The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session on January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Keith Lyle, Mr. Mike Conder, and Mr. Eric Worthington

Superintendent Cochran called the meeting to order.

**Superintendent Tim Cochran Informational Items to Board:**
- Board Chair and Vice Chairman – Mr. Cochran explained the selection process.
- Re-appointment of Board Attorney for 2019
- Community Update Presentation – Superintendent Cochran shared a slide presentation he is utilizing with community stakeholders to update them on the work, challenges and opportunities facing Decatur County Public Schools.

**Executive Session:**
None

**Reminders:**
- Board Training – Decatur County Schools Support Center, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Monday, February 11, 2019

The meeting adjourned.

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Mr. Keith Lyle, Board Chairman          Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on January 17, 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.

Superintendent Cochran called the meeting to order. Superintendent Cochran gave the invocation. Superintendent Cochran led the election process for the chairman of the board.

A motion made by Mr. Conder and a second given by Mr. Rollins to elect Mr. Lyle Chairman of the Board. Motion was unanimous.

The newly elected board chairman, Mr. Keith Lyle, called for a motion to elect the vice-chairman. A motion made by Mr. Barber and a second given by Mr. Conder to elect Mr. Rollins the Vice-Chairman. Motion was unanimous.

The monthly inspiration was presented by Bainbridge Middle School (Mrs. Austin, Principal and Dr. Lanier, Asst. Principal).

Mr. Bouie made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
- Bainbridge High School Football Senior Bearcats and Coaches. Mr. Mathews and Coach Jeff Littleton recognized the Football Coaches, Athletic Directors, and Senior Players.

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
- Superintendent Cochran shared a CDC Survey on Risky Team Behavior with members of the board. The survey clearly sheds light on PERCEPTION vs. REALITY.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported for December 2018, the district operated 51% of budget with 51% of year complete. SPLOST was at $409,249 (up by 1.9% difference in this year’s collection versus last year change over prior year).
B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported SFS was at 51% of year, 43% of budget expended. The USDA has not given a definitive response to reimbursement for food loss during Hurricane Michael. Government shutdown has impeded the speed of the process.

C. Catherine Gossett, Director of Exceptional Children, reported Pre-K Registration will be held at the Support Center on February 11, 2019 with 262 Seats to be assigned on a first-come first-serve registration basis. She also reported the district was no longer disproportionate.

D. Jerry Mills, Director of Maintenance, reported an update on the work being completed on school facilities due to Hurricane Michael. He provided a thorough report to the Board of Education members for their perusal.

E. Steve Caulder, Transportation Director, reported State Inspections will be held in February, 2019. The transportation department was also assessing the effectiveness of bus routes since Hurricane Michael.

F. Dr. Crystynthia Gardner, Principal HMS, gave a very thorough overview of the goals at HMS for 2018-19. The primary focuses have been on increasing rigor, providing remediation, increasing Lexile scores, analyzing data, closing the achievement gap, increasing student and staff attendance. The primary focus will be on the three Ps – PEOPLE, PROCESS, and PRODUCT. HMS will continue with Lunch and Learn Sessions and the creation of their MILITARY, TECHNICAL, and 4-YEAR COLLEGE WALLS.

G. Dr. Larry Clark, Principal at JWE, provided a thorough overview of the initiatives and goals at JWE. Dr. Clark shared insights about the transition of going from 500 to 700 students. JWE is committed to data talks, monitoring progress, motivating students, time management, and the non-negotiables of respecting and nurturing students. Challenges JWE faces: educating parents about the importance of education, pushing students to work to their full potential, and balancing rigor while challenging students. The school prides itself on allowing teachers to be creative while ensuring the standards are being covered.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommended appointment of School Board Attorney – Motion made by Mr. Bouie to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo as Board Attorney. Mr. Worthington made a second to the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

2. First Reading – Policy GBRIB (1) Sick Bank – Motion was given by Mr. Conder and a second given by Mr. Bouie to accept the policy as a first reading. The motion was unanimous.

3. Recommended approval of Out-of-Town Field Trips – Motion made by Mr. Rolling to accept the field trip requests. Mr. Bouie provided a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous.
4. Recommended approval for surplus vehicle- Motion made by Mr. Worthington. A second given by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

5. Recommendation to approval personnel. Motion provided by Mr. Worthington and a second given by Mr. Bouie. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman of Board
Tim Cochran, School Superintendent