

Decatur County Board of Education
May 19, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on May 19, 2022 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. Kelvin Bouie and Mr. Mike Conder.

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

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the agenda for the May Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Conder and a second motion by Mr. Eric Worthington. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Eric Worthington 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:

- Jessica Cannon -Graduation
 - The district is pushing the limits and denying families the opportunity to participate
 - It has taken a Village to get this point
 - Please consider the field and changing the number of tickets (15)
 - The Bearcat Way is being forgotten and micro managed
 - Congratulations given to the Top 5
- Bryce Sweeting- Top 5
 - Please consider GPA weights for class rankings for future
 - AP classes awarded Rigor Points
 - Support Level, Band, Conditioning, Dance, etc. receive same weights
- Christy Curry- Graduation
 - Consider changing to Centennial Field
 - Consider giving more tickets
 - If a Prom can be scheduled there, why not Graduation?
- Chester Holley
 - Congratulations to ALL graduates
 - Come with one new and one old
 - New
 - What would it take for the historical landmark at HES to be refurbished?
 - Old
 - A comment was made by the Chairman to me about rogue organization
 - An answer is owed about why he would call a resident a member of a rogue organization
 - Requested an executive session be called to find out WHY
 - Indicated Mr. Rollins was present when it occurred
- Rachel Johnson-Graduation
 - Requested a change be made
 - Shameful to have to make a decision about who attends
- Odel Washington
 - 2 Reasons
 - 1. What are your plans for notifying that you will get a ticket for hollering at graduation?

- 2. Now, strike one, two, and three behavior must go to NBLC. When / How are parents to know?

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR FY 23 BUDGET

- None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

★ System Retiree Recognition

- BHS

1. Jodi Brown
2. Jimmy Harris
3. Pat Kuckartz (Mrs. Gossett can join)
4. Jessie Thomas

- NBLC

1. Martha Fowler

- BMS (NONE)

- HES

1. Kay Black
2. Pam Ward
3. Carol Watts

- JWP

1. Cindy Clement
2. Michelle Cook
3. Von Herring (Make sure to reach back out)

- WBP

1. Beth Briggs

- Nutrition

1. Angela Benton - (Mrs. Wade Can join)
2. Bessie Henry - (Mrs. Wade can join)
3. Shea Harrell (Make sure to reach back out)

- Maintenance & Operations

1. Willie Butler
2. William Crawford (Make sure to reach back out)
3. George Godwin (Make sure to reach back out)

- Exceptional Services

Susan Lanier

- District

Amy Pelham- Mr. Cochran

★ BHS 2022 TOP FIVE GRADUATES

- The following names were submitted by BHS as the top 5 graduates from the 2022-2023 senior class.
 - Paige Overman
 - Bryce Sweeting

- John Ingram
- Aubrey Hill
- Kailyn Wilson

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN'S REPORT:

→ FY23 BUDGET DRAFT

- ◆ A draft copy of the budget for the FY 23 school year was provided. The following items are highlighted within the budget.
 - Increases to teacher local supplement
 - \$2000.00 raise for ALL certified staff
 - A minimum of a 5.4% raise to ALL classified staff
 - Additional increases were added to bus drivers, custodial staffs, and maintenance staff

→ SUMMER GSBA CONFERENCE

- ◆ The conference will be held Friday, June 10th - Saturday, June 11th
- ◆ Mr. Rollins, Mr. Bouie, and Mr. Worthington plans on attending the conference.

→ BACCALAUREATE

- ◆ The 2022 Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the BHS gymnasium.

→ GRADUATION

- ◆ The graduating class of 2022 will have their graduation ceremony Sunday, May 28th at 8:30 a.m. at the BHS gym.
- ◆ All attendees should arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. Reserved parking will be in front of the gym/field house. We will meet in the JROTC classroom.

→ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Mrs. Shelita Close was recognized and received a Hero Teacher Award. She was one out of 100 nominated across the state and received \$1000.00 from Grace Ed. Technologies.
- ◆ Positive Athlete 2022 Regional Winners
 - Paige Overman was recognized in girl's golf for the Southwest Ga Regional Area.
 - Angel Peterson was recognized in girls track for the Southwest Ga Regional Area.
 - The Bainbridge High School was recognized as the most positive school for the Southwest Ga Regional Area.
- ◆ Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Kelley were selected to be a part of the group reviewing and rewriting 9-12 math standards for the Department of Education.
- ◆ Mr. Sarpong was recognized and selected as a 2022 Exemplary ESOL Teacher by the Georgia Department of Education.
- ◆ Raven Williams is the State Champion in girl's discus. The first girl to have won a State title in BHS Track and Field in the last 40 years.

→ SCHOOL WIDE DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR NEXT YEAR

- ◆ The discipline policy for the 2022- 2023 was provided and discussed.

→ PUBLIC COMMENT LOG

- ◆ Mr. Alphonso Walker was contacted by phone on 04/22/2022.
- ◆ Mrs. Doris Cosby was contacted by phone on 05/13/2022.

→ Policy Review

- ◆ Plan is to have adopted in the July Board Meeting
- ◆ The process goes through Harbin & Hartley for guidance and then local reviews
- ◆ Policy list will be provided next month for review

- ◆ Policy as a whole has not been reviewed since 2011
- ACTION ITEMS OF INTEREST
 - ◆ TAB 1 - Personnel
 - The personnel tab is normal monthly recommendations.
- MISC.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Administrative Services Report.....Supt. Cochran

Financial.....Supt. Cochran

At 83% of the year, the revenue is at 93% and 78% expenditures.

There is an increase of 10.1% in SPLOST from FY 21 and FY 22.

School Nutrition Supt. Cochran

At 83% of the year, the revenue is at 75% and 64% expenditures.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A recommendation for the approval of personnel was made by Mr. Mike Conder. A second motion was provided by Mr. Brandon Conley. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman of Board

Tim Cochran, School Superintendent