There was no Work Session held this month.
Decatur County Board of Education  
December 15, 2016  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting December 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. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins. Absent: Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by HMS Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Laura Bowen.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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:
  • Explo 4-H Project Achievements - Superintendent Cochran along with Assistant Superintendent, Dr. April Aldridge recognized sixteen Decatur County students whom excelled in Public Speaking with 4-H. Kat Taylor – JWE, Madelyn Ard – WBE, and John Robert Baxley – JJE performed their award winning speech.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

As there was no Work Session Superintendent Cochran reviewed the Superintendent Informational Item Sheet as follows:
  • Board Meeting Dates for 2017
  • System Overview – Smooth First Semester
  • Short Term Action Plans (STAPs)
  • Lexiles
  • Superintendent Advisory Group
  • Legislative Chamber Breakfast
  • January 12, 2017 Meeting at the Capitol
  • Next BOE Members Training – February 13, 2017
  • Superintendent’s Evaluation
  • Community Conversation Dates
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 42% of the school year completed, the system expenditures are at 39% and receipts are at 31%. we are 2% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for November were $320,000.00 which is down from the prior month and down by 12% than last year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – Absent. Superintendent Cochran reported that with 42% of the year complete, SFS had expended 39% of their budget.

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

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director - reported that the Transportation Department is busy preparing to the Winter Break shut down and the beginning of second semester.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that it has been a busy, good and quick first semester. Short Term Action Plan (STAP) reviews were held at each school. The next one will be held in March. EOCs and Finals are complete at Bainbridge High School. Mrs. Varner thanked all schools for their dedication and hard work to Decatur County Schools.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – No Report.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Department is thankful for 2016 successes to build upon for 2017.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – No report.

ACTION ITEMS:

I. Board Policy IHF. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept Board Policy IHF. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Recommend Approval of Out of State Field Trip/Overnight Field Trips – (No cost to BOE).

(1) HMS Six-Grade Honor Chorus – Statewide Honors Chorus, Athens, Georgia, February 16 – 18, 2017.

Mr. Bobby Barber 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.

III. Recommend Approval of 2017 Board Meeting Calendar. Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with a list of Board meeting dates for 2017. The Board will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to set the Board Meeting Dates as listed. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

IV. Recommendation of Personnel – Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the December 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. The motion carried with a unanimous 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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J. Sydney Cochran, Chairman    Tim Cochran, Secretary