The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on March 19, 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:

- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to Adopt Series 2015 Bond Resolution with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDEERS:


Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.
Decatur County Board of Education
March 19, 2015
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on March 19, 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 WBE Student Council and Sponsors. WBE Student Council Sponsors and teachers Kay Black, Natalie Howard, Kerri Gardner were introduced by WBE Principal, Mr. Jamie Ard. The Student Council members presented a PowerPoint showing WBE Student Council meetings and activities.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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. Bobby Barber made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

- Board Member Recognition – “School Board Appreciation Week” – March 16 - 20, 2015. Superintendent Rayfield recognized Decatur County Board of Education Members for School Board Member Appreciation Week and thanked them for their service to Decatur County Schools.

- FUTP 60 Grant Award – Elcan-King Elementary. Superintendent Rayfield acknowledged EKE as the recipient of the FUTP 60 Grant Award in the amount of $4,000.00. Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Kim Barthel was the grant writer and Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson is the principal.

- BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized the BHS Swim Team Regional Champions Caleb Boutwell, Taylor Colon, Eric Conner, Grayson Graham, Carson Harrell, Hema Hasona, Nour Hasona, Dalton Savage, Dylan Savage, Zach Toole, Perry Waddell, Austin Wade and Coaches Tracy Poppell and Greta Conner; BHS Star Student (Trey Walker), BHS Star Teacher (Pauncho Hufstetler); BHS 1st Place Literary Meet, Boys Extemporaneous Speaking – Quest Brown and 1st Place Literary Meet, Essay Writing – Sarah Michael Farrington and Literary Coach Lavedia Henderson.
BMS Principal, Mr. John Wooden recognized BMS students – Austin Aldridge who serves on the Georgia State School Superintendent 2015 Advisory Council and Collin Morrison – 1st Place Winner 8th Grade Essay Contest 2014-2015, “Why I Am Proud to be an American.”

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 67% of the school year completed, we are 2% under budget. Mr. Matthews noted that ESPLOST receipts for February were $316,000.00 which is up by 1% year-to-date. Mr. Matthews noted that the system is in good shape with Bond payments.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 67% of the year complete, SFS had expended 70% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the Maintenance Department is busy preparing for summer maintenance projects.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported that bus inspections were held last week and all buses passed inspection.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that Decatur County Schools hosted Region 4 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting on March 18, 2015 at the Kirbo Center. Mrs. Varner also noted that preparations are being discussed for six weeks of Migrant Summer School to begin in June.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported that the Curriculum Department is busy preparing for online testing in grades 4, 5 and 7. Dr. Aldridge noted that paper and pencil test will be given in grades 3, 6 and 8. Dr. Aldridge also noted that Instructional Rounds with Marc Siciliano will occur next week. Dr. Aldridge expressed her gratitude for all of the hard work demonstrated by all faculty and staff members of Decatur County Schools.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum commented that TKES and LKES observations are continuing to be on track. Dr. Bonifay noted that over 30,000 tests (SLOs) have been administered to non-state testing grades. Dr. Bonifay hopes for test administration changes in the 2015-2016 school year.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director, reported that Georgia Alternative Assessments (GAA) was completed this week. Mrs. Gossett invited BOE members to
attend the Special Olympics on March 27, 2015 at BHS. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. In case of rain, the alternative date will be May 7, 2015.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director, reported that the Technology Department is busy working towards summer plans and training DCBOE staff on Google Chromebooks.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommend Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests:**
   BHS Quiz Bowl Team – May 27 – 31, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois (No Cost to BOE). Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the Out-of-State Field Trip, with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Recommend Executive Session.** Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and Superintendent’s Evaluation with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried unanimously 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.

3. **Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield** presented the Board with the March 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. Dr. Cochran stated that Superintendent Rayfield was evaluated by Board members and received an excellent evaluation from the Board of Education members. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to extend Dr. Rayfield’s contract for one more year (June 30, 2018). Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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J. Sydney Cochran                          Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer                Secretary