The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on May 18, 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:

- Budget Update - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Public Comment for FY 18 Preliminary Budget
- Energy Solutions Update – Representatives may present at the next Board Meeting.
- Executive Session – Personnel

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. 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). Baccalaureate – Sunday, May 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BHS Gymnasium, arrive by 6:30 p.m.
2). Graduation – Thursday, May 25, 2017, 8:00 p.m., BHS Gymnasium, arrive no later than 7:00 p.m.
3). GSBA Conference- (Mrs. Teresa Lashley will call you when hotel checks are ready for pick up).

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Sydney Cochran, Chairman       Tim Cochran, Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on May 18, 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.

Mr. Bobby Barber 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. Kelvin Bouie made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:**

Superintendent Cochran presented:

- System Retiree Recognition - information provided by Superintendent, Mr. Tim Cochran and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin. The system retirees for 2016 – 2017 were: BHS – Tommie Howell, Rhonda Hall, Susan Moseley, O’Neal Stewart and Christine Malone; BMS – Linda McCann; HMS – Mary Wilkin; EKE – Sharon Howard; PSE – Lisa Conoly and Peggy Kennedy; WBE – Grace Ezell; Transportation - Bobbie Durham and Ruby McMillan; Title I – Becky Griffin and Central Office – Linda B. Lumpkin.

- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – introduced the top five graduating Seniors – Teairra Jenkins, Emily Calhoun, Emilee Poppell, Nathaniel Lambert, and Rayneau Victor.

- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – introduced the BHS STAR Student - Teairra Jenkins and BHS Star Teacher – Dr. Joe Sweet.
• Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – introduced the BHS Region 1- AAAAA Champions Boys Track and Field Team.
• High Progress Awards – Superintendent Mr. Tim Cochran recognized John-Johnson Elementary, Elcan-King Elementary and West Bainbridge Elementary Schools as Decatur County Schools receiving the State High Progress Award.
• Financial Award of Distinction – Superintendent Mr. Tim Cochran recognized Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews for receiving the Financial Award of Distinction.

● Superintendent Cochran reported:
  ➢ ESPLOST
  ➢ Health Insurances increases
  ➢ Revamping of classified salary schedules
  ➢ TRS
  ➢ 2% salary increases

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 83% of the school year completed, we have expended 85% of the budget. Currently we are 2% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for April were $361,000.00 which is up from the prior month and up by 6% year to date.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - reported that with 83% of the year complete, SFS had expended 85% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that SFS will partner with Kids and Kops and the Attapulgus Community Center to provide summer feeding lunches for students. Mrs. Purcell further noted that BHS has been awarded a $3,000.00 Shape Grant for the 2017 – 2018 school term.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – Absent.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that the Transportation Department is busy closing out the school year by finalizing summer routes and summer maintenance repairs.
E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that Migrant Summer School health checks will begin during Migrant Summer School which will be held June 5, 2017 to June 16, 2017. Mrs. Varner further stated congratulations to all the 2017 graduates on their hard work.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – reported that lots of events are taking place these last few days of school. Thanks for the support given during the 2016-2017 school year. All sites are currently preparing for the 2017-2018 school year.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Department is partnering with Easter Seals and Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation to provide summer work experience and training. 15 students from Bainbridge High School will participate in soft skill trainings in the morning and on site work experience with community businesses in the afternoon. This is another initiative meant to better prepare our students for life beyond school.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported that the Technology Department is busy planning for Live Stream graduation and summer maintenance work.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommended Approval of FY18 Preliminary Budget - Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve the FY18 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of Out of State Field Trip Request – (No cost to BOE). Mr. Kelvin Bouie made the motion to approve the Overnight Field Trip request. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommendation of Personnel -. Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the May 2017 personnel recommendations and resignations excluding BMS and BHS. 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. Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the BMS 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 by majority vote. Mr. Winston Rollins abstained. Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the BHS 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.
recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried by majority vote. Mr. Jacky Grubbs abstained.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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