Decatur County Board of Education
October 24, 2019
6 PM WORK SESSION
The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session on October 24, 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, Mr. Eric Worthington, Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., and Mr. Mike Conder.

Mr. Keith Lyle called the meeting to order.

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

- November board training date has been cancelled due to conflict with trainer. New dates for Monday, January 13th and Tuesday, February 18th. (Backup date of March 16th.)
- GSBA- Thursday, December 5th and Friday, December 6th in Atlanta
- Enrollment and Funding Update- Conversations about current/projected enrollment and the impact enrollment will have on funding
- Miscellaneous
  1. November Board Meeting –Thursday, November 14, 2019
  2. Thanksgiving Holidays – November 25-29, 2019
  3. December Board Meeting- Thursday, December 12, 2019

Motion requested by Board Chairman, Mr. Keith Lyle, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Barber made the motion. Second given by Mr. Bouie. The motion was unanimous. A motion made by Mr. Barber to end the executive session and to return to the regular session. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Bouie gave the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Keith Lyle, School Board Chairman               Tim Cochran, School Superintendent
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on October 24, 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, Mr. Mike Conder, Mr. Bobby Barber and Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr.

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

Mrs. Liz Hill from West Bainbridge Elementary provided the monthly inspiration. The presentation focused upon the UNIQUENESS and AWESOMENESS of students at WBE.

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

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the minutes. 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: None

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT

- Enrollment and Funding Update – Shared the current/projected enrollment and impact it will have on funding for FY20. October FTE Count excluding Pre-K (4541). Last year it was at 4878. The impact could possibly be between 1.5 and 2.1 million decline in revenue depending on other factors such as local fair share, austerity, and equalization.
- 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.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthew, CFO- reported 25% of year expended, the district is operating at 25% of the annual budget. The SPLOST-14.2% gains difference in this year’s collections versus last year change over the same period of time. SPLOST collected for September was $413,024
B. School Food Service: Superintendent Cochran reported Debbie Purcell was attending a training in Athens. He reported SFS was at 25% of year completed and had operating expenses of 16%.

C. Curriculum and Instruction Director, April Aldridge, reported Art Work was on display by the Quest Students (Gifted Program) for viewing. Indicated two schools would report on the work in the buildings.

D. Federal Programs Director, Mr. Chip Davis, reported CLIP Meeting consisting of all stakeholders would be held on November 21 at 4:30 PM. Board members were invited to attend.

F. Technology Director, Steve Dunn, has no items to report.

G. Dr. Crycynthia Gardner, Principal of Hutto Middle School, reported HMS has continued to focus on morning remediation, 1-to-1 Technology, IReady, Journeys, Trauma Sensitive Classrooms, Increasing Lexile scores, and CCRPI. Opportunities for growth included closing achievement gaps for students with disabilities, attendance, writing across the curriculum, collaboration, and supporting new teachers. Some ongoing initiatives/goals are continuous work with IREADY (Math/Reading), Spanish, Coding with technology, accelerated reading, PD-Getting Better Faster, and streamlining programs for teachers. Some interesting events include Spelling B and Community Luncheons. Dr. Gardner gave a very thorough overview of the work at HMS.

H. Heith Maxwell, Principal of Bainbridge Middle School, reported on the demographics of the students, faculty, and staff. Some of the academic Focus Points were on Writing across the curriculum (Collections), Ready Math, increasing student engagement, increasing rigor, adjusting grading system to reflect true knowledge of students, and tracking growth on formative assessments through illuminate. Discipline was another major focus. Changed the cell phone policy to minimize distractions. Established clear procedures/protocol for students. Climate/Culture Change was also a point of focus. The leadership team is committed to fostering a positive environment, building relationships with all stakeholders, supporting new teachers, demonstrating high visibility, and attending PL workshops along with teachers to signify their commitment to the work. The school has a wide variety of extracurricular activities to involve the entire student body. Mr. Maxell gave a very thorough report.

Board Member, Mike Conder, suggested a tracking system to ensure the team could measure the growth as it moved forward with the school initiatives.

ACTION ITEMS:
  1. Recommended the Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Renovation. Motion was made by Mr. Barber. A second was given by Mr. Bouie. The motion was unanimous.
2. Recommended Approval Overnight/Out of State Field Trips. Motion made by Mr. Rollins and a second by Mr. Bouie to approve overnight and out-of-state field trips. The motion was unanimous.

3. Recommended the approval of personnel. A motion was made by Mr. Bouie and a second was given by Mr. Conder. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Mr. Keith Lyle, Chairman of Board        Tim Cochran, School Superintendent