The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session on August 16, 2018 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 Tim Cochran provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Provided Enrollment Updates - Based on current numbers, district was down by 119 FTEs equating to an approximate $600,000+ funding decrease if numbers hold steady
- Academic Progress Updates- Highlighted areas of gains compared to our RESA. Addressed areas needing improvement.
- Board Training Plan for 2019 –Board members signed off on the training plan.
- Spring Creek Charter Update - (Superintendent presented documentation as to why he could not recommend and support the Spring Creek Charter School moving into the area
- Construction Projects and Timeline discussed. Superintendent Cochran presented two models of bidding for the projects. He explained the pros and cons of each model. Discussed the Design-Bid-Build Model and the Construction Management Model “CM”. Board gave consensus for the Superintendent to pursue the CM Model.

Reminders:
- September 17-Training Retreat. New board members will be involved in the training.
- Challenged board to be thinking about needs/wishes for facilities, parking lot, centennial field, etc. for discussion in the September meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Barber to adjourn. The second was made by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

J. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman            Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on August 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle, Mr. Bobby Barber, Mr. Winston Rollins, and Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration, “I AM A TEACHER”, was presented by Principal Larry Clark of Jones Wheat Elementary School.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Bouie gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
None

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT

No discussion. All items shared with the board during the work session.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: FY 2018 ended with district operating 3 % under budget. Revenues were up 4% more than anticipate. Mr. Matthews noted that SPLOST receipts were up by approximately $250,000 more than prior year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported being at 100 % of the budget year SFS had expended 90% of budget. Three new serving lines added at BMS.

C. Curriculum and Instruction Director, April Aldridge, reported schools were off to a great start. State Superintendent Woods and GADOE donated 1,000 books and they will be utilized as a part of Decatur County’s Literacy Initiatives. Elementary Ag Classrooms are pilot by GADOE. First Port City Bank has partnered with Decatur County School to conduct Financial Literacy Classes K-12. Dr. Aldridge shared a sample notebook of the Curriculum and work of the district.
D. Federal Program Director, Chip Davis, reported GADOE has approved all Title Budgets. Decatur County will be serving 70 Migrants students (ages 3-21). Parent Family Engagement-Bus on the Road. New Partners/Businesses. Chamber of Commerce has provided a free spot at the Fall Fair.

E. Technology Director, Steve Dunn, reported the technology department has closed 430 of 500 tickets in less than 4 weeks. Expressed appreciation to Mr. Jerry Mills and his team for all the extra power drops in classrooms (costing the district $1600-1700 versus $10,000).

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommended Approval of Overnight/Out of State Field Trips – Motion was made by Mr. Bouie and Mr. Rollins made a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous carried.

2. Recommended Approval of 2018-2019 21st Century Grant – Motion was made by Mr. Bouie to accept the personnel recommendations and Mr. Grubbs provided a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous carried.

3. Recommended Approval of Tax Mileage Rate of 15.819 - Motion by Mr. Rollins and the second was made by Mr. Barber. Motion was unanimous.

4. Recommended Approval of Class Size Reduction – Motion was made by Mr. Grubbs and the second was given by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

5. Recommended to deny the approval of the Spring Creek Charter Application. Motion was made by Mr. Barber and the second was given by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

6. Recommended the approval of personnel- Motion was made by Mr. Rollins and the second was given by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn board meeting was given by Mr. Grubbs and the second was given by Mr. Barber. Motion was unanimous. Board Meeting adjourned with pledge to the flag.

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J. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman            Tim Cochran, School Superintendent