The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on February 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. 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. Dr. Cochran announced that an action item for Executive Session would be added to the agenda.

Superintendent Rayfield provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Budget Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Distribute Superintendent Evaluation Instrument - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Strategic Goal Area Presentation – Short Term Action Plans - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Executive Session

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. 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. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order.

No action was taken.

REMINDERS:


Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

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Chair or Presiding Officer    Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on February 27, 2014, at 7:00 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 Potter Street Elementary Teacher and Dynamic Dozen Member, Mrs. Julie Warr. Mrs. Warr gave a brief overview regarding her trip to China sponsored by the National Educators Association (NEA) and Pearson Foundation. Mrs. Warr greeted the Board with “Ni hao” - Chinese words for “hello” and ended her presentation with the Chinese words of “zi jian” which means “good bye.”

Dr. Cochran announced that an action item for State Board Inclement Weather Waiver Approval would be added to the agenda.

Mr. Winston Rollins 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:** None

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized BHS Boys and Girls Swim Teams – Region Champions.

**Superintendent Notes:**

Dr. Rayfield shared information regarding the State Funding Increase proposal by Georgia Legislators and the Governor as they relate to the state budget. Additional monies are being allocated to education, which is good news. Stipulations on how this money will be spent have not yet been determined. There are discussions of increased monies for technology. There may be monies set aside to fund instructional days that have been lost due to furlough days. Monies also have been set aside to assist in funding non-certified staff insurance increases for one year. This will help with the Decatur County School’s Budget.

Dr. Rayfield also talked about the partnership with the Decatur County Health Department regarding the School Flu Vaccine. Four schools – JJE, WBE, HMS, and BHS will be included for the 2014/2015 school term partnership.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 58% of the school year completed, we have expended 56% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for January were $368,486 and are up from the prior month, and down by 13% for the year.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that at 58% of the year, SFS had expended 57% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell also announced the “Power Up for 30 Training” was held today with elementary school administrators and physical education teachers. The Power Up for 30 program encourages elementary schools to integrate 30 minutes of physical activity into each school day.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the “Final Beam” for the new Jones Wheat Elementary School will be welded into place on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Mills also stated that the new Jones-Wheat Project is going well and will have the latest technology equipment.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director - reported to the Board that Bus Inspections for all Decatur County School busses occurred February 20 – 25, 2014 and all went well. All busses passed inspection.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported on the general comments from the Winter 45 – 60 Day Short Term Action Plan (STAP) Review Sessions for all Decatur County Schools. Mrs. Varner also reported on the preparation for Migrant Summer School to begin in June for six weeks.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported on the review of this year’s Program Evaluation as planning for the 2014 – 2015 school year begins. Dr. Aldridge reported that Georgia Student Growth Model (GSGM) reports will be sent home the first week in March to parents of students in grades 5 through 12.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum reported that CTAE Teachers have been working on writing pre and post tests for SLOs. Dr. Bonifay also reported that Instructional Rounds occurred at Hutto Middle School, The Personal Learning Center and Bainbridge High School.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director reported that Pre-K Registration for the 2014 – 2015 school year was held on February 11, 2014. Currently there are Pre-K openings at all schools except West Bainbridge Elementary. Mrs. Gossett also reported that Co-teaching Training was held February 12 - 13, 2014.
I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the exploring process of changing web services for the 2014 – 2015 school year. The District will review programs with the capability of having unlimited video storage space, online classes as well as other features that would promote student focus learning. Mr. Dunn also reported on the filing for E-Rate assistance.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Adoption of the 2014 – 2015 School Calendar. Mr. Kelvin Bouie motioned to adopt the 2014 – 2015 School Calendar which does not include furlough days. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the February 2014 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of Inclement Weather Waiver. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve the Inclement Weather Waiver. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Cochran, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed appreciation of all the “good stuff” going on in our system.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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