

Decatur County Board of Education
November 11, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on November 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m , at The Decatur County Board of Education. Members present were Mr. Keith Lyle, Board Chairman, Mr. Winston Rollins, Vice Chair, Mr. Eric Worthington, Mr. Brandon Conley, Mr. Mike Conder and Mr. Kelvin Bouie.

Mr. Lyle called the meeting to order. Mr. Rollins gave the invocation.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the agenda and Mr. Brandon Conley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins made the second motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

- ❖ State School Superintendent's Parent Advisory Board Representative-
 - Mr. Chip Davis Presented to Ms. Patel
 - November is Parent Engagement Month
 - Ms. Patel started first term on advisory committee
 - Very involved in the school system

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN'S REPORT:

- ★ COVID
 - Minimal level in the community. Rolling average continues to hover around 1 or less.
- ★ Building Update
 - Sealed bids for the Student Support Center were due November 1st. Four bids were received. The high bid was \$150,100. Other bids included 50,107, 25,000, and 10,000. The highest bidder has paid earnest money of \$15,000 and has 45 days to close the property. Deal will move to the second highest bidder if bidder one is unable to complete the deal.

- BMS
 - Chart provided from JCI and architect from BMS Development
 - Survey issues- Surveyor has left job
 - Maximum price to be presented in April
 - On track to break ground in April 2022
- ★ Bus Routes
 - Drivers continue to be a concern. We anticipate not being able to run some routes in January. City routes would be the first consideration in hopes that many are close enough to walk to school.
 - We are still evaluating options to entice employees to drive
 - A referral bonus was put in place (\$500.00). We have received three drivers under this incentive.
 - Daily pay for drivers in being evaluated to see what we can do to make it more attractive
 - Looking at how pay could impact retirement for certified
- ★ RFP (Request for Proposal)
 - The BHS track resurfacing was submitted in an RFP due to the cost of the project and State Law. It has been advertised for 28 days and bids will be submitted in December in hopes to complete the project by the end of January.
- ★ GSBA Winter Conference
 - Mr. Rollins and Mr. Bouie has everything needed for check in and payment for December 2nd and 3rd
- ★ Board Christmas Dinner
 - December 6th @ 6 p.m. in the Board Office Cafeteria
- ★ Action Items of Interest
 - Tab 1 - Overnight field trips (nothing out of the ordinary)
 - Tab 2 - Danimer Expansion Agreement
 - This agreement must be approved by all taxing authorities. The agreement gives Danimer a ten-year tax abatement. On year 11 they are taxed at 10% and climb and 10% a year thereafter until they reach 100% in year 20.
 - Tab 3- Personnel (nothing out of the ordinary)
- ★ MISC.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Administrative Services Report.....Supt. Cochran

Financial..... Supt. Cochran
At 33% of the year, the revenue is at 25% and 32% expenditures.

School Nutrition Supt. Cochran
At 33% of the year, the revenue is at 22% and 21% expenditures.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a recommendation to approve the out of town / overnight field trips. A second motion was made by Mr. Eric Worthington. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. A recommendation was made to approve the Danimer Expansion Agreement by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. Mr. Mike Conder made a second motion. All members unanimously approved the motion.
3. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a recommendation to approve the personnel packet. A second motion was made by Mr. Brandon Conley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lyle requested the meeting adjourn with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman of Board

Tim Cochran, School Superintendent