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Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Anna Hill  
Mrs. Whitney McGinniss  
Ms. Allyson Gevertz  
Mrs. Vickie B. Turner  
Dr. Joyce Morley

## THE BOARD BRIEFING – JANUARY 9, 2023

This edition of *The Board Download* provides a highlighted summary of actions taken at the DeKalb County Board of Education’s regular meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2023. Complete DeKalb County School District Board Meetings are recorded and archived on the [DeKalb School TVs page](#).

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

FY2024 School Resource Allocation Methodology Plan (RAMP) was presented regarding DeKalb County School District’s students, faculty, staff, and the communities. These remarks included:

- **FY24 School Allotment Drivers**
  - Student Data (academic achievement)
  - Community of Stakeholders
  - Vision and mission
  - Revenue assumptions
- **Core Areas of Focus for FY24 RAMP from Stakeholders**
  - Support for underperforming schools
  - School Safety
  - Building maintenance
  - Student and Teacher need
  - Equity and access to quality programs
- **Some FY24 RAMP Enhancements:**
  - Basic Core Classes - Actual Teacher Need - formula uses October FTE Enrollment
  - Horizon Schools – Added Mental Health Counselors, Teachers such as a Reading Specialist and Paraprofessionals
  - Increased support - Custodians, Social Workers, Library Media Assistants, LTSEs, Registrars and Secretaries
  - Included support for special programs, for example: Gifted, EIP, Theme schools and Magnet
- **RAMP Considerations**
  - The Arts – Additional .50 for PE & Music for Small Schools to give them a fulltime teacher
  - Horizon School Support
  - Clerical Support

- Academic Enrichment-Gifted Support - Determined by the number of gifted students
- EIP/REP Support - Determined by percentage of EIP at each school
- Support Staff
- Special Program Support
- School Safety
- Custodians
- Major Supplemental School-based Support – Federal Funds

**Next Steps:**

- Publish FY24 RAMP document - January
- Meet with Principals to share FY24 Allotments – February
- Adopt FY24 Budget – June 2023
- Formally submit FY24 RAMP to the Georgia Department of Education – July 1
- Monitor FY24 – October 2023 – Cycle FTE Reporting for district balancing and comparability adjustments

**07.01.a.**

Mrs. Turner, Board Chair, requested that the Board of Education floor be opened to accept nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

Election of Chair for 2023 calendar year:

1. Nominee: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr. By: Dijon DaCosta, Sr.
2. Nominee: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce By: Mrs. Anna Gevertz

Mrs. Pierce respectfully declined the nomination  
 Motion that nominations be closed by: Mrs. Turner  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: 4 votes for Mr. DaCosta, Sr., 2 votes against, 1 Abstain  
 Votes for Nominee #1 4 Votes for Nominee #2 \_0\_.

Election of Vice Chair for the 2023 calendar year:

1. Nominee: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce By: Mrs. Anna Hill
2. Nominee: None By: N/A

Motion that nominations be closed by: Mrs. Turner  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Unanimous 7/0  
 Votes for Nominee #1 7 Votes for Nominee # 2 \_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**– No Student Board Representative this month.

**RECOGNITION(S)** – No recognitions this month.

**ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-10.

On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-11. On a motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Gevertz, and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-12. On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and with a unanimous vote of (7\0), The motion passed.

Mr. DaCosta, Sr. called for a motion to adopt the actions, as discussed, in Executive Session for Student Appeal No. 23-13. On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and with a unanimous vote of (6\1 abstain), The motion passed.

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