The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on September 15, 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:

- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.
- Executive Session - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Real Estate 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.

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

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1). Fall Break – October 14 – 17, 2016.
2). Board Meeting – October 20, 2016.

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

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J. Sydney Cochran
Chair or Presiding Officer

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Tim Cochran
Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 15, 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 Potter Street Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jeanette Grimsley, whom read a poem entitled, “Be In The Business of Being Awesome.” Several PSE staff members and students participated by holding a sign which read, “Awesome Begins With Me.”

Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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. Winston Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Cochran presented:

- Let’s Move Active Schools National Award – Superintendent Cochran along with Elcan-King Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson recognized Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Kim Barthel as the recipient for outstanding efforts in creating an Active School environment ensuring 60 minutes of physical activity a day.
- Sports Writer Joe Crine - Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized retired Post Searchlight Sports Writer, Mr. Joe Crine with a plaque for his numerous years (47) of dedicated service covering Decatur County School Events and Athletics. Also, a plaque honoring Mr. Crine will be placed in the Trophy case at BHS.
- Dr. Cochran introduced Mrs. Amanda Rentz, Chairperson for the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Mrs. Rentz along with Superintendent Cochran introduced the Decatur County Teachers of the Year along with each school principal. The Teachers of the Year are: Rebecca
Dr. Cochran stated that “Great Educators Lead with their Heart and Head” and publically thanked all educators for their dedicated work to the children of Decatur County Schools.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

I. **Administrative Services Report:**

A. **Financial:** Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer – Absent. Superintendent Tim Cochran reported that with 17% of the school year completed, we are 1% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for August were $337,000.00 which is down from the previous month. Superintendent Cochran further stated that we have expended 16% of the budget and received 11% on receipts.

B. **School Food Service:** Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported that with 17% of the year complete, SFS had expended 10% of their budget. Ms. Purcell noted that World Milk Day is September 28, 2016 and that EKE and HMS are planning special activities to celebrate. Mrs. Purcell further noted that the week of October 10th-14th is National School Lunch Week.

C. **Maintenance:** Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the Maintenance Department to date had received 443 work order requests and closed 384 of the requests.

D. **Transportation:** Steve Caulder, Transportation Director reported that the Transportation Department is monitoring bus routes and transporting students to athletic events.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that September has been a busy month for Federal Programs. Mrs. Varner stated that over 150 School Volunteers had been trained, Migrant Education has an enrollment of 90 students (up from this time last year), the REACH Scholarship Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in the BHS Hospitality Room and the Regional Parent Involvement Meeting (PIC) will be held in January 2017 at the Kirbo Center with Decatur County Schools serving as the Host.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning reported that there has been a reduction in assessments regarding State Tests, four and a half week reports were sent home this week. Dr. Aldridge further noted that Instructional Rounds and the use of Instructional Technology are continuing to provide engaging and awesome work in all schools.
G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – absent.

H. Steve Dunn, Technology Director reported that the Technology Department is busy working on pre-testing computers to prepare for the electronic use of state assessments. Mr. Dunn noted that $1,200.00 was made on the sale of technology surplus materials.

Superintendent Cochran noted that the System has had two great months of school and steady enrollment.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommendation to surplus transportation vehicles. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to surplus transportation vehicles. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
2. Recommendation of Board Policy GAE after the second reading. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept Board Policy GAE. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
3. Recommend consideration and approval of Waiver Resolutions: Title 50 Waiver – Instructional Extension SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.14. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to recommend approval of Waiver Resolutions Title 50 Waiver – Instructional Extension SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.14. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Recommendation of Out of Town/Overnight Field Trips. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the Out of Town/Overnight Field Trip requests. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
5. Recommendation of Personnel – Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the September 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Winston Rollins 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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