Decatur County Board of Education
June 18, 2015
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on June 18, 2015, 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, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., 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:

- State and Financial update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Tim Matthews reported the following:
  - Tax Digest – anticipated $21 million decrease; loss of $335,000 for school system; July 7th is when final digest will be released; no changes to the 2015-16 budget – impacts will be realized in 2016-2017 budget
- School Safety and Resource Officer Presentation - information provided by School Police Chief – Maurice Gaines.
- Renew and sign Board Member Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- School Flexibility Model Questions - Dr. Rayfield recommended that the system pursue the Charter System option based on staff and community conversations and the unanimous recommendation from administrative retreat
- LEW Bids presented and action item added to Board Meeting agenda

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDEERS:

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bobby Barber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.
Decatur County Board of Education  
June 18, 2015  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on June 18, 2015, 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., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to add an agenda item, recommendation to accept the high bid of $100,000.00 for the LEW property. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer reported that with 92% of the year completed we have expended 90% of the budget.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 92% of the year complete, SFS had expended 97% of their budget.

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

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – Vacant Position.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - absent due to Federal Programs Conference

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported that Summer Professional Learning is underway and that teachers/students are using data to plan for the 2015-16 school year.
G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum reported that after one year of the TKES/LKES Evaluation Plans implementation that Decatur County had completed approximately 20,000 individual student tests and 1,000 classroom observations. Leaders recently participated in Inter-Rater Reliability training to ensure consistency in observations across the system.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director, reported that the Exceptional Educational Department is also preparing for next school year by conducting ongoing reviews, professional learning and data analysis of individual program areas. Pre-K summer transition programs are well underway and benefiting students.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director, reported that the Technology Department has been busy working to improve technology access via ERATE projects at BHS and BMS as well as repurposing access points that will support the use of chromebooks via access sites.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommend Adoption of School Flexibility Model Resolution.** Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to recommend the Charter System Model as the School Flexibility Model for Decatur County Schools. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Recommend Final Adoption of FY 2015-2016 Budget.** Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to recommend the Final Adoption of FY 2015 -2016 Budget. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Recommendation of Personnel -** Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the June 2015 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 unanimously.

4. **Recommendation to accept the LEW Bid from Julius Byrd in the amount of $100,000.00 which was received by the sealed bid process.** Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the LEW bid and Mrs. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Kelvin Bouie abstained.

   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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J. Sydney Cochran                  Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer        Secretary