The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session on November 9, 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. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Tim Cochran provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Provided brief remarks about AdvancEd Visit
- Explanation about Budget-Reduction due to diminishing FTE student enrollment. Working on strategies to combat the financial decline. Updates forthcoming.
- Christmas Dinner- Board Members and spouses at the home of Superintendent Cochran on Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 7PM. The press will be invited.
- Bus Purchases-Conversations about the purchase of 4 new buses.
- Conversations from board members about transportation department being fully staffed. Superintendent Cochran explained transportation is fully staffed along with a substitute driver; however, transportation department has a large number of employees on FMLA compounded by this being a very busy season for sporting events.

Reminders:
1. Thanksgiving Holidays-November 20-24, 2017
2. December Board Meeting-Thursday, December 14, 2017

Motion was made by Mr. Kelvin Bouie to enter into Executive Session and a second was made to the motion by Mr. Winston Rollins. Motion was unanimously carried.

The purpose of executive session was to discuss personnel and Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Motion to end executive session was made by Mr. Bobby Barber and given a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. Motion was unanimously carried.

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J. Sydney Cochran, Chairman

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Tim Cochran, Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle, Mr. Bobby Barber, Mr. Winston Rollins, and Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration was presented by West Bainbridge Elementary School. Mr. Jamie Ard introduced several third graders from his school who read poems about Veteran’s Day and shared a chorus tribute via PowerPoint.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Rollins 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:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

- DAR Good Citizen Award-presented by Roy Mathews/Supt. Cochran to Camry Fillingame.
- Wendy’s High School Heisman Winner- presented by Roy Mathews/Supt Cochran to Dalton Savage (absent) and Madison Toole

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT

- CCRPI was discussed briefly. Superintendent Cochran explained the CCRPI Matrix changes annually. All scores are based on last year’s testing.
- Budget Forecast- roughly a $500,000-$750,000 decline is projected. Strategies will be shared to address the financial decline.
- AdvancEd Reflections –22 out of 31 standards exceeded expectations. No improvements were noted. AdvancEd Committee was very complimentary of the teamwork, expertise, vision, and collaboration, etc. among the board, superintendent, principals, directors, and teachers. 36 of 59 students expressed to the AdvancEd committee they attend school and rigorous learning occurs daily.

Miscellaneous items:
Thanksgiving Holidays-November 20-24, 2017
December Board Meeting-Thursday, December 14, 2017
Winter Break –Thursday, December 21, 2017 – Thursday, January 4, 2018
Winter GSBA- December 1st-2nd (Mr. Rollins and Mr. Bouie)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Matthews noted that SPLOST receipts were at $361,000 –up 7% from the same time the previous year. Currently operating of 2% under budget.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported being at 28% of the budget year. Expressed a special thanks to WBE for preparing the District Thanksgiving Meal. JJE/EKE would participate in a Body Part Onsite Program. Health N Powers would be conducting activities at the other elementary schools.

C. Special Education Director, Catherine Gossett, reported 13 students went on a field trip at Albany Tech and went to Publix to work on life skills. Very beneficial experience. Olympic Bowling was scheduled for November 14, 2017.

D. Maintenance Director, Jerry Mills, had no report.

E. Transportation Director, Steve Caulder, reported the transportation department is continuing to serve the needs of all schools and groups. The department was in the process of preparing the buses for winter months.

F. Mrs. Tammi Godwin, Principal of JJE, gave a very thorough overview of the goals and strategic plans being implemented at JJE for 2017-18. The primary focuses were on ELA/Reading/Writing, Math & Rigor (PL for Teachers), Connections (45 Minutes segments designed to provide students with acceleration, remediation, ESOL Support, and more independent learning), Communication with parents, and Fun Activities for students. Mrs. Godwin extended the invitation to board members to attend the Teacher’s Retirement Breakfast on Tuesday, November 14 @ 9 AM at the Support Center.

G. Mrs. Jeanette Grimsley, Principal at PSE, provided a thorough overview of the initiatives and goals at PSE. She presented information about services they offered to students, parents, and staff. Focuses were upon increasing rigor, strong communication with parents, and professional learning for all staff. PSE also provides incentives for all stakeholders.

ACTION ITEMS:
1. Recommended Approval of Bus Purchases – Motion was made by Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Bouie made a second to the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

2. Personnel – Motion was made by Mr. Barber to accept the personnel recommendations. Mr. Rollins provided a second to the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn board meeting was given by Mr. Grubbs and the second was given by Mr. Barber. Motion was unanimous. November 9, 2017 Board Meeting was adjourned with pledge to the flag.

J. Sydney Cochran, Board Chairman
Tim Cochran, School Superintendent