The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session on November 8, 2018 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. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., and Mr. Winston Rollins. Mr. Keith Lyle was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Tim Cochran Informational Items to Board:
- FTE Count Over- Based on current FTE, district was down by 114 FTEs (4901 to 4787). -4.5% (224 students since 2015).
- 2017 CCRPI Scores were released. The scoring matrix changes annually; therefore, it impossible to compare form year to year. Since 2015, the district has increased rankings in every area. - Highlighted areas of gains compared to our RESA. Addressed areas needing improvement. More details are forthcoming.
- Updates on building damage from storm. Excellent role of GSBA in the process.
- Draft of Board Meeting Calendar for 2019-20. Calendar will be approved in December.
- New Board Member Training – November 14th and 15th in Macon, Georgia.
- Tuesday, November 27th – Called meeting to interview top three Construction Companies at 6 p.m.
- GSBA Conference Atlanta – December 7th and 8th.
- Board Members Christmas Dinner – December 10th at 6 p.m.

Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation. Mr. Grubbs made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Barber made the second. Motion was unanimous. Mr. Rollins made motion to end executive session and return to regular work session. Mr. Grubbs gave the second to the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Reminders:
- Thanksgiving Holidays- November 19-23, 2018
- December Board Meeting - Thursday, December 13, 2018
- Winter Break –Monday, December 17, 2018 – January 4, 2019

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J. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman               Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on November 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Kevin Bouie, Sr., and Mr. Bobby Barber. Mr. Keith Lyle was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration was presented by Bainbridge High School (BHS LADYCATS). Coach Christopher Bryant and LadyCat Halle Cannon shared inspirational words.

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

Dr. Cochran expressed thanks to everyone who assisted with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in preparing schools for operation. Dr. Cochran also shared that an executive session was held to discuss Superintendent Cochran’s annual evaluation. Superintendent Cochran received an excellent evaluation for his leadership as District Superintendent and he would be recommended for another year on his contract.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
* DAR Good Citizen Award- Roy Mathews/Supt. Cochran (Recipient: Skyla Taylor)
* Wendy’s High School Heisman Winner –Roy Mathews/Supt. Cochran
(Recipients were: Ben Mitchell and Sydnee Burke)
* Bainbridge High School Lady Cats- Roy Mathews/Supt. Cochran
(Recipients were: Mabry Grace Briggs, Desirae Beachem, Abigail Gardner, Makayla Hamilton, Addison Enfinger, Thyra Jackson, Faith Smith, Anna Beth Bibby, Lexie Delbrey, Alaina Cox, Halle Cannon, and Keyleigh Brinson)

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
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INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported for September 2018, the district operated 1% under the budget. SPLOST was at $354,000 (up by 5-6% over same time last year).

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported SFS was at 25% of year, 19% of budget expended. Expressed gratitude to BMS for hosting Annual District Thanksgiving Meal. During Hurricane Michael, the SFS Department was able to assist the Salvation Army with helping to serve more than 31,000 Meals.

C. Catherine Gossett, Director of Exceptional Children, reported she received exit data from the state. 73% of special education students graduated with a regular education diploma exceeding the state’s 65% targeted goal. The graduation rate was 17% higher than the previous year.

D. Jerry Mills, Director of Maintenance, reported they have been working to ensure all buildings were able to be occupied by students. The Conger Gym at PSE is still a work in progress.

E. Steve Caulder, Transportation Director, reported the transportation department is continuing to work to maintain the safety of routes with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. They are able to successfully access all areas and safely transport all Decatur County Students.

F. Mrs. Tammi Godwin, Principal of JJE, gave a very thorough overview of the goals at JJE for 2018-19. The primary focus has been on ensuring all students feel safe and loved. A continued focus is upon engaging parents, reading all day long, professional development for paras and teachers, STEM tied to lunch, rigor, LEXILE scores, and attendance for teachers and students.

G. Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson, Principal at PSE, provided a thorough overview of the initiatives and goals at PSE. PSE is committed to blending two school cultures and focusing upon scheduling flexibility, academic writing, school and district level instructional rounds, professional learning, and continued parental engagement/involvement.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommended approval of Surplus Furniture—Motion made by Mr. Barber. Mr. Rollins made a second to the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Recommended approval of Personnel—Motion made by Mr. Barber to accept the personnel recommendations. Mr. Bouie provided a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Rollins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Grubbs gave a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

J. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman

Tim Cochran, School Superintendent