Decatur County Board of Education
October 20, 2016
Work Session Meeting

There was no Work Session held this month.

J. Sydney Cochran
Chair or Presiding Officer

Tim Cochran
Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting October 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Jones Wheat Elementary School teacher, Mrs. Leigh Powell, whom read a poem entitled, “The Wisest Mind” followed by a STEM Spotlight video of Jones-Wheat Elementary School students.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Bobby Barber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Cochran presented:

- BHS Governors Honors Participant – Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized Quest Brown as a BHS participant in the Governors Honors Program held this summer at Valdosta State University.
- BHS- EMC Washington Youth Leadership – Superintendent Cochran along with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell presented Savannah Padgett as a student participant on the EMC Washington Youth Leadership sponsored by the Grady EMC.
- Susan Johnson Continuing Education School Recipient – Assistant Superintendent, Dr. April Aldridge and BHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Sean Johnson recognized BMS Ag Teacher, Mr. Levi Dunn as the first recipient of the Susan Johnson Continuing Education Scholarship.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

As there was no Work Session Superintendent Cochran reviewed the Superintendent Informational Item Sheet as follows:

- Retired Educators Breakfast
- Thanksgiving Lunch
- GSBA Annual Conference
• Draft SPLOST Referendum (scheduled for March 2017)
• Surplus School Bus donated to the City of Bainbridge
• Surplus School Bus donated to Decatur County
• GSSA Conference held in Athens, Georgia
• GSBA Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia (Dec. 2-3, 2016).
• Amendment 1 (Hot Temp in Atlanta)
• Reauthorization of ESSA Act…(how we are using Federal dollars)
• ACLU – Constitutional Law
• FTE – update – 64 kids down from this time last year

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer reported that with 25% of the school year completed, we are 1% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for September were $323,000.00 which is down from the prior month and down by 13.5% than last year. Mr. Matthews noted that we are at 17% on Revenue and 24% on Expenditures of the System’s Budget.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported that with 25% of the year complete, SFS had expended 21% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that video shown prior to the BOE Meeting tonight featuring clips from the various school activities regarding World School Milk Day which was September 28, 2016. Mrs. Purcell further noted that the week of October 10th-14th was National School Lunch Week. There are numerous activities held this month such as Farm to School and Health M Powers Team Wellness Training. Mrs. Purcell noted they are concentrating on two goals: (1) nutrition & (2) physical activity.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – No report.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – No report.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that September has been a busy month for Federal Programs. Mrs. Varner stated that over 200 School Parent Volunteers had been trained. The Regional Parent Involvement Meeting (PIC) will be held in January 2017 at the Kirbo Center with Decatur County Schools serving as the host. On November 14, 2016 the Dr. Seuss Early Learning Literacy workshop partnered with the CAFÉ’ project will be held at Elcan-King Elementary School. Mrs. Varner also reported the Parent Involvement on the Road Workshop is creatively working to create a mobile classroom for parents to visit and attend parental involvement workshops.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning reported that there are three areas of focus being reviewed for Strategic Plan Success in all Pre-K – 12th grade classrooms. They are: (1) Literacy - teaching kids to think which includes Lexiles, core reading, intervention programs and classroom observations; (2) Math – Lenses on Learning focusing on number talks (looking for logical answers); and (3) Integration of Technology in the classroom.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director, reported on Student Success Imagine the Possibilities (SSIP) which is in the second year of a 3 year project. Mrs. Gossett further stated that the next CAFÉ meeting will be on November 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.at Jones-Wheat Elementary School.
H. Steve Dunn, Technology Director reported that the Technology Department is busy keeping all computers up and running properly. Mr. Dunn also asked everyone to keep Randy Covington lifted up in thoughts and prayers.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Resolution – Surplus LEW Building.** Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to surplus the Lillian E. Williams Elementary School (LEW) property. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. **Proposal for LEW Property.** Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the proposal for the LEW property. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. **Adopt Resolution to Waive the 65% Expenditure Rule (65% Waiver).** Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to recommend approval of the 65% Waiver – Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditures SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Recommend Approval of Out of Town/Overnight Field Trips – (No cost to BOE).**
   - (2) BHS FFA Members – University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, November 4-6, 2016.

   Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the Out of Town/Overnight Field Trip requests. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. **Recommendation of Personnel – Superintendent Cochran presented the Board with the October 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations.** Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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