The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session on November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman, Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Bobby Barber, and Mr. Eric Worthington. Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., and Mr. Mike Conder were absent.

Mr. Keith Lyle called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Tim Cochran provided the Board with information on the following items:
- GSBA - Thursday, December 5th and Friday, December 6th in Atlanta
- Updates on Fund Equity
- Annual Board Christmas Dinner, December 2, 2019

Motion requested by Board Chairman, Mr. Keith Lyle, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent’s Evaluation. A motion made by Mr. Rollins to enter into executive session. The second was given by Mr. Barber. Motion was unanimous.

Motion was made by Mr. Rollins to end the executive session and return to regular session. The second was given by Mr. Barber. Motion was unanimous.

Miscellaneous
1. Thanksgiving Holidays – November 25-29, 2019
2. December Board Meeting - Thursday, December 12, 2019
3. Winter Break - Thursday, December 19, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
4. Board Training-Monday, January 13, 2019

Mr. Keith Lyle adjourned the meeting.

Keith Lyle, School Board Chairman
Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were Mr. Keith Lyle, Board Chairman, Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Eric Worthington, and Mr. Bobby Barber. Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. and Mr. Mike Conder were absent.

Mr. Keith Lyle called the meeting to order. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the invocation.

Mr. Roy Mathews provided the monthly inspiration for BHS. The video presentation captivated the essence of the academic and extracurricular focuses at BHS.

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Worthington made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Barber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
* DAR Good Citizen Award- Roy Mathews/Superintendent Cochran – Ms. Rodriguez
* Quest Log Creator- Brandi Deal/Superintendent Cochran – Corbin Austin
* State School Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Board- Chip Davis/Superintendent Cochran- Amanda Sheppherd

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
- Facility Updates. Footers poured at several locations. HVAC Project near completion at PSE. Demolition of gym at WBMS.
- GSBA Sessions- Thursday and Friday, December 5th-6th. Board members will need to notify Superintendent Cochran if they plan to attend so he can make room accommodations.
- Christmas Dinner for Board Members, December 2nd.

INFORMATION ITEMS:
I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthew, CFO- reported 33% of year expended, the district is operating at 33% of the annual budget. The SPLOST-16.1% gains difference in this year’s collections versus last year change over the same period of time. SPLOST collected for September was $400,763.
B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell reported SFS was at 33% of year completed and had operating expenses of 28%. Mrs. Purcell also shared information about a Food Finder’s App. Each board member was presented a copy of the Georgia Grown Magazine featuring Decatur County-PSE.

C. Special Education Director, Catherine Gossett, reported the department is continuing to work on its SIP. The goal is to get students out into the community. Thirteen students visited VSU, a large group went to Peanut Festival, 50 students participated in special education session.

D. Maintenance Director, Jerry Mills, reported renovation team will be at PSE completing HVAC Project.

E. Transportation Director, Steve Caulder, had no information to report to the board.

F. Dr. Larry Clark, Principal of Jones Wheat Elementary, reported JWE continues to focus upon Math, Reading, and Writing. Struggles at the school are the following: acclamation of students to environment, test anxiety, test stamina, and parents understanding the value of education. JWE continues to exceed district and state with ELA and Math Scores. The Lexile Scores exceed the district scores. Goals for 2019-20 are increasing Lexile Scores, PD for all teachers in relation to writing, and writing camps. Very thorough overview of the work at the JWE.

G. Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson, Principal of Potter Street Elementary, reported the struggles at PSE were the following: merging PSE/EKE, transforming culture and climate, building relationships, and weathering the transitional storm and Hurricane Michael. High points of the year have been the completion of the gym, 62% High Passed through lesson 160, 8% Progress gains on CCRPI and 15% gain in subgroup areas. Plans for 2019-20 are the following: Increasing Lexile scores, fostering positive school climate, classroom visits/feedback, discipline and effective strategies, and professional development. School engages in extensive scheduling to meet student needs. Leadership team is involved in reading to students.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommended the Approval of Surplus Technology Equipment. Motion was made by Mr. Barber. A second was given by Mr. Rollins. The motion was unanimous.

2. Recommended Approval of Surplus Vehicles. Motion made by Mr. Worthington and a second by Mr. Rollins. The motion was unanimous.

3. Recommended the approval of Out of Town/Overnight Field Trips. A motion was made by Mr. Rollins and a second was given by Mr. Worthington. Motion was unanimous.
4. Recommended the approval of Personnel. Motion was made by Mr. Barber and a second by Mr. Rollins. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Lyle requested the meeting adjourn with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.