There was no work session this month.
School Board Member Reception was held.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on March 16, 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 BHS Interact Club members. The members showed a video and talked about the importance of the BHS Clothes Closet.

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

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Cochran presented:
Recognition of Parent Volunteers - Superintendent Cochran along with Federal Programs Director, Mrs. Kathy Varner and Dr. Cheryl Guy, Parent Involvement Coordinator recognized the following parent volunteers: Theresa Newsome (JWE); Dameca Fillingame (BHS); Daniel and Shannon Turnage (BMS); Taryn Brown (BMS); Shamira Herring (PSE); Joelea Josey (HMS); Peggy White (WBE); Crystal Sammons (EKE); Rosetta Hutley (EKE) and Cathy Spooner (JJE).

Superintendent Cochran reported:
BOE Members were recognized tonight with a reception in honor of School Board Member Appreciation Week.

➢ Budget Update
➢ SPLOST Update
➢ Legislation Update as of March 10, 2017
  ❖ HB 338
  ❖ SB 211
  ❖ HB 217
  ❖ HB 237
  ❖ SR 192
  ❖ HB 85
  ❖ HR 51
GSBA Summer Conference – June 9th and 10th in Savannah, Georgia

Miscellaneous Update

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 67% of the school year completed, we have expended 64% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for February were $317,000.00 which is down significantly from the prior month and down by 7% year to date.

B. School Nutrition Program: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SNP Director - reported that with 67% of the year complete, SNP had expended 65% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell commented on the Peanut Butter, Jelly and Milk lunch day on March 15, 2017 that was sponsored by the Peanut Commission.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – no report.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that the Transportation Department is continuing to cover the needs of academic and athletic field trips.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported it’s a busy time of the year and DCBOE is beginning the Needs Assessment Process for all sites and schools.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – Dr. Aldridge reported on the top ten things occurring in Decatur County Schools: Instructional Rounds, Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, Increased Lexile and ILEARN growth, Read 180 and System 44, State Technology Fair Participation, Regional Spelling Bee, Student Art Showcase, Professional Learning, and Young Georgia Authors Writing, Dr. Aldridge invited BOE members to come and visit the good things that are happening in Decatur County Schools.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – Mrs. Gossett reported that March 31, 2017 Special Olympics Day will be held at the BHS Gymnasium. We are expecting about 80 participants from Decatur, Miller and Seminole counties.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – Mr. Dunn reported the Technology Department is busy setting-up the 2,059 Chromebooks throughout the system.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of out of state/overnight Field Trip Requests – (No cost to BOE).
   (2) BHS Thomas University Club, Tallahassee, Florida – March 24, 2017 – March 26, 2017.
   (3) BHS Boys Basketball Team, Hampton, Georgia – Tipoff Basketball Showcase - November 17, 2017 – November 18, 2107.

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

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