Decatur County Board of Education
March 17, 2016
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on March 17, 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.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lumpkin provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Budget Update - information provided by Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- District Technology Fair Winners – information provided by Instructional Technology Director, Mrs. Brook Paige.

Superintendent Notes:

Reminder of Action Item(s):

REMININDERS:

1). April Board of Education Meeting – April 21, 2016, Work Session – 6:00 p.m. 
   BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Decatur County Schools Support Center.

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

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J. Sydney Cochran
Chair or Presiding Officer

Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on March 17, 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 Hutto Middle School Teacher, Mrs. Brooke Vickers whom presented HMS student Jacob Mills. Mrs. Vickers showed a video highlighting active learning with STEM Projects at Hutto Middle School entitled: “The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia.”

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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:

Assistant Superintendent Lumpkin presented:

- Recognition of Decatur County Technology Fair Winners – Asst. Superintendent Dr. April Aldridge and Instructional Technology Director, Mrs. Brook Paige recognized the System first place Technology winners.
- BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized the BHS Star Student (Taylor Bush) and BHS Star Teacher (Dr. Heidi Chambers).

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 66% of the school year completed, we are 1% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for February were $309,000.00 which is down from the prior month and up by 5.5% year to date.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - reported that with 66% of the year complete, SFS had expended 67% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that BHS has two new pastas and sauces on the BHS food line as well as Philly Cheese Steak
Sandwiches. Also, BHS is offering a burger and taco bar with fresh vegetables. Mrs. Purcell further noted that SFS Managers are preparing for summer feeding and Special Olympics.

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

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that the Transportation Department is busy analyzing routes and reviewing summer bus transportation maintenance requests.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that the Federal Programs Department was visited last week by the Cross-Functional Monitoring Team. The Monitoring visit went well and an official report is forthcoming. Mrs. Varner also reported that the second round of Short Term Action Plans (STAPs) was very successful and written feedback is forth coming. Mrs. Varner further noted that Migrant Summer School will begin in June.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – reported that Excellence is occurring in the classrooms moving toward the path for student success. A prime example was the Technology Fair Presentation held tonight with the forty first place winners. Dr. Aldridge also noted that Telehealth has been added to Elcan King Elementary School thanks to a partnership with the Rotary Club.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Evaluation – reported that Title II A Monitoring was successful. The monitors shared that Decatur County Schools could serve as a model for the State of Georgia regarding Title I and Title II A Monitoring.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that Special Olympics will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Gossett also noted that the Exceptional Education Department for Decatur County Schools is partnering with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) which focuses on Georgia Career Pathways to Work.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported on that ERate filing was finished for the year. Mr. Dunn also noted that ERate services were upgraded at Hutto Middle School.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of School Bus Bids- Mr. Bobby Barber motioned to recommend the approval of School Bus Bids. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend First Reading of Proposed Board Policies-
   (1) Policy DFC – Federal Funds
   (2) Policy DIE – Fraud Prevention.

3. Executive Session for Personnel- Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered executive session. 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 to order. No action was taken.

4. Recommendation of Personnel – Assistant Superintendent Lumpkin presented the Board with the March 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. Mr. Winston Rollins voted no to the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

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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