Decatur County Board of Education

June 23, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on June 23, 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, 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 June Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Conder and a second motion was made by Mr. Brandon Conley. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Winston Rollins requested that under public participation and bullet number four (Mr. Holley) a correction be made to the May minutes. The correction for that bullet should have read as follows in the May minutes:

* Indicated Mr. Rollins and Mr. Conley was present when it occurred.

Mr. Mike Conder made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction to the above bullet from May minutes. Mr. Winston Rollins made the second motion.  The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

* Chester Holley
  + Facility Concerns- Track

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR FY23 BUDGET:

* None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

* District Highlights
  + Decatur County received the award of Distinction for Excellent Financial Reporting by the Department of Education. - Mr. Tim Matthews was recognized for the award.
    - Mr. Lyle thanked Mr. Matthews for his efforts.
  + The Decatur County School System was featured in the June update of the Department of Education Special Education’s monthly highlights. Our district received recognition for allowing a group of eighth grade students to participate in a career exploration day in Dothan, Alabama. These students explored career possibilities in the military, automotive industry, construction, and health sciences at the World of Work exhibition.
* Board Annual Training Report
  + All board members have earned 9 hours of annual training credits, as reflected on the document provided in the packet and signatures were acquired.
* Public Comment Log
  + A return call was made to Mr. Chester Holley on June 8, 2022.
  + A return call was made to Mr. Odell Washington on June 8, 2022.
  + An email correspondence was sent to Ms. Christy Curry on May 20, 2022
  + A face to face meeting was held with student John Engram on May 18, 2022 at BHS.
* Action Items
  + Tab 1~FY23 Budget
    - A $2000.00 dollar raise for all certified staff was added to the FY23 Budget.
    - The Decatur County teaching local supplements were adjusted to include an increase from FY22.
    - All classified staff will receive at least a 5.4% raise in the FY23 budget
    - The following employee categories received additional increases: bus drivers, subs and custodial staff.
    - Included in the FY23 budget is an additional 3 positions for SRO’s to provide an officer at each school location and additional equipment. We are working with the Sheriff's office.
  + Tab 2 ~ Board Policy Manual Review First Reading
    - Our policy manual has not been reviewed and updated in eleven years. The review of policies ensures that we reflect current changes in the Georgia Law, Department of Education Rules and Regulations, and to ensure that we are current with Decatur County Practices. New policies that we have just received have not been added and will be provided in draft form.
  + Tab 3 ~Personnel
    - The personnel packet includes our normal monthly recommendations.
  + MISC
    - Provided information about the Intern to Teacher program that we are working on with Albany State University (ASU), Thomas University (TU), and Valdosta State University(VSU). The intern program was explained. ASU and TU have committed and we have one student from ASU for next school year. Interns will receive $20,000 while earning TRS credit.
    - Currently having conversations with schools about placing student teachers beyond a mile radius established by the University to help with recruitment. - Colleges aren’t willing to drive to do the observations.
    - Working with Universities to establish a Para to Teacher track so that paraprofessionals do not have to leave the job and earn the credits to graduate.
    - Building fund- Exploring some interest options for the money

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Administrative Services Report…………………............................…………Supt. Cochran

Financial.……………………………………………………..….……………………………...Supt. Cochran

At 92% of the year, the revenue is at 100% and 86% expenditures.

There is an increase of 9.7% in SPLOST from FY 21 and FY 22.

School Nutrition ……………………...………..….……....…………………………… Supt. Cochran

At 92% of the year, the revenue is at 81% and 70% expenditures.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A recommendation for the approval of the FY23 budget was made by Mr. Mike Conder and a second motion was given by Mr. Brandon Conley. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. A recommendation of the first read on the Board Policy Manual Revision was given by Mr. Brandon Conley and Mr. Winston Rollins provided a second motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. 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.

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Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman of Board Tim Cochran, School Superintendent