Decatur County Board of Education
March 21, 2019
NO 6PM WORK SESSION

Mr. Keith Lyle, Board Chairman          Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
Decatur County Board of Education  
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Regular Meeting Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on March 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 was provided by Mrs. Samantha Palmer (Potter Street Elementary) with three young authors reading their stories to audience.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Conder made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Bouie 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:
Mr. Mark Mitchell –President of The Football Touchdown Club spoke on behalf of the coaches receiving an additional stipend for playoffs and championships. No comments were given by the board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
• STAR STUDENT –Grant Darley and STAR TEACHER- Christopher Poppell were recognized.
• Board Appreciation Week- Superintendent Cochran expressed thanks to the Board of Education Members for their services and gave each board member baked goods.

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
• Superintendent Cochran presented first draft of the 2019-20 Budget. Expressed how the budget could be impacted with the decline in future student numbers. The current budget could decline by 1.5 million in FY 21 based on projected number of students to transfer to Spring Creek Charter and could be further impacted if we lose 100 additional students as has been the trend.
• Insurance claims for storm cleanup projects are almost complete. Work soon to begin on central office and Centennial Field after bidding processes are complete.
• Legislative Items to note- Voucher Bill (Senate 173), Senate Bill 175 district will pay for TRS for 49% employees, HB 109-Changes to TRS Benefits, HB 83-Length of time for recess, Tim/Tebo allow homeschool students access to school activities.
• Spring Creek Enrollees/Impact on future test scores. 308 Enrolled. 44- Pre-K students, 175 identified as Decatur County. Subject to lose a class of Pre-K Students. Losing some high performing students. Charter Schools are not
outperforming us. However, they are taking a portion of our highest performing population of students who have performed well within our public settings.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported the district was at 67% of year. It has expended 66% of budget. SPLOST was at $399,000 (up by 5.5% difference in this year’s collection versus last year change over prior year). Up by $155,000.00 over the last year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director –reported the state monitoring reviews went well for the district. Kudos to PSE and BHS for receiving superior compliments. SFS is 67% of year and had expended 60% of the budget. Hopeful USDA adjusters will make a decision about products lost during Hurricane Michael within the next few weeks.

C. Maintenance: Mr. Jerry Mills has no report for the board. No questions were asked of Mr. Mills by the board.

D. Transportation: Mr. Steve Caulder reported the state bus inspections were completed. The transportation department was planning the busing for the Summer School Programs.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion made by Mr. Conder and a second by Mr. Rollins to approved the appointment of Shirley Beck as an appointee of the Decatur County Board of Education to serve on the Decatur County-Gilbert H Gragg Library Board.

2. Recommended approval personnel –Motion made by Mr. Worthington and a second to the motion by Mr. Bouie to approve all personnel with the exception to extraction of #21 (Nave Vickers- employee at BMS who is opting to stay in Decatur County). 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