Decatur County Board of Education  
February 16, 2017  
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on February 16, 2017, 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., and Mr. Winston Rollins. Mr. Keith Lyle was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Cochran provided the Board with information on the following items:

- System Update - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.
- Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and the Superintendent’s evaluation with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. 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.

**REMINDERS:**

1). March Board of Education Meeting – March 16, 2017, Work Session – 6:00 p.m.  
BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Decatur County Schools Support Center.

Mr. Winston Rollins 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, Chairman  
Tim Cochran, Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on February 16, 2017, 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., and Mr. Winston Rollins. Mr. Keith Lyle was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Elcan King Elementary School teacher, Mrs. Patricia Harrison and assistant Mrs. Kathy Pate Williams, whom presented three EKE students whom presented a STEM based short story on the film, *Hidden Figures* featuring three African-American scholars.

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. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:**

Superintendent Cochran presented:

- **Bainbridge High School Girls Swim Team** - Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized the BHS Swim Team as state regional champs. The swim team members are: Sandy Baker, Lauren Braswell, Ashlyn Brock, Katie Campbell, Emily Chambers, Haley Helms, Sydney Hutchins, Mary Alice Long, Caitlin Miller, Emilee Poppell, Alaiya Schuyler, Alexis Smith, Tara Stevens, Emily Sullivan, and Sarah Kaylee Wynn. They are coached by Head Coach Tracy Poppell and Asst. Coach Zach McConnell.

- **The Disney Dreamers Academy** – Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized Rayneau Victor as a recipient of the Disney Dream Academy. Rayneau was one of 100 students nationwide selected to attend a four-day leadership workshop in Orlando, Florida.

- **DAR Good Citizen** - Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized Shontesska Gordon as the recipient of the 2017 DAR Good Citizen Award.
Superintendent Cochran reported:
➢ FY 17 Amended Budget.
➢ The Governor’s recommendation of the FY18 Budget.
➢ HB 338.
➢ 2% increase to the State Based Salary Schedule.
➢ The TRS increase.
➢ Healthcare increase per employee.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 58% of the school year completed, we have expended 67% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for January were $393,000.00 which is up from the prior month and down by 8% year to date.

B. School Nutrition Program: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SNP Director - reported that with 58% of the year complete, SNP had expended 56% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that National School Breakfast Week will be March 6-10, 2017. Mrs. Purcell also noted that March 15th will be Peanut Butter, Jelly and Milk lunch day sponsored by the Peanut Commission. The SNP will partner with the 4-H and local farmers to observe this special day as well as read to students.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – absent.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that State bus inspections end tomorrow and all is going well with the Transportation Department.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported it’s a busy time of the year and DCBOE is beginning the Needs Assessment Process for all sites and schools.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – Dr. Aldridge reported on Purposeful Learning occurring in all classrooms. She further noted that 2,059 Chromebooks are currently being set up for the use of instructional technology throughout the system.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – no report.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported the Technology Department is beginning to set up a schedule for the installation of the Chromebooks.
Dr. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman, reported that during the Work Session Superintendent Cochran was evaluated. Superintendent Cochran received a positive evaluation, there were no negatives.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommended 2017 – 2018 School System Calendar** - Mr. Bobby Barber made the motion to accept the 2017-2018 School Calendar. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. **Transportation Surplus** - Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the surplus sale of Transportation vehicles. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Recommend Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request** – (No cost to BOE). Mr. Winston Rollins made the motion to approve the Overnight Field Trip request. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Recommendation of Personnel** - Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the February 2017 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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