Decatur County Board of Education
June 14, 2018
NO WORK SESSION

J. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman
Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle, Mr. Bobby Barber, and Mr. Winston Rollins. Dr. Sydney Cochran and Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. were absent.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Mr. Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS: None

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT

- Presented FY19 Budget for public comments. No comments were offered.
- Updated Board on progress with timeline (4 to 6 weeks away) for bidding process of new renovation projects. Bids on Transportation Department and Central Office will be first. Renovation bidding for warehouse will follow.
- EKE nearly vacated. Next step will be plans to surplus items. During the Fall, a focus will be on Centennial Field/Parking Lot. Superintendent encouraged board members to share ideas.
- Informed Board Members of BHS Handout sent home to parents/students about College Career Academy.
- Board Members were required to sign-off on board training opportunities afforded for 2017-18 to verify their attendance.
- Informed Board Members of letter drafted to share with local businesses about their lack of interest in Charter School. Shared information about the status of possible Charter proposal possibly headed to either Decatur or Miller County and then to the state for consideration.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:
A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported that SPLOST receipts were at $344,000 for June. At 92% of year district is operating at 88% (4% under budget).

B. School Food Service: SFS Director, Mrs. Debbie Purcell was absent. Mr. Cochran reported SFS is at 85% of budget with 92% of year complete.

C. Curriculum & Instruction: Dr. April Aldridge reported Summer Retreat and individual school improvement sessions have been held. 9-12 is involved in a Redesign of ELA Instruction. K-5 is adopting Ready Math. 2nd Grade is investing in a writing program. Focus is also on AP Courses at BHS. The district is now able to offer 1 to 1 electronic devices to all students. Procedures are in place as to how to manage those devices. New Teachers Professional Learning Workshops will begin as early as July 17.

E. Federal Programs: Mrs. Kathy Varner was absent. Dr. Aldridge reported on her behalf. Dr. Aldridge reported the SIP Sessions have been successful at each school. Schools have examined goals, plans, and made adjustments to 45-Day Action Plans to reflect the upcoming work for 2018-19. Annual CLPT Sessions were held on June 11th. Public participation/input will guide some next steps for the district. The Migrant Program is serving 65 students 3rd-8th grade. Health checks are being provided to those students. Dr. Aldridge also offered farewell remarks on behalf of Kathy Varner since this would have been Kathy’s last official meeting prior to retirement.

G. Technology: Mr. Steve Dunn reported the Tech Department was stripping all technology at EKE and repurposing it for use at other facilities. The tech department is also involved in completing other summer tech projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of FY19 Budget– A motion was made by Mr. Barber and the second given by Mr. Rollins to approve the budget. Motion was unanimous.

2. Recommend First Reading of Policy EEE-Wellness Policy – No action was required at this meeting.

3. Recommend Approval of Personnel – A motion was made by Mr. Rollins and the second by Mr. Lyle to approve all recommendations. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Grubbs called for the meeting to be dismissed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.