November 18, 2024, through November 17, 2025**, for an amount not to exceed **\$300,000**.

05.06.d.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education approve the renewal of **RFQ 22-534 to 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Abacus Corporation, COGENT Infotech Corporation, Corporate Temps, Inc., Howroyd-Wright Employment Agencies, Inc. dba AppleOne Employment Services, Robert Half, Tryfacta, Inc., US Tech Solutions, Inc.** to provide temporary staffing services on an as-needed basis for the DCSD Finance Department for a period of one year effective from **December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025** for an amount not to exceed **\$750,000**.

This is the third renewal option of four.

05.06.e.

Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, requested that the Board of Education **tentatively** approve a resolution to opt-out of HB-581, known as the “Save our Homes Act”.

Mrs. Hill requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda. The item was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

05.07.a.

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

05.08.

SCHOOLS & LEADERSHIP ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.09.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.10.

WRAP AROUND SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.11.

STUDENT SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.12.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.13.

ACCOUNTABILITY & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ~ No Agenda Item This Month

05.14.a.i.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Deputy Chief Communications Officer, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education accept the donation for Fernbank Science Center's share of the bequest from Truist Bank, Executor for the Gloria H. Waltemeyer Revocable Trust, and Robert V. Waltemeyer Trust for \$21,333.33.

Mrs. Hill requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda. The item was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

05.14.a. ii.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Deputy Chief Communications Officer, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education approve the allocated funds by DeKalb County Commissioner Mereda Davis-Johnson in the amount of \$25,000, to go to (5) specific schools in District 5. Arabia Mountain High School, Lithonia High School, Miller Grove High School, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, and Redan High School, at \$5,000 per marching band.

05.14.b.

Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Deputy Chief Communications Officer, Division of Community Engagement & Innovative Partnerships, requested that the Board of Education approve the District to purchase the Leader in Me program from FranklinCovey for use at 22 schools using \$759,930 in funding provided by the Georgia Department of Education.

Mrs. Hill requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda. The item was removed from the consent agenda and would be voted on separately.

05.15.a.

LEGAL SERVICES ~ No Agenda Item This Month

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICIES

F.1.

Ms. Melanie Slaton, General Counsel, Hall Booth Smith, PC Attorneys at Law requested that the Board of Education accept an amendment to Board Policy BBFA: Local School Councils for First Read. The proposed revisions are requested to update the policy and to clarify the current language. This policy has been reviewed and analyzed by the Board Policy Committee. The Committee agrees on the recommended revisions.

F.2.

Ms. Melanie Slaton, General Counsel, Hall Booth Smith, PC Attorneys at Law requested that the Board of Education amend Board Policy BC: Board Meetings.

F.3.

Ms. Melanie Slaton, General Counsel, Hall Booth Smith, PC Attorneys at Law requested that the Board of Education amend Board Policy BBI: Board Staff Relations.

CONVENE THE BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called to adjourn the November 11, 2024, executive session to convene the business meeting.

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Mrs. Turner and with a vote of (6/0), the November 11, 2024, the business meeting was convened.

ACTION ITEM(S)

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

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to approve the following Action Items which were NOT placed on the consent agenda.

- Agenda Item: E.3.a.ii. Contract ~ Cooperative Agreement ~ Hellas Construction, Inc. ~ RFP No. 031622 ~ Artificial Turf and Track Maintenance, Installation, Related Equipment, Materials, Supplies and Supplemental Services ~ William “Buck” Godfrey Stadium Athletic and Track Renovations Project (Not to exceed \$399,000)

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, second by Mrs. Turner, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.d.i. Contract Ratification and Extension ~ Ice Cream Products ~ Bid No. 20-22 to Hershey Creamery Company (Not to exceed \$342,448 for SY24-25)

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Turner, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.i. E-SPLOST VI ~ Contract Award ~ Professional Architectural and Engineering Services ~ RFQu. No. 24-752-035 for Group 3 Security Vestibules Project Award Approval ~ Chapman Griffin Lanier Sussenbach Architects, Inc. (Not to exceed \$990,000)

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.ii. E-SPLOST VI Project ~ Contract Award ~ RFQ No. 24-752-038 ~ Professional Architectural and Engineering Services ~ Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood, LLC. ~ Allgood Elementary School ~ HVAC Systems Replacement

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Pierce, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.iii. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. ~ Henderson Mill Elementary School Major System Replacements ~ Change Order No. 4, New Security Vestibule (Not to exceed \$332,193.58)

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Mrs. Pierce, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e. iv. E-SPLOST V ~ **Ratification** ~ Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. ~ Briar Vista Elementary School Major System Replacements ~ Change Order No. 4, New Security Vestibule and Added Roof Insulation Taper System (Not to exceed \$793,276.23)

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.v. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Evergreen Construction #344-35 for Midvale Elementary Major Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 4 for Owner Requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions (Not to exceed \$1,185,031)

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Turner, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.vi. Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Evergreen Construction ~ Early Learning Center HVAC and Controls Replacement ~ Change Order No. 01 ~ Owner Requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions (Not to exceed \$344,416).

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.vii. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Evergreen Construction #360-35 for DeKalb High School of Technology South Major Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 3 for Owner requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions (Not to exceed \$684,789).

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Mrs. Turner, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e. viii. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Evergreen Construction #368-35 Laurel Ridge Elementary School Major Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 2 for Owner Requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions (Not to exceed \$1,372,374).

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e. ix. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Evergreen Construction #369-35 for Woodridge Elementary School Major Building Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 2 for Owner Requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions (Not to exceed \$1,277,481).

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.3.e.x. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Ratification** ~ Evergreen Construction-#370-35 for Chesnut Elementary School Major Building Systems Replacement ~ Change Order No. 2 for Owner Requested Items and Unforeseen Conditions (Not to exceed \$806,624).

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Turner, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

Agenda Item: E.3.e.xi. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Amendment Request** ~ SSOE|Stevens & Wilkinson ~ Kingsley Elementary School Major System Renovations and Replacements ~ Amendment No. 2, Additional Design Fee Approval (Not to exceed \$268,389)

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Mrs. Pierce, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

Agenda Item: E.3.e. xii. E-SPLOST V Project ~ **Amendment Request** ~ SSOE|Stevens & Wilkinson ~ Nancy Creek Elementary School Major System Renovations and Replacements ~ Amendment No. 4, Additional Design Fee Approval (Not to exceed \$335,365)

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

Agenda Item: E.3.e.xiii. E-SPLOST V Project ~ Amendment Request ~ New Elementary School at Dresden ~ Amendment No. 1, Additional Design Fee (Not to exceed \$1,825,000)

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

Agenda Item: E.6.b. FY2025 General Fund Budget Amendment #! (Not to exceed 42,683,136.97)

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Turner, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 4/2, the motion passed.

Agenda Item: E.6.e. Tentative Approval to Opt-Out of HB-581: Save Our Homes Act

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Mrs. Turner, abstention by Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 5/1, the motion passed.

Agenda Item: E.14.a.i. Donation Acceptance of \$21,333.33 in Funding from the Waltemeyer Estate in Care of Truist Wealth Management

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 5/1, the motion passed.

- Agenda Item: E.14.b. Approval to Purchase the Leader in Me Program from Franklin Covey for Use at 22 Schools (Not to exceed \$759,930).

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Ms. Gevertz, opposition by Ms. McGinniss and Mrs. Hill, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AN ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the actions as discussed in Executive Session for:

- Item: Personnel Recommendation from Executive Session

Mrs. Tasha Davis Mills, Chief Human Resources Officer, Division of Human Resources requested that the Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Mrs. Ayana S. Smith to the position of Executive Director of Professional Development.

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Mrs. Pierce, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Personnel Recommendation from Executive Session

Mrs. Tasha Davis Mills, Chief Human Resources Officer, Division of Human Resources requested that the Board of Education approve the hiring recommendation of Mrs. Tracy Harris to the position of Director of Employment Services.

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Hill and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Rescind the action as discussed in Executive Session for Student Appeal #25-03

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, second by Mrs. Turner, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Finding of Fact in Case #25-100.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, second by Mrs. Gevertz, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Litigation Settlement of Hopkins vs. DeKalb County School District

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, second by Mrs. Turner, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Purchase of the Kroger Building

On a motion by Ms. Gevertz, second by Mrs. Pierce, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Sale of 4242 Eastside Drive

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, second by Mrs. Turner, and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

- Item: Amend Contract of Dr. Devon Q. Horton to include a retention payment of \$35,000 on December 1, 2024.

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, second by Mrs. Hill, with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to approve the November 11, 2024, consent agenda items.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, second by Mrs. Turner and with a vote of 6/0, the motion passed to approve the consent agenda.

ADJOURN

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adjourn the November 11, 2024, work session and business meeting.

With no objections, the work session and business meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair