Decatur County Board of Education
September 20, 2018

NO WORK SESSION
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Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Winston Rollins, Mr. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Bobby Barber. Mr. Kevin Bouie was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The monthly inspiration was presented by HMS Student Voice Group led by Mrs. Emily Woods.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Rollins made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Barber made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:
- Teacher of the Year Awards were presented by the school principals. Pauncho Hufstetler (BHS), Jody Poitevint (BMS), Wallace Landrum (HMS), Charlotte Thomas (JJE), Towanda Mills (JWE), Samantha Palmer (PSE), and Mary Jo Boutwell (WBE). Superintendent Cochran presented Towanda Mills (JJE) the Decatur County Teacher of the Year Award.

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
- Updated Board Members on progress with bidding process for Renovation Projects. Advertisements go public the weekend of September 21.
- Spring Creek State Charter School Progress –up for recommendation/review on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. The planned location is Miller County. Board granted Superintendent Cochran the freedom to release data to Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Miscellaneous items:
- Fall Break- 11th-15th for students and 11th-12th for staff.
- Bainbridge Middle School Band Concert on October 9, 2018
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2018.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:
A. Financial: Mr. Matthews reported that SPLOST receipts were 4% difference in this years collections vs. last year change over prior year. At 17% of the year, 14% of the budget has been expended.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director -July and August reports were given showing currently at 17% of year, 10% of budget expended. October 15th-19th is National School Lunch Week. Board invited to enjoy lunch.

C. Catherine Gossett, Director of Exceptional Children, reported ISSIP Plan is progressing nicely. Fifty students are targeted at BHS. BMS and HMS are a part of the 2018-19 Plan.

D. Jerry Mills, Director of Maintenance, reported they have received 701 repair tickets since July 2018. They have closed more than 609 of those tickets.

E. Steve Caulder, Transportation Director, reported they are continuing to monitor all routes and ensuring all needs are met within the district for extracurricular activities and sports. Expressed thanks to principals for assistance with evacuations.

F. Mr. Roy Mathews, Principal of BHS, gave a very thorough overview of the goals and strategic operation plans implemented at BHS for 2018-19. The primary focuses are increasing rigor, providing excellence in all sports, increasing technology usage, engaging in double walkthroughs, increasing academic achievement in AP courses, promoting the College/Career Academy concept, increasing graduation rates, building a stronger culture/climate, and maintaining the facilities.

G. Mrs. Letitia Austin, Principal at BMS, provided a thorough overview of the initiatives and goals at BMS. BMS is committed to meeting student needs. The set goals are to increase teacher knowledge, to decrease student discipline, to provide incentives for teachers/student attendance, and to review strategies impacting teaching and learning. Focus areas are ELA and Instructional Rounds.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trips – Motion was made by Mr. Grubbs. Mr. Rollins made a second to the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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

   Mr. Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Grubbs gave a second to the motion. Motion was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned.

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