There was no work session this month.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on April 20, 2017, 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., and Mr. Winston Rollins. Mr. Kelvin Boute, Sr. and Mr. Keith Lyle were absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by John Johnson Elementary School Chorus whom was introduced by Principal Tammi Godwin under the direction of Music teacher Joann Moore.

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

Mr. Winston Rollins 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 Cochran presented:

- Art Show Winners – BMS Principal Mr. John Wooden along with Assistant Principal, Mrs. Letitia Austin presented Art Show Winners. They were Corbin Austin, Ashia Brown, Deja Cole, Yolanda Mendoza and Heaven Sizemore.
- District Spelling Bee and Regional Participant – BMS Principal Mr. John Wooden and Assistant Principal Mrs. Letitia Austin presented the District Spelling Bee and Regional Participant John Sykes.
- Young Georgia Authors Writing Winners – Assistant Superintendent Dr. April Aldridge presented Young Georgia Authors Writing Winners. They were Jayci White, Kayla Hand, Autumn Wiggins, Fallyn Rae Markowitz, Katelyn Johnson, Dani Martin, Emily Franke, Aubrey Hill, LaKendra Moore, Jonathan Farrington, Morgan Sykes, Christopher Ryan Burgess and Sara Farrington.
- Superintendent Cochran reported:
  - FY 18 Budget Draft
  - Hiring Update at BMS/BHS
  - Meeting on Economic and Educational Development
  - Update of Legislative session
  - Banquet Schedules Forthcoming
  - Lawsuit – DOJ vs State of Georgia on GNETS children
  - Economic Community Meeting with industry leaders will be held on April 26th

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 75% of the school year completed, we have expended 73% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for March were $308,000.00 which is down from the prior month and down by 7% year to date. Mr. Matthews noted that we are in good shape for the bond repayment debt.

B. School Nutrition Program: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SNP Director – absent.
Superintendent Cochran reported that with 75% of the year complete, SNP had expended 76% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – no report.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that the Transportation Department is finishing the 2016-2017 school year and scheduling summer transportation fleet maintenance work.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that it’s busy times for academics, testing, sports and planning for next year. Mrs. Varner also noted that Summer Migrant School will be held for two weeks in June and the staff has been hired. She further noted that all sites and schools are encouraged to finish strong.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – reported on the top four things occurring in Decatur County Schools: Kindergarten registration will be held on May 2, 2017; the STEM Design Exhibition Show will be held on May 11, 2017 at the Kirbo Center; thanks for a great testing season and a special thanks to the Technology Department for on-line testing assistance.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported that the Exceptional Education Department is busy completing student evaluations. The next CAFÉ meeting will be held on April 25, 2017. The district Pre-K Registration will be held on April 26, 2017.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported on the success of on-line testing.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Appointment of Decatur County Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board Members. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the appointment of Bert Hines and Lee Bush as members of the Decatur County Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of Local Facilities Plan Resolution. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve the Local Facilities Plan Resolution. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of SPLOST Election Result Resolution. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the SPLOST Election Result Resolution. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend Approval of Personnel - Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the April 2017 Personnel Recommendations and Resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the Personnel Recommendations and Resignations with the exception of Bainbridge Middle School Returning Teachers. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the Personnel Recommendations for Returning Teachers at Bainbridge Middle School. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second to the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote. Mr. Jacky Grubbs abstained due to a relative being employed at Bainbridge Middle School.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Sydney Cochran, Chairman

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Tim Cochran, Secretary