The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on February 25, 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. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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.
- County Communications Plan Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews and Transportation Director, Mr. Steve Caulder.
- Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and Superintendent’s Evaluation with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order. No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**Reminder of Action Item(s):**

**REMINDERS:**

1). March Board of Education Meeting – March 17, 2016, Work Session – 6:00 p.m. BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Decatur County Schools Support Center.

Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins seconded 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
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on February 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., 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 Elcan King Elementary Teacher, Mrs. Patricia Harrison whom presented EKE students. The students gave the occasion for celebrating Black History Month. Coach Kim Barthel presented a Live Student Wax Museum.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins 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:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Recognition of BHS Student Athletes and Football Coaches. - Superintendent Rayfield with BHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Scott Miller recognized BHS 2015 AAAA Football Region Champs Senior Student Athletes. Also, Head Football Coach Jeff Littleton was recognized by the Atlanta Falcons as AAAA High School Football Coach of the Year.
- Superintendent Rayfield reported:
  ➢ 2016 Legislative budget update
  ➢ Supplemental Budgets on the fast track which is Favorable to Public Education
  ➢ Legislative Bills: (Reducing Testing and Reducing Rigor in Teacher Eval System)
  ➢ TeleHealth at EKE
  ➢ CAFE Meeting
  ➢ First District Technology Fair
  ➢ District Spelling Bee at JWE
I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 58% of the school year completed, we are 1% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for January were $379,000.00 which is up from the prior month and up by 6% year to date.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - reported that with 58% of the year complete, SFS had expended 57% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that SFS Managers were engaged in staff trainings, preparing for summer feeding and Special Olympics.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the Maintenance Department has been preparing for summer maintenance work and summer pesticide control.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that State bus inspections were held last week and all buses passed inspection. Mr. Caulder, also, stated that the Transportation Department is busy maintaining equipment.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that the Federal Programs Department is busy preparing for Title I Monitoring which will be held on March 9, 2016. Mrs. Varner noted that Migrant PAC Meetings were held in January.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – reported that Instructional Rounds are continuing to be held in the District. Dr. Aldridge also noted that the System Technology Fair will be held in Friday, February 26, 2016 as well as Black History Programs at various schools in the District.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Evaluation – reported that Title II A Monitoring will also occur on March 9, 2016. Dr. Bonifay further stated that Secondary Lenses on Learning held a second session this past week with our Secondary Schools.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the second Circle of Adults Focusing on Education (CAFÉ) meeting was held on January 28, 2016 at Jones Wheat Elementary School. Mrs. Gossett also noted that a second Pre-K Registration will be held on March 11, 2016.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported on the wireless upgrade and access points recycled at Potter Street Elementary School. Mr. Dunn also noted that over 1,643 students in grades 5 – 12 registered their technological devices under the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) to School Program.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Adoption of the 2016 – 2017 School Calendar. Mr. Jacky Grubbs motioned to adopt the 2016 – 2017 School Calendar which does not include furlough days. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend Approval of Upgrade to Radio Systems and Equipment. Mr. Bobby Barber motioned to approve the recommendation of Upgrade to Radio Systems and Equipment. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation. Dr. Cochran stated that Superintendent Rayfield was evaluated by Board members and received a satisfactory evaluation from the Board of Education members. Dr. Cochran made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s evaluation. Mr. Bobby Barber seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the February 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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