

BOE DOWNLOAD
December 13, 2021

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Key Takeaways from the Board Download:

Adoption of the Agenda

Introduction of Student Board Representative

Superintendent Cheryl Watson-Harris honored Salem Middle School seventh-grade student Kygee Richardson for his leadership and his many accomplishments. His teachers recognize Kygee as highly motivated and intelligent. One of Kygee's fondest memories as a DeKalb County student was being a member of the Gentleman's Club at Browns Mill Elementary School. Kygee also participated in the Reading Bowl and excelled academically as a Beta Club member. In fourth grade, he was voted Class King by his peers. Kygee's parents, Latoya and Keith, are his biggest inspiration.

When he was younger, Kygee started his own business selling bowties and he encourages other people to start their own businesses. He is proud to have been featured in the **NV Me** Magazine of 2016 as a young entrepreneur.

After middle school, Kygee plans to finish high school and go to college and study business.

The primary reason Kygee serves on the SSAC team is to give his opinions on what decisions are being made for him and his peers. Kygee is a proud student leader of the class of 2027 and is excited to be selected as the DeKalb County School Board Student of the Month for December 2021. Kygee thanks the board for the recognition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presented by: Mrs. Cheryl L. Watson-Harris, Superintendent

- Enrollment projection for Fall 2022 (this will inform how many staff, supplies, and other budget considerations for the upcoming school year. Result: District-wide enrollment is expected roughly the same as Fall 2021)
- Current enrollment is 93,978 (as of Friday, Dec. 11)

Congratulations to Cedar Grove Saints who won 3A State Championship.

The BOE celebrates Regional VII Superintendent, Dr. Rodney Swanson who will be retiring.

Exceptional Education Programs Update: DCSD is the recipient of the 2021 Stage Star Award for Promising Practices. State and national recognition in Exceptional Education.

District priorities for Exceptional Education: Ensuring that DCSD learners have the best educational experience, providing early intervention services, staff effectiveness, professional development and retention, community outreach and parent involvement, graduation rate.

Finance:

Through October, the district has spent over \$284.8 million of the appropriation authority, leaving just over \$913.6 million unspent. Year-to-date expenditures by function: highest is instruction with \$161 million through October. Maintenance and operations are the next highest at \$32 million, general administration is the third with \$27.1 million (which includes the Gold Case payment of \$22 million).

State and local revenue is starting to come in. Year to date, we have received approx. 42% of expected revenue. State revenue in October is slightly higher than in October 2020. Local revenue is up over this point last year. October 2020 it was at \$212.2 million. October 2021 was at \$316 million.

Expenditures in October were about \$4 million less than October 2020.

Human Resources:

As of Dec. 6 there are 681 postings on Frontline. 150 postings are for teachers, which represents a 97.7% fill rate for the district. 84 of those postings are for regular education, 48 are special education, and 18 are central office postings.

The average substitute fill rate is 45%. We have hired more substitutes and more jobs are being filled, but we have also observed more requests.

DCSD held a pre-service job fair on Dec. 8 for our student teachers to encourage them to accept a permanent position.

There are 531 postings for non-teaching positions. Biggest needs are paraprofessionals, bus drivers, central office and custodians.

A new initiative "Operation Clean Sweep" has yielded 8 teams of custodians willing to help meet the district's needs. The Clean Sweep teams' orientation will begin this week.

There have been 36 new hires so far for the month of December, and 153 total new hires in November.

Information and Instructional Technology

The Board approved an RFP to Convergent Technologies LLC for five years that allows the district to work with one vendor to improve security to all district facilities, ultimately impacting the safety of all students and staff. It would immediately be used to support existing security infrastructure components access readers, security cameras.

The Board renewed the annual subscription to Microsoft EES.

Operations

The Board renewed contracts with current cleaning supply companies.

The Board extended contracts for the purchase of digital printing equipment.

The Board renewed contracts for charter bus services.

ESPLOST Projects

The Board approved funds for design build services for renovations at the Green Forest Drive facility following vandalism.

Personnel Recommendation

The Board approved the hiring of Mrs. Keyonna King as the Director of Exceptional Education.

Consent Agenda Approval: vote --yes-7

Approval of An Item Pulled From the Consent Agenda

Establishment of Dates & Times of DeKalb Board of Education Meetings for February 2022-January 2023: vote--yes-6 abstain-1