Decatur County Board of Education  
October 19, 2017  

NO WORK SESSION  

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J. Sydney Cochran, Chairman  
Tim Cochran, Secretary
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Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on October 19, 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, and Mr. Winston Rollins. Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration was presented by Hutto Middle School. Dr. Gardner shared a PowerPoint captivating the theme of Harvest Time.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grubbs 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:

- State School Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council Award was presented to parent, Shamira Herring, by Superintendent Cochran and PSE Administration.

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT

- Enrollment Update – Currently down by approximately 43 students. Roughly could experience an FTE Funding decrease of approximately $50,000 +/-.
- 2018 Board Meeting dates and times submitted for review
- SACS Interview Times and for Monday, November 6th. As a group 8:00-8:30; 11:20-11:50. The Board selected 8:00-8:30 AM Interview slot.
- Board Training at 6PM – Monday, November 6th.
- System Technology Plan 2017-2018 presented (no board action required)
- Work Session next month –Superintendent’s Evaluation
- Upcoming Meal Schedule
  Mr. Rollins and Mr. Barber – Friday, October 27th
  Mr. Cochran and Mr. Bouie – Tuesday, October 31st
  Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Lyle – Friday, November 3rd
Miscellaneous items:
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, November 9, 2017 @ 6PM.
- Thanksgiving Lunch @ WBE, Thursday, November 9th from 11:30 AM – 1PM
- 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 $324,000 (currently up by 2% from the prior year). At 25% of the year, 23% of the budget had been expended.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported at 25% of the year, 19% of budget had been expended for the year.

C. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. April Aldridge, reported the school were engaged in the work. Instructional Rounds were taking place per school. Short Term Action Plan Reviews were scheduled for each school. Dr. Aldridge also presented a handout with reflections on the Bearcat Way.

D. Federal Programs Director, Kathy Varner, was absent.

E. Steve Dunn, Technology Director, reported his department had closed approximately 793 tickets for the month. The department has also set up an icon for principals to track the technology devices within their classrooms.

F. Dr. Larry Clark, Principal of JWE, gave a very thorough overview of the goals and strategic operation plans being implemented at JWE for 2017-18. The primary focus was on the importance of the students, teachers, and parents being taken care of on our campuses. The goals of the school are to provide effective instructional practices, autonomy for teachers, and strong connections/customer service for parents.

G. Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson, Principal at EKE, provided a thorough overview of the initiatives and goals at EKE. She presented a puzzle that created a vision of their overall work. The primary focuses were on instructional rounds, 45-60 Day Action Plan Reviews, parent connections, student voice, student recognition, community involvement, and effective collaborative planning.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommended Approval of Surplus – Motion was made by Mr. Barber. Mr. Grubbs made a second to the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

2. Out of Town/Overnight Field Trips – Motion was made by Mr. Barber. Motion was given a second by Mr. Rollins. Motion was unanimously carried.
3. Personnel – Motion was made by Mr. Grubbs to accept the personnel recommendations. Mr. Rollins provided a second to the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Mr. Rollins to enter into executive session. Motion was given a second by Mr. Barber. Motion was unanimously carried.

Executive session was called to order to discuss personnel.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to adjourn executive session. Mr. Rollins provided the second to the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

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

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