The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on January 19, 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., 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:

- Board Chair and Vice Chair Selection Process - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.
- Re-appointment of Board Attorney for 2017 - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.
- Construction Project - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.
- Resolution for Modernization Funding - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.
- College and Career Academy Information - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran.

Mr. Winston Rollins 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. 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). Board Training – Decatur County Schools Support Center, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017.

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

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J. Sydney Cochran, Chairman

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Tim Cochran, Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on January 19, 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., 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. Randi New, whom presented two students from the Panther Team that read an essay regarding Market Day at Hutto Middle School. Mrs. New showed a video entitled, “I Learned,” featuring students at Hutto Middle School that commented on what they learned about entrepreneurship as a result of holding Market Days.

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

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Bobby Barber made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Cochran presented:

- STEM Scholarship Program Participant 2016 - Superintendent Cochran along with WBE Principal, Mr. Jamie Ard and Academic Science Coach, Mrs. Donna McGlinncy recognized WBE teacher Mrs. Vera Mathews as a recipient of an Engineering is Elementary (EiE) Scholarship to attend a professional development training workshop in Boston, Massachusetts for elementary Science teachers. Mrs. Mathews was also awarded the Wowzers Grant for Personalized Learning in the amount of $10,000.00 for teachers and students at West Bainbridge Elementary School.

- State Superintendents Advisory Board - Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized Ashton Aldridge as the Decatur County School student representative serving on the State School Superintendents Advisory Board. This is Ashton’s second year serving on the board.

- Superintendent Cochran reported:
  - ESPLOST Brochure.
➢ Draft Calendar for 2017-2018.
➢ Electronic Device Grant - $359,916.00.
➢ February 13, 2017, Board Training Reminder.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 50% of the school year completed, we have expended 49% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for December were $327,000.00 which is down from the prior month and down by 11% than last year. Mr. Matthews noted that we are in good shape for our bond payments.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - reported that with 50% of the year complete, SFS had expended 47% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that everything is going well. The Maintenance Department is enjoying this weather, it’s not too cold and it’s not too hot.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that State bus inspections will be held next month.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that the State PIC Meeting was held today at Bainbridge College in the Kirbo Center. Decatur County Schools served as the host.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – absent. Dr. Aldridge was attending a RESA Collaboration Program for PAGE.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Student Success Plan is a continuous progress and work. She further noted that the next Circle of Adults Focusing on Education (CAFÉ) meeting will be held on February 2, 2017 at Jones Wheat Elementary School at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Gossett also noted that Pre-K Registration will be held on February 7, 2017

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported that due to the recent storms in the area our AT&T fiber was down but is now working at capacity.

ACTION ITEMS:

Elect Board Officers- Superintendent Cochran opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman for 2017. Mr. Bobby Barber nominated Dr. Sydney Cochran for the office of Board Chairman. Mr. Winston Rollins seconded the nomination. The motion
carried with a unanimous vote. Dr. Sydney Cochran will serve as Board Chairman for the 2017 year.

Dr. Cochran, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed the pleasure and appreciation of the Board to work with all employees as a great team.

Dr. Cochran opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Winston Rollins nominated Mr. Jacky Grubbs for the office of Vice Chairman. Dr. Cochran seconded the nomination. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Jacky Grubbs will serve as Vice Chairman for the 2017 year.

1. Recommended re-appointment of School Board Attorney – Superintendent Cochran asked the Board to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney for 2017. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Resolution for Entitlement Funding for Modernization. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve the resolution for Entitlement Funding for Modernization. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of out of state/overnight Field Trip Requests – (No cost to BOE).
   (2) BHS Ag Sales Team, Fort Valley, Georgia – February 3, 2017 – February 4, 2017.
   (3) BHS Y-Club, Atlanta, Georgia – Georgia United Nations Assembly – March 5, 2017 – March 7, 2107.

   Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve out of state/overnight Field Trip Requests. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the January 2017 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber 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