

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**2-DAY BOARD RETREAT**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (9:30am)**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (9:30 am)**



**BOARD RETREAT**

The Inn at Serenbe  
10950 Hutcheson Ferry Road  
Chatt Hills, Georgia 30268

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**Vision**

To inspire our community of learners to achieve educational excellence

**Mission**

To ensure student success, leading to higher education, work, and life-long learning

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

By: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair

**1. Roster**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent

**B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It is requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education adopt the 2-day (February 21-22, 2023) board retreat agenda.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. BOARD RETREAT – FEBRUARY 21, 2023 (DAY 1 – 9:30 AM)**

**1. WELCOME, PURPOSE, AND INTRODUCTIONS**

By: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Chair

**2. BOARD RETREAT: FACILITATED CLARA AXAM, CLARIFICATION & MEDIATION INC.**

**a. Setting the Context: Primer on Robert’s Rules of Order**

Presented by: Ms. Melanie Slaton – Hall, Booth & Smith

**b. Cognia Report**

Presented by: Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent

**c. Policy Review/Revision Discussion**

Presented by: Ms. Melanie Slaton – Hall, Booth & Smith  
Ms. Clara Axam, Clarification & Mediation Inc

**d. GSBA Self-Assessment & Plan of Action**

Presented by: Ms. Clara Axam, Clarification & Mediation Inc.

**e. Mid-Year Progress Check-in for Interim Superintendent**

Presented by: Ms. Clara Axam, Clarification & Mediation Inc.

**D. RECESS BOARD RETREAT – DAY 1**

It is requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education recess Day 1, February 21, 2023, of the 2-day board retreat.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**E. RECONVENE BOARD RETREAT – FEBRUARY 22, 2023 (DAY 2 – 9:30 AM)**

It is requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education reconvene the 2-day board retreat and adjourn to the executive session.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**F. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It is requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education adjourn the February 22, 2023 board retreat to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding litigation, land, personnel and student appeals.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**H. ADJOURN**

It is requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education adjourn the executive session and the 2-day, February 21-22, 2023, board retreat.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_