Decatur County Board of Education
May 14, 2015
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on May 14, 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:

- Presentation and consideration of FY16 Budget - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Executive Session

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

Superintendent Notes:

REMEMBERS:

1). BHS Baccalaureate Service – Sunday, May 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. BHS Gymnasium – Arrive by 6:30 p.m.
2). BHS Graduation – Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 8:00 p.m. BHS Gymnasium – Arrive by 7:00 p.m.
3). See attached listing of End of Year Activities.

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.

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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 May 14, 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. The inspirational message was provided by Anna Marie Hall and Viviana Schuyler, Panther Team HMS students, and HMS teacher Randi New. The students presented a PowerPoint highlighting their team's STEM service project with Sole Hope. HMS students raised over $1,000 and provided materials for 100 pairs of children's shoes to be sent to Sole Hope, an organization which provides shoes and medical assistance for the prevention of jiggers in Uganda.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to add an agenda item, Executive Session for personnel. 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:

- System Retiree Recognition - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin. The system retirees for 2014 – 2015 were: BHS – Calvine Rollins, Joan Beers, Alice Strickland Brock, Gail Lovering, Glenda Noe, Bill Searcy, Eugene Singletary, Debbie Williams, Beth Yarbrough; PLC – Lisa Hughes; BMS – Donna Lennard; HMS – Marjorie Brock, Shirley Clark, Shirley Wilkinson, Sue Sandlin, Marsha Smith; EKE - Priscilla Bailey, Jerry Graham; JJE – Haidee Eubanks; PSE – Julie Warr, Linda Grubbs, Daisy Howard; WBE – Marsha Middleton, DCSSC – Catherine Ellison; Transportation – Sandra Adams and Nellie Washington.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – introduced the top five graduating Seniors – Jordan Graham, Maegan Harrison, Rebecca Mulkey, Charley Rayfield, and Trey Walker.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – introduced the BHS Boys Tennis Team whom advanced to the Final Four and Coach, Mrs. Amy Thomas. The team members consisted of Jack Reynolds, Bennett Enfinger, Jones Gossett, Bryce Howell, Nour Hasona, Hema Hasona, Ross Parker.
Parent Involvement - Mrs. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director, Dr. Cheryl Guy, Parent Involvement Coordinator, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rayfield recognized Parent Volunteers as follows: JWE – Teresa Newsome; BHS – Tammi Deal; WBE – Tina Worthington; EKE – Candace Bush; HMS – Stephanie Poitevint; PSE – James Gail; JJE – Douglas & Nicola Watson; BMS – Kim Sellers.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer – Absent.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 83% of the year complete, SFS had expended 70% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that School Food Service is busy wrapping up the school year and preparing for summer feeding. Mrs. Purcell also noted that School Food Service participated in Ag Day Activities at Hutto Middle School and the STEM Showcase today at the Kirbo Center.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the Maintenance Department is finalizing summer capital outlay projects.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – Absent.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that Decatur County Schools will conduct School Improvement Work Sessions this summer to review and revise School Improvement Plans (SIPs). Mrs. Varner also noted that the Federal Programs Department is gearing up for six weeks of Migrant Summer School.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported that the STEM Showcase was held today at the Kirbo Center was absolutely fabulous, engaging and exciting as students showcased their STEM Projects to parents, teachers, and the community. Students from all Decatur County Schools showcased their STEM activities that occurred throughout the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Aldridge also thanked the community STEM partners for their investment in Decatur County Schools.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum – Absent.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director, reported that the Exceptional Educational Department is prepping for two summer school Pre-K classes hoping to enroll a total of 30 students.
I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director, reported that the Technology Department has completed E-Rate funding. Mr. Dunn also noted that access points are to be installed this summer at the various schools. He also noted that the 2015 Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies will be live-streamed.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommended approval of tentative FY16 Budget - Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the FY16 Budget. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Executive Session. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order. No action was taken.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the May 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations on all schools with the exceptions of BMS and WBE. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the May 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations on BMS. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. Mr. Jacky Grubbs abstained due to a relative being employed at BMS. The motion carried. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the May 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations on WBE. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. Mr. Keith Lyle abstained due to a relative being employed at WBE. The motion carried.

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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