The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 19, 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, and Mr. Mike Conder. Mr. Bobby Barber and Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. were absent.

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

Ms. Amanda Rentz from Jones Wheat Elementary provided the monthly inspiration. The presentation provided a glimpse into the New Ag Program Initiative for Elementary Schools.

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

Mr. Lyle requested a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Conder 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: Teacher of the Year Presentations were led by Deanna Cross, Chairperson of TOTY Committee. Superintendent Cochran presented Mr. Joseph Kelly as Decatur County Teacher of the Year. All other TOTY teachers were recognized with a plaque.

SUPERINTENDENT COCHRAN’S REPORT
• Construction Update – Final pricing is being compiled. All stages of project have been combined. Updates will be forthcoming in next board meeting.

• 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 17% of year expended, the district operated 2% under budget. The SPLOST was 12.9% difference in this year’s collections versus
last year change over the same period of time. SPLOST collected for July and August is $842,982.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported with 17% of year completed, the SFS operated with 8% expenses. The Health and Power Walks were being completed at WBE and JWE (10 stations with 5 minutes per stations). Students enjoyed the event.

C. Special Education Director, Catherine Gossett, reported the department is serving approximately 491 Special Need Students. 29 Students transferred into the system. Pre-K is serving 254 students. Full capacity would be 262 students.

D. Maintenance Director, Jerry Mills, reported they have been working 19 days on AC at PSE and slab has been poured at Transportation Department.

F. Transportation Director, Steve Caulder, reported his department is evaluating all routes for efficiency and to assess changes to handle overcrowding.

G. Bainbridge High School Principal, Roy Mathews, reported their primary goal is to focus on WINNING daily. The new BHS Facility has been in existence for 10 years. The following has been the focuses: increased walkthroughs, enhanced blended learning models, increased dual enrollment, continuous PLs with ELA, an intense focus on College and Career Academy, and a continuous relationship with SRTC and ABAC. Proud moments at BHS include the following: Graduation Rate of 93.1%, CCRPI Score of 76.8, the new CheckMate System, and the 2019-19 Year of Extracurricular Excellence. The school will continue to focus upon the following: consistency with discipline, maintaining the grounds/campus, keeping graduation rate above 90%, pushing higher achievement in all core areas, increasing rigor, infusing technology in all classes, targeting student and staff attendance, and pushing their Quiz Bowl. Great overview of the work at BHS.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommended the Approval of Changing October’s Board Meeting Date. Motion was made by Mr. Conder to change the October Board Meeting date from October 17th to October 24th. A second was given by Mr. Worthington. The motion was unanimous.

2. Recommended Approval Overnight/Out of State Field Trips. Motion made by Mr. Rollins and a second by Mr. Worthington to approve overnight and out-of-state field trips. The motion was unanimous.

3. Recommended approval Class Size Reduction Resolution. Motion made by Mr. Conder and a second by Mr. Rollins. The motion was unanimous.
4. Recommended the approval of the FY2021 State Capital Outlay Projects Application. Motion made by Mr. Worthington and a second by Mr. Conder. Superintendent Cochran expressed thanks for Senator Dean Burke’s involvement in helping to get this application approved. Board Chairman Keith Lyle requested the minutes reflect the Board’s Appreciation to Senator Burke for his efforts with the capital outlay project. Motion was unanimous.

5. Recommended the approval of personnel. A motion was made by Mr. Rollins and a second was given by Mr. Worthington. Motion was unanimous.

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