Decatur County Board of Education
April 18, 2019

NO 6 PM WORK SESSION

Mr. Keith Lyle, Board Chairman

Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
Decatur County Board of Education  
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Regular Meeting Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on April 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Kevin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Bobby Barber, Mr. Keith Lyle, Mr. Mike Conder, and Mr. Eric Worthington.

Mr. Keith Lyle called the meeting to order. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration was provided by Mrs. Liz Hill from West Bainbridge Elementary. She presented a slide presentation of the daily work of WBE.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to adopt the amended agenda by discussing a possible change with the May’s Board Meeting date. Mr. Barber made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Mr. Bouie gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
- BASS CATS Senior & Junior Division – Roy Mathews
- Young Georgia Authors Writing Winners – Dr. Aldridge
- Top 5 Graduates

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN'S REPORT
- Superintendent Cochran presented changes in budget draft for 2019-20 since the last board meeting. Explained the lost in QBE, but proposed raises for teachers increased the revenue end of budget.

- Audit Review- Annual audit was a success. Decatur County is considered a Low Risk District. Mr. Lyles, Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Cochran attended the session with the auditor.

- Legislative Update-Provided the board with an exhaustive list of House and Senate Bills for review. Senate Bill 15 (Safety Bill was highlighted because it will result in policy/procedural changes). Governor’s Listening Session will be held on May 9 from 9 a.m. – Noon in Camilla at SWGA RESA. Invitation was extended to board members.

- Building Updates for Elcan-King and West Bainbridge Middle-City has no trucks to haul off debris from EKE. Project will have to be contracted out at approximately $200,000 to 350,000 depending on lowest/most economical bid. Bidding has to occur since the amount is over $100,000.00. The advertisement process has already been initiated.
• Upcoming Events – Dates distributed. Highlighted events requiring the Board Chair’s attendance and the board chair and members attendance.

INFORMATION ITEMS:
I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported the district was at 75% of year complete. It has expended 74% of budget. SPLOST was at $410,710 (up by 7.5% difference in this year’s collection versus last year change over prior year). Up by $245,455.00 over the last year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported district was at 75% of the year with 68% expenditures. May 3 is School Lunch Hero Day. USDA didn’t reimburse through cash, but through commodity bank vouchers. Financial Insurance Reimbursement has been sent for losses during Hurricane Michael.

C. Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. April Aldridge reported – Extended an invitation to board members to visit the schools and take a look at the work happening daily. Highlighted the presentation shared by Mrs. Hill from WBE with emphasis on the kind of activities and learning occurring within our buildings. Expressed thanks to the teachers and leadership teams within the buildings. Encouraged board members to follow the news on Bearcat Way.

D. Federal Programs: Mr. Chip Davis reported schools are finishing the FY 19. School Action Plan Reviews will be held May 6th-8th. Parent Family Engagement continues to be a focus. The Comprehensive Improvement Plan meeting will be held on June 13 with two sessions being hosted. Expecting 75 students in the 3-weeks Migrant Program. The District also received a $500.00 Ezra Grant to assist migrant families with basic needs. EOG from Elementary and Middle (April 22-26). EOC for HS are April 29-May 9.

E. Technology: Mr. Steve Dunn reported his teams were making preparations for the EOG/EOC. Mr. Worthington requested a look be taken at the websites of BMS and HMS to ensure they are user-friendly. Several persons had complained they are not parent-friendly websites.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion made by Mr. Worthington and a second by Mr. Bouie to approve the two buses listed for surplus. Motion was unanimous.

2. Recommended approval of personnel – Motion made by Mr. Barber and a second to the motion by Mr. Rollins to approve returning certified teachers 1-356 and all new personnel. Items #357-360 were voted upon separately to ensure board members refrained from voting on immediate family members (spouses, children, etc). Motion was unanimous. Voted on 357 with Mr. Conder abstaining. Motion
by Rollins and second by Worthington. Voted on 358 with Mr. Lyle abstaining. Motion by Worthington and a second by Bouie. Voted on 359-360 with Mr. Rollins abstaining. Motion by Mr. Bouie and a second by Mr. Barber. All personnel motions were unanimous with the exception of the abstaining votes for each of the individual votes.

3. Discussion and motion to change May 16\textsuperscript{th} Board meeting to an alternate date. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Barber and a second by Mr. Worthington to move the board meeting from May 16 to May 15\textsuperscript{th} at 7pm. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Lyle called for the meeting to adjourn with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.