Superintendent Notes:

REMINDERS:


The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on December 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Vice Chairman, 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 Bainbridge Middle School Teacher and Dynamic Dozen member Mrs. Christina Logue. A presentation was given by “BMS TV student anchors focusing on a Physical Science Activity “How to make Flubber!”

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

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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: Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presented books to all Decatur County Schools in honor of the chapter’s 100th Anniversary and the chapter’s School America Reading Project.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: None

Superintendent Notes:

- Superintendent Rayfield recognized the Exceptional Education Department for being recognized on the state level for District determination at a compliance percentage of 95. Superintendent Rayfield also recognized a service project at Hutto Middle School. Hutto Middle School students raised money for water wells in Uganda.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 42% of the school year completed, we have expended 39% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for November were $339,000 and are down from the prior month, and down by 14% for the year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 42% of the year complete, SFS had expended 40% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported on the construction update for the new Jones Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Mills stated that the construction is a week ahead of schedule. The enclosing structure of the building should be completed by the end of February or the beginning of March. Mr. Mills also commented on new Maintenance Technology work order forms being used by the Department.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported that the Government Auction for Southwest Georgia and North Florida will be held the first of the year.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported on recently attending the state Migrant Conference held in Macon, Georgia.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported on the continuous focus of Rigor, SLOs, and DOK. Dr. Aldridge highlighted the positive changes in instructional delivery to students. BOE members were invited to make classroom visits when possible. Dr. Aldridge also announced that Mrs. Gail Bouie, a WBE Parent Volunteer, was recently named as a Parent Leadership Award recipient by the Georgia Department of Education.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum reported on the continuous training held with conferences, webinars and seminars related to new state initiatives and legislative changes.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – Absent.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the exceptional progress of the Technology Department.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2014. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a list of Board meeting dates for 2014. The Board will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to set the Board Meeting Dates as listed. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip Request:
   Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Out-of-State Field Trip, with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommended re-appointment of School Board Attorney – Superintendent Rayfield asked the Board to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney for 2014. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the December 2013 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Bobby Barber 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.

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