Decatur County Board of Education  
August 18, 2016  
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on August 18, 2016, 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. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- 2016 – 2017 Enrollment Update - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin.
- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Board Training Dates - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.

Reminder of Action Item(s):

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDERS:

3). September Board Meeting – September 15, 2016.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Sydney Cochran             Tim Cochran
Chair or Presiding Officer   Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on August 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle 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 Principal, Mr. John Wooden, whom read a poem entitled, “Just Notice Me.” Several BMS staff members and students participated by holding a sign which read, “I Matter.”

Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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. Winston Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Cochran made a statement on behalf of the Board of Education thanking everyone for a great convocation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS: None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer reported on the FY16 year end results as of June 30, 2016 which was right on budget. Mr. Matthews noted that SPLOST receipts were up by $86,000 from the prior year. Mr. Matthews further noted that we finished up the year in good shape. We have over $6,000,000.00 in reserves.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported that with 8% of the year complete, SFS had expended 6% of their budget. Ms. Purcell noted that the school year was off to an exciting start and lunchroom participation was up.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the Maintenance Department is off to a very busy start and everything is going great.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director reported that the Transportation Department is off to a good start while reviewing overloaded bus routes, completing 21st Century bus routes and transporting athletic teams.
E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that Short Term Action Plan (STAP) meetings were held at schools this week to review plans for the year.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning reported that school is in session for 2016-2017. Technology Education is going on in all classrooms working with Lexile levels, STEM and Inquiry Based work. Staff members are busy reviewing data to identify student needs. Dr. Aldridge extended an invitation to board members to visit the classroom as often as they can.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – absent.

H. Steve Dunn, Technology Director reported that the Technology Department is working diligently and has completed 435 work order tickets.

Superintendent Cochran publically thanked administrators for their hard work to begin the 2016-2017 school year.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommendation of SW GA Community Action Council (Head Start) Lease Agreement. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the Lease Agreement with SW GA Community Action Council (Head Start). Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommendation of Radio System. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the Radio System recommendation. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Recommendation of Donation of the LEW Playground Equipment to the City of Attapulgus. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the Donation of the LEW Playground Equipment to the City of Attapulgus. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation of 2016-2017 21st Century Sub Grants for FY 17 in the amounts of $350,000.00, $339,522.00 and $261,000.00. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the continuation of the 2016-2017 21st Century Sub Grants. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Recommendation of Board Policy GAE. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the first reading of Board Policy GAE which will remain on the table for 30 days. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

6. Recommendation of Disposal of Surplus Technology Equipment. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the recommendation for the Disposal of Surplus Technology Equipment. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

7. Recommendation of CTAE Local Plan for FY17. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the CTAE Local Plan for FY17. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
8. Recommendation of Out of Town/Overnight Field Trips. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the Out of Town/Overnight Field Trip requests. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

9. Recommendation of VALIC Retirement Plans 403 (b) and 457 (b). Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the VALIC Retirement Plans 403 (b) and 457 (b). Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

10. Recommendation of Tax Millage Rate. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the Tax Millage Rate of 15.948. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

11. Recommendation of Personnel—Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the August 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

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