Decatur County Board of Education
February 21, 2019
NO 6PM WORK SESSION
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Kevin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Bobby Barber, Mr. Keith Lyle, Mr. Mike Conder, and Mr. Eric Worthington.

Mr. Keith Lyle called the meeting to order. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration provided by Mrs. Tammi Godwin, Principal of JJE. She shared a slide presentation highlighting the efforts to engage parents through STEM/Lunch Events.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Rollins made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Mr. Conder gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
- SW Georgia Regional Student Technology Competition Winners- Broo Paige/Superintendent Tim Cochran

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
- Superintendent Cochran shared information about facility updates on EKE – Asbestos is being removed. Architect is working on final plans for Central Office Facilities. Engineering are working on drawings and renderings for Ticket Booth Section at Centennial Field. The insurance claims for the maintenance buildings will result in a payment settlement for the building. Legislative decision was made to allow the district to advance entitlement money of $500,000 and the money will not come off of the entitlement sheet due to damage from Hurricane Michael. The funds have to be used to complete HVAC systems and renovations at PSE.
- GSBA- June 7th-8th (Delegate for the Conference- Currently Mr. Rollins is the delegate and Mr. Bouie is the alternate. Conference will be held in Savannah, GA.
- Orientation is February 27th.
- Football Team travelling to be recognized in Senate and House 2/22/19. Football Booster Club has solicited Kirby Smart to speak on May 16 @ 6:30. Notify
Superintendent Cochran if board members plan to attend because the board meeting date will have to be changed.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported the district was at 58% of year. It has expended 59% of budget. SPLOST was at $479,752 (up by 4.7% difference in this year’s collection versus last year change over prior year).

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director –was absent. Superintendent Cochran reported that SFS was at 58% of year and had expended 51% of the budget.

C. Curriculum & Instruction: Dr. April Aldridge reported for Future Bearcat Initiative approximately 30 Literacy bags have been distributed to newborns since January 2019. The goal is to encourage learning from birth. Internal Technology equipment audits have been conducted to ensure most effective use of the equipment. Mid-Year Reviews have been conducted to ensure data is driving instructions. Mental Health Training is complete for all employees. The department is reviewing Science and Social Studies Curriculum/Resources. Instructional rounds have been conducted at BMS, HMS, WBE, and JWE. Bearcats Have Heart is continuing to assist students and employees with needs. Students are engaged in conversations using phrases such as “I agree with your point of view” and “I share your thoughts on this issue”.

D. Federal Programs: Mr. Chip Davis was absent. Superintendent Cochran reported the district was preparing for Federal Program Monitoring in FY20. The District CLPT Meeting is scheduled for March 28 from 4:30 -6:00 p.m. Plans for Summer Migrant Program are in progress.

E. Technology: Mr. Steve Dunn reported the district in the last of the 5-year ERATE Cycle. Funds have been applied to secure more access points. Without ERATE, the cost to the district would be approximately$282,000. With ERATE, the out-of-pocket cost to the district is approximately $42,000. Since 2008, ERATE has yielded approximately 9 million to the district. The Technology Department is a full NOVO Warranty Service Provider.

F. Mr. Jamie Ard, Principal WBE, gave a very thorough overview of the goals at WBE for 2018-19. The primary focuses have been on Fitting all the Pieces Together. Data was shared about 3rd & 4th Grade Performance on GMAS, SRA Signature K Lessons, Journeys, ILEARN, and WriteScore. Mr. Ard indicated WBE was making gains; however, their desired academic goals have not been attained. Interventions are in place for struggling readers and math students. The school is engaged in many initiatives to inform parents, to reward students for high performance, and to support faculty and staff.
Board Member, Mr. Conder, inquired about the correlation between district assessments and GMAS. Dr. Aldridge and Mr. Ard explained if a student scores approximately 70% or higher on district benchmarks, the expectation is the student will perform at the proficient or exceeds proficient level on GMAS.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Motion made by Mr. Barber and a second by Mr. Rollins to amend Minutes for August 2018 (Defining 21st Century Grants) $350,000 for FASTCATS and $350,000 for STEM BLASTERS.

2. Recommended approval of overnight field trips – Motion made by Mr. Bouie and second by Mr. Worthington. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Recommended approval of 2019/2020 School Calendar. Motion made by Mr. Conder and a second by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

4. Recommended the item of GHSA Extracurricular Supplements be tabled for further discussion. Motion made by Mr. Rollins and a second by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

5. Recommended the approval of the Landscape Associates for work on Ball Field Projects at BHS. Motion made by Mr. Worthington and a second given by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

6. Recommended Approval of 2nd Reading Policy GBRIB (1) Sick Bank – Motion was given by Mr. Barber and a second given by Mr. Bouie to accept the policy. The motion was unanimous.

7. Recommended approval personnel – Motion made by Mr. Conder and a second to the motion by Mr. Worthington. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Lyle called for the meeting to adjourn with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman of Board

Tim Cochran, School Superintendent