Superintendent Notes:

REMINDERS:


6). Board Training – February 5, 2015, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on December 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Randall Jones and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by HMS Teacher and Dynamic Dozen member Mrs. Alicia Gordon. Mrs. Gordon showed a video representing the HMS Choral Winter Concert.

Dr. Cochran announced that an action item for entering Executive Session to discuss real estate would be added to the agenda.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Superintendent Rayfield and BOE Chairman, Dr. Cochran recognized Board Member, Mr. Randall Jones for 14 years of service.
- Special Education Recognition – Superintendent Rayfield recognized Exceptional Education Director, Mrs. Catherine Gossett and her department for achieving 95% of the state indicators in achievement for the Decatur County Schools Exceptional Education Program.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 42% of the school year completed, we were at 41% of the budget. Mr. Matthews noted that ESPLOST receipts for November were $342,000.00 which is up from the prior month and down by 1% year to date.
B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 42% of the year complete, SFS had expended 42% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – No report. Mr. Mills wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – No report. Mr. Lawrence wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that representatives from the Decatur County Schools Migrant Program attended a Migrant Conference in Macon, Georgia that featured Decatur County Schools’ Summer Migrant Program.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum highlighted that Decatur County Schools has successfully completed online testing of EOC’s at Bainbridge High School, PLC, and NBLC. Dr. Aldridge noted that all Decatur County Schools are continuing great accomplishments.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum - Absent.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – expressed her sincere thanks on behalf of the Exceptional Education Department to all schools.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director - reported that the Technology Department is busy improving existing technology labs and adding new technology labs throughout the system.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2015. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a list of Board meeting dates for 2015. The Board will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to set the Board Meeting Dates as listed. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend Final Approval and Recommendation of Board Policy Revisions - IHE – Promotion and Retention; JBC (4) Award Units and Transferring Credit; and IHF (6) Graduation Requirements – Entering Fall 2008 – 2009 and thereafter. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approved Board Policy Revisions- IHE – Promotion and Retention; JBC (4) Award Units and Transferring Credit; and IHF (6) Graduation Requirements – Entering Fall 2008 – 2009 and thereafter. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
3. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip Request:
   (No cost to BOE). Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the Out-of-State Field Trip, with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the December 2014 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to enter executive session to discuss real estate with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order.

No action was taken.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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J. Sydney Cochran                           Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer                  Secretary