The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on February 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Rayfield provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Budget Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Decatur County School Building Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (Ref. 2007 Bonds) - information presented by Gabe Agan of Raymond James and Bruce Kirbo, Jr., Issuer’s Counsel.

No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**Reminder Items:**

- Distribute Superintendent Evaluation Documents

**REMINDERS:**

1). DCYF Legislative Showdown, February 14, 2015, 8:30 a.m. Cloud Livestock Facility.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Sydney Cochran
Chair or Presiding Officer

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Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Secretary
Decatur County Board of Education  
February 12, 2015  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., 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 JWE teacher, Mrs. Mistee Deen whom was introduced by JWE Principal, Dr. Larry Clark. Mrs. Deen’s class presented a PowerPoint and activity from the Georgia Shape Power Up 30 entitled “Instant Insanity”.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to add an agenda item, Resolution for House Bill 170. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS: None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 58% of the school year completed, we are 1% under budget. Mr. Matthews noted that ESPLOST receipts for January were $403,000.00 which is up from the prior month.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director will report next month.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director - No Report.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – Absent.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that Short Term Action Plans (STAPs) were completed this week by all eight schools. Remarkable work concerning raising the rigor was noted. Early Learning Activities for Parent Involvement were held at Elcan-King Elementary School during the month of January. The focus was Dr. Seuss. WBE will host next month. Ms. Varner also noted that Decatur County Schools will host
Region 4 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting on March 18, 2015, at the Kirbo Center.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported that Teaching and Learning is driving the review of data for all schools. Dr. Aldridge commented that the system is moving into the testing season.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum commented that TKES and LKES observations are on track. The standards are identifying strengths and weaknesses needed for Professional Learning.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director, reported that Pre-K Registration was held this week. Although enrollment numbers are currently down we are anticipating full enrollment capacity for the 2015-2016 school year.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director, introduced the Technology Department which consists of Jonathan Barton, Christopher Bowen, Jason Logue, and Steve Novak. Mr. Dunn complimented the staff for maintaining over 3,000 computers and tablets for Decatur County Schools.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommend Adoption of the 2015 – 2016 School Calendar.** Mr. Bobby Barber motioned to adopt the 2015 – 2016 School Calendar which does not include furlough days. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. **First Reading Policy revision JBC(4) – Awarding Units and Transferring Credit.**

3. **Recommend Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests:**
   - BMS Quiz Bowl Team – February 27 – 28, 2015 State Tournament, Sugar Hill, Georgia (No Cost to BOE);
   - BHS Anchor Club – February 27 – March 1, 2015 State Convention, Lake Lanier, Georgia (No Cost to BOE);
   - BHS Science – March 20, 2015, Marianna, Florida (No Cost to BOE). Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve the Out-of-State Field Trip, with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Recommend Executive Session.** Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order. No action was taken.
5. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the February 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recommendation to oppose House Bill 170 – Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adopt a resolution in opposition of HB 170. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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